



OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL SCHOOL

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Dear parents,

The question has been raised as to where your tuition dollars go each year, below is a detailed description for last school year.

Salaries: \$1,173,181

As you know, teachers and administrative staff members do get paid substantially more in the public sector. The public school system does not consider their work as a ministry doing God's work as we do. If we were to pay them the same as public schools, your tuition would have to triple.

Staff Benefits: \$368,686

Textbooks: \$7,489

Materials & Supplies: \$60,930

This includes consumable teaching supplies, various educational supplies, technology supplies, advertising, postage and printing to name a few.

Utilities: \$71,880

Our electric bill each month averages \$2,480

Our heating bill averages \$1,775 a month not including repairs to the systems

Building Maintenance: \$159,047 (+\$8,000 sy 2017-2018 for boilers)

Our cleaning service costs us \$1,255 per week plus \$4,500 during the Easter, Christmas and summer break periods where every just about inch of the property is disinfected.

Major repair work included:

- Installation of several fire doors required by the fire marshal
- Installation of four fire walls required by the fire marshal
- Installation of a new space heater in the gym
- Installation of automatic closing devices tied into the fire alarm
- Replacement of three large glass panels above the cafeteria entrance on Prospect Ave.
- Installation of a new telephone system
- Painting and repair work to classrooms as a continuation of a project to refurbish every classroom in the school.

Property & Liability Insurance: \$54,629

Student Accident Insurance \$15,556

Leased equipment: \$13,560

Total expenses equaled \$1,922,150 last year as a result of very strict adherence to the budget and close attention being paid to all spending, in an effort to keep these expenses to a minimum. Dr. Chiarelli must be complimented on her efforts in this area. It is because of her controls that were put in place that we were able to keep the tuition increase to only 2%.

Based on 421 students last year, the cost per student to operate the school was \$4,566. The total tuition collected last year was \$1,681,499 or an average of \$3,994 per student. As you know, there are several discounts offered to parents with more than one child in the school. Additionally, approximately 60% of the families take advantage of the 5% discount by paying their tuition in full by September 1st. Unfortunately, none of our expenses ever get discounted but instead, keep rising.

Please know, expenditures are being put into the maintenance and appearance of our school. To bring our school, built originally in 1924 up to an appearance of some of the more modern public schools would require a huge contribution, or large percentage of tuition increase, on the part of the parents. As a Blue Ribbon Awarded school, thank you for having chosen to put your children in our school. Please keep that in mind and realize that your children are receiving a top flight education on which to build their lives on. That alone is priceless.

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