

April 24, 2017

Dear St. Stephen Lutheran School Families,

Greetings to you in the name of our living Lord and Savior, Jesus.

Since the beginning of our school ministry in 1864, God has showered us with blessings of students, families, dedicated servant-teachers, leadership, facilities, equipment, and resources to nurture the Christian faith while providing a rock-solid quality educational experience for our students. We give Him thanks and praise as we reflect on this past school year and all His goodness toward us. And we look forward to the 2017-2018 school year with the confidence that He will continue to guide and bless us all.

St. Stephen Lutheran School continues to work on an ongoing improvement process through National Lutheran Schools Accreditation. Our graduates have been well-prepared for high school and many have enjoyed great success as leaders and contributors in the secondary levels of education, employment, and life. We have supportive families and congregation members that donate time, talent and treasures to our operation. In addition to tuition, St. Stephen Lutheran Church contributes nearly \$5,000 per student for his/her education. Blessings indeed!

Tuition expenses for 2017-2018 will continue to cover the costs for texts and workbooks, instructional materials, and tickets to our annual St. Stephen auction.

Tuition for 2017-2018:

2017-18 Tuition rates for families registered PRIOR TO May 1		2017-18 Tuition rates for families registered AFTER May 1	
1 <sup>st</sup> /Only Child	\$2362.50	1 <sup>st</sup> /Only Child	\$2462.50
2 <sup>nd</sup> Child	\$2173.50	2 <sup>nd</sup> Child	\$2273.50
3 <sup>rd</sup> Child (or more)	\$1995	3 <sup>rd</sup> Child (or more)	\$2095
4K	\$1758.75	4K	\$1858.75
3K	\$1092	3K	\$1192

Returning families are asked to provide student registration forms, along with a nonrefundable **\$50 deposit, per student, prior to May 1 in order to lock in the lower tuition rate.** This deposit will be credited toward your tuition statement in the fall.

Our tuition management will again run through FACTS Management, an online company. This is a requirement for all families. If you have already signed up for FACTS online payments during the 2016-17 school year, signing up for next year will happen automatically. You do not need to do anything. If you are a new member to FACTS, you will be able to sign up quickly and easily at <https://online.factsmgmt.com/signin/3ZL19> where you will be offered multiple options for payment. All information is completely secure and private.

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Although limited, financial assistance will still be available for our children in Kindergarten through 8th grade. The financial aid application is online, through the FACTS Management link on our website, or at <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3ZL19>. This is a completely safe process. All information is kept secure. ***You will need a separate log-in for the FACTS financial aid process.*** \*\*Financial assistance will require additional volunteer hours, minimum SCRIP purchases, and successful minimum church attendance. The deadline to apply for financial assistance is May 31, 2017.

We continue to plan for the upcoming school year with gratefulness and joy for the privilege and responsibility of partnering with families in their child's educational experience. If you have any questions or concerns about tuition, payment options, financial aid, or plans for next year- please feel free to contact me or any of our school board members.

Serving Him & His with you,

Joel M. Bahr  
Principal