



Dear Friends,

Thank you for considering Saints Peter and Paul Catholic School. We appreciate the opportunity to share in your child's intellectual and spiritual growth. Children from all faiths are welcome and we take great pride in the fact that families from so many different backgrounds trust us to provide education at the very highest standard of excellence.

SSPP has been part of the Ionia Community for over 100 years. There are many ways to take part in your child's education and the life of the school, including classroom, recess and lunchroom volunteering as well as working with different groups such as the Auction and Marketing committees as well as Family School Council. Each family is expected to devote a minimum of 15 hours each year to helping the school. This active involvement on the part of each and every family has a dramatic positive impact on the experience of our students. We take pride in providing a safe environment for every child. The building is secured during school hours and every visitor is screened prior to being admitted to the school. If you plan to volunteer at the school, including driving for or attending any field trips, VIRTUS certification as well as a background check is required. Completion of VIRTUS training, which is administered through the Diocese, as well as background checks for all school volunteers and staff members help to insure the well-being of each student.

The school is financed through tuition, donations, fundraising activities and fees which offset the cost of books, registration and keeping our computer lab up to date. SSPP is a non-profit organization and donations to the school may be deductible for tax purposes. The total cost of educating each student far exceeds the tuition amount. This cost is offset by a subsidy from Saints Peter & Paul Parish, which provides almost 40% of the school's total operating budget. Many resources are available to further reduce the cost of tuition for your child, including scholarships and our SCRIP program, as well as participation in Meijer Community Rewards. The tuition discount for parishioners is based upon the assumption that through the weekly offering and its contribution to the school's parish subsidy, members of the parish are providing the difference between the standard tuition rate and the discounted amount. Parishioner status is based upon regular attendance at weekend liturgies, participation in parish life and sacrificial giving, and is subject to revocation if participation is discontinued or markedly intermittent. Placing even an empty envelope in the offering helps us track attendance, regardless of whatever arrangements are made for the offertory.

I am extremely proud of our staff and the program of instruction at SSPP. After exploring the material in this information packet, please consider calling to schedule an opportunity to meet our teachers and tour the school. We are absolutely confident that Saints Peter & Paul Catholic School represents the area's best value in education. Thank you for your interest. I look forward to speaking with you soon.

Best Regards,

Julie Baty, Principal