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Dear Friend of St. Bernard of Clairvaux Catholic School,

This is the time of year that I work with the St. Bernard community, church leaders, teachers, staff, and advisory council to examine financial projections for the current year as well as set our budget for the upcoming school year. Our school continues to experience financial stability and is projecting slightly increased enrollment numbers for the 2015-2016 school year.

It is most important that our school families understand the costs associated with the education of their children as it is much more than the standard tuition rate collected. Each year, this number is calculated based on total school expenses divided by the number of students enrolled. For the 2014-2015 school year, that number is \$ 8,361.73. The standard tuition collected for a non-parishioner child is \$5,825.00 leaving a difference of \$ 2,536.73 per student. This difference, or “gap”, is what the school must raise in addition to what parents pay. Each additional enrolled student will help reduce the “gap” as well as funds raised through parish subsidies, grant writing, and scholarships.

During the early part of January through April, you will see a great push toward our “Gap” campaign. Please examine your individual situation and give as much towards this campaign as you are able. Monetary donations can be made out to St. Bernard of Clairvaux Catholic School and given directly to the school office.

Our annual “Gala” which is set for April 25th is another opportunity to support our school and close our “Gap”. The Gala committee is in need of people to share their time, talent, and treasures to make this year’s Gala a wonderful success. If you are interested in giving towards the Gala in any capacity please contact the school office.

I am confident St. Bernard of Clairvaux Catholic School will continue to grow in our instructional programs, faith development, and community fellowship; however, as is the case with many things, we must find ways to bring in additional funds to support this growth and maintain our small class sizes, exemplary educational programs, and increased academic offerings.

Thank you in advance for all you do to help the students and teachers at St. Bernard. Let’s continue to work together to make our school the jewel of East Dallas. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me at your earliest convenience.

Yours in Christ,

Michael Davies
Principal