



Dear Parents:

Allow me once again to express my sincere gratitude for choosing St. Ambrose School. We know that you have many choices and we are most grateful for your continued support and dedication to our school community. This letter serves as a reminder that we are currently accepting re-registrations for the 2019-2020 school year. If you have not already done so, please submit your re-registration forms at your earliest convenience.

For the 2019-2020 school year, as in previous years, our teachers earn a 2% step increase in line with their years of service, plus for next year the diocese has mandated a minimum 3% salary increase for teachers. Even with this, our teachers earn much less than they could working in the public schools.

As expenses continue to rise, we will be raising tuition for next school year. Please see the tuition on the reverse of this letter. With this increase, tuition still remains less than the actual cost of educating a student. The actual cost of educating a student at St. Ambrose School is \$8,018. The parish is generously investing in the school by contributing the difference. We also depend on the fundraising and generosity of the PTO for additional items, such as field trips, classroom items, and teacher appreciation.

Even so, our students excel in many areas and our teachers continue to guide and inspire our students to succeed academically. Our students are accepted to Paul VI HS, Bishop O'Connell HS, Bishop Ireton HS, St. John Paul the Great HS, Gonzaga HS, among others, and many also receive scholarships. Our students are encouraged in faith and service, and are challenged to widen their interests beyond the academic. They participate in CYO sports, a variety of music opportunities, drama, Geography Bee, STEM, Knights of Columbus contests, etc. Above all we help our students to grow in faith through instruction, access to the sacraments, and frequent prayer. In the words of St. Ambrose "Christ is everything to us."

Thank you again for choosing St. Ambrose School. Because of you, we remain a vibrant and academically excellent school in the Diocese of Arlington.

May our Lord continue to bless each one of you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Angela Rowley'.

Angela Rowley
Principal