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My dear Parents,

Jesus didn't take vacation from Who He was (Christ) or take vacation from His faith (although He often went to the garden or the mountain to pray), but He did take time to get away to visit friends, like Mary, Martha and Lazarus (**Luke 10:38-42**) or get away from the crowds (**Matthew 14:22**, **Mark 6:45**, **Luke 4:42**, **John 6:15**). Yes, Jesus continued to share and live the faith, regardless of where He went or what He was doing. He is an example to us in all things, even in our vacations. He sought time with friends, silence with God and a chance to rest himself to be better prepared to continue his ministry and life.

With the beautiful early summer weather we have been having, there has already been time to look around our area and note a Scriptural similarity or two. So much of the New Testament is set by the sea, in the farmlands and the vineyards...all replicated right here in the Hamptons! Whether you look at this as a lesson in Religion or Long Island Geography, the sentiments are the same as our prayers continue for you and your family for a safe, healthy and happy summer.

The past school year was a whirlwind of activity and achievement on so many levels.

- ◆ Our student community is a strong and vibrant group of energetic learners who call us to lead and mentor them each day.
- ◆ Our faculty community is a well-prepared, committed team of faith-filled professionals who are challenged to keep up with curriculum and changing social demands
- ◆ Our parent community is a cross-section of wonderful stakeholders who seek only the best for their children and are willing to sacrifice to participate fully in this community.

Our theme last year was "***Now...more than ever...OLH!***" As we begin a new school year, we are fully involved in that ***NOW***. As the only East End Catholic school, we are called even more to build upon a strong foundation of ***faith, values and morals*** for our children. This, coupled with a strong academic curriculum, upgraded technology and that very-present athletics and Fine Arts emphasis, has been the "brand"...the "calling card: of OLH! We need to re-commit to this and return in September to "begin (again) the good work that has already been initiated!

This...honestly...is not the official welcome back letter. (You can expect that in mid-August.) Obviously, these words are accompanied by the annual volunteer requests and your manila envelope with your tuition bill.

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When Catholic schools were first developed in the United States, they were totally funded by the local parishes and staffed totally by women (and a few men) religious. There was no financial obligation on the part of parents. The establishment of a school in which Catholic faith was the priority has withstood many economic changes over the years. As much as we would love to have no tuition involved, that simply is not possible, owing to the salaries, benefits, curriculum demands, utilities and building overhead.

- The Tomorrow’s Hope Foundation has been very helpful to many of our families in supplementing the funding for tuition, and we are seeking ways to help families through local and community agencies.
- Our supporting parishes provide more than \$200,000 collectively to subsidize tuition. If you are a registered parishioner, present to the parish and known to the pastor, your base tuition is \$6000, reflecting the parish “gift” of \$500. If you are not registered, your base tuition is \$6500.
- Major benefactors have provided funding for our most recent development projects , guaranteeing that our extra work on the playground, auditorium, gym has never cut into tuition funding.
- In 2018-19, the tuition was not increased over the prior year in a “good will” attempt to help families. The tuition must be raised this year by \$200. This is close to 3% (over the past 2 years). While it will not offset the slight increase in teachers’ salaries, the increase in medical benefits and utilities, it will certainly help. The balance will, of necessity, be sought from the February Bucks for Books, October Golf Outing and April Ladies Luncheon events.
- The School Board has recommended the establishment of a school tuition assistance program that would be funded totally by donations designated for that purpose. This is in its initial stages, but very much in the planning stages.

The following chart is given here so that you might know exactly what your individual bill entails. The first payment for the new school year is expected by September 5 and can be made in person, through the postal service, backpack mail...or credit card.

GENERAL BASE TUITION 2019-2020

IN-PARISHREGISTERED, SUPPORTING (with pastor approval card) PARISHIONER
Our Lady of Poland, Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, St. Rosalie, Most Holy Trinity, St. Andrew,
Our Lady of the Isle, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, St. Therese

1st child \$6000 2nd child \$4500 Each additional child \$3000

****VERIFICATION OF PARISH SUPPORT IS REQUIRED **PRIOR TO AUGUST 15** IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR THE IN-PARISH TUITION

NON-REGISTERED CATHOLICS and NON-CATHOLICS

1st child \$6500 2nd child \$4875 Each additional child \$3250

Pre-k 3 year old two half days \$3000
4 year old 3 days \$4000 4 year old 5 full days \$5000

GENERAL FEES (Each Child K-8) \$300

INCLUDES RELIGION TEXT, TESTING FEES, ART FEE, ASSEMBLIES, TECHNOLOGY FEE (including Chromebook use),
SCIENCE LAB FEES, LIBRARY, PLANNER, PREP GYM BAG \$15 INSURANCE FEE (pk-8)

8th grade GRADUATION (*) FEE \$300 (includes all graduation expenses, Biology lab work)

Please check the volunteer sheet enclosed herein, and know that we very much need your help....both this summer.....and in the coming year.

Check the new websites.....both the PUBLIC SITE at www.olh.org and the official class page site at www.olhamptons.org. (The latter is brand new....and still under construction for many of the pages.)

Please.....know how important you are to us.....to your children...and to your God! God bless you now and always!