



Dear St. Walter School Parents,

Enclosed please find the **Family Registration Packet** for the 2019 – 2020 school year. Students currently enrolled at St. Walter School are guaranteed placement in the next grade level providing tuition accounts are current, there are no academic or behavioral concerns and that ALL registration materials are received in the school office before March 1, 2019.

We are excited to share our new Preschool offerings for the 2019 – 2020 school year. A morning session of preschool is available for both three and four-year-old students. We have adjusted our preschool options to include *All Age Preschool* with more days per week, an optional *Extended Day Program* as well as *B.A.S.I.C. Littles* for afternoon coverage. Our *All Age Preschool* will have two options for three year olds. Option 1: Three days (Monday, Wednesday, Friday) Option 2: Five days a week. Our four-year-old students will be meeting five mornings a week. In August of 2019, we are very excited to open a state of the art new facility for preschool. This new preschool building will connect to our current Kindergarten building. Combined, these two buildings will create our new learning center. We look forward to the completion of this project.

School families seeking placement of siblings, not currently attending St. Walter School, should register these children on the registration form. Siblings new to St. Walter in grades one through eight are tentatively placed until their current school records are reviewed. If you are registering a preschool student, please use the Preschool Registration Form. If one is not included in your packet, please contact the school office and we will provide the proper forms.

On the registration form, please indicate if you are an active parishioner. Information defining the criteria for active parishioner rates is included in the attached St. Walter School Admission Policy, section 2. Tuition payments are divided into twelve monthly payments payable from May through April. Families will be billed in May for payment one of the 2019 – 2020 school year. St. Walter School is blessed to offer a Before and After School Instructional Care. If you are interested in B.A.S.I.C., please indicate this interest on the registration form. B.A.S.I.C. is offered to St. Walter School working parents and is available from 7:00 – 8:00AM each morning and from 3:10 – 6:00PM each afternoon for students in Preschool, Kindergarten and Grades 1 -8.

Financial assistance information, from the Catholic Education Foundation of the Diocese of Joliet, is included in the registration packet and can be found at www.CEFJoliet.org. Applications for scholarships and grants, from the CEF are due on or before March 1, 2019. Empower Illinois is another scholarship opportunity through the Illinois Tax Credit Program. Information on registering for this scholarship will be posted in the next week once details are finalized. Empower Illinois is hoping for a late January date so please be prepared to initiate the application. Any family that received this scholarship this year, or applied last year and was not granted one, please re-apply. Nothing is guaranteed year to year, opening up chances for other families to receive this great scholarship. I encourage all families to apply if you are seeking financial assistance.

Registrations for the 2019 – 2020 school year will open Monday January 14, 2019. Open Enrollment for our new families will open Wednesday January 30, 2019. To ensure your child has a spot in the class, please be sure to turn in your registration paperwork on time. **In order for your registration paperwork to be processed, family tuition accounts must be current** (all tuition must be paid through January 15). If you have any questions about registration, please do not hesitate to contact our school office.

Sincerely,

Mary Kathryn Warco

Principal