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Dear MCS Parents and/or Guardians,

Enclosed you will find information related to the upcoming 2012 / 2013 school year. **Please read this information carefully as there is important information and several significant dates, particularly with respect to tuition and financial aid.**

After a considerable amount of effort and budgeting work, the schools will execute a tuition freeze this year for the Cost Of Education (COE.) This tuition "breather" of sorts, is the result of planned staffing reductions, consolidations, and budgetary savings, while still providing for marginal employee pay increases. Below is a reminder list for purposes of re-registration and important deadlines:

1. The Cost of Education will increase 0% at both SJS and LSH.
2. The minimum tuition obligation will remain at 47.5% except Kindergarten.
3. The discount for active and practicing Catholic families will remain at 1%.
4. If you are applying for financial aid you will need to go through the FACTS process as in years past; however, it is important to note you will have several options available to you for the upcoming year which you select on the Payment Preference Form:
 - a. File a 2012 - 13 FACTS G&AA using 2010 tax information.
 - b. File a 2012 - 13 FACTS G&AA using 2011 tax information.
 - c. Provide no information to FACTS. In this instance you will be assessed full tuition.
5. If you are an electronic monthly payer through FACTS, the payments will be required over a 10-month period from August - May.

It is vitally **important** you look at the financial obligation information and calendar closely as there are many other important deadlines you must meet in order to be considered for financial aid. Tuition and FACTS questions should be directed to Diane Curry, the MCS tuition officer. Thank you for making your child(ren)'s education your priority and for your support of Missoula Catholic Schools.

Blessings,

Jeremy Beck
President, MCS