

#### OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

February 3, 2023

Dear Parents,

Thank you for partnering with us at St. Joseph's Academy. For more than 183 years, we have focused on preparing young women for college in a balanced educational environment, encouraging leadership, curiosity, service, and academic excellence. As we enter Catholic Schools Week and look to the 2023-24 academic year, we are thankful for the many ways in which you support our efforts, including the financial commitments you make to our community on behalf of your daughters.

In conjunction with our Board of Directors, tuition for the 2023-2024 school year has been set at \$18,750, plus an additional \$555 comprehensive fee. The laptop and technology fee is \$650. In addition, a graduation fee of \$175 and a Kairos fee of \$320 will be added to the accounts of all Senior students. We balance the need to meet rising costs and expenses by raising tuition rates with the desire to make an SJA education accessible, while continuing to invest in curricula and facilities that are innovative and grounded in mission. As you might expect, the total cost of educating your daughter at the Academy exceeds the tuition and fees that we charge. This differential is referred to as the "tuition gap" and is covered through fundraising. We ask all families to participate, to the extent possible, in covering the tuition gap for your daughter. Your generous contributions to St. Joe, including donations made to bridge the tuition gap, are tax deductible and your participation helps us to fulfill our mission.

For your convenience, there are four options for making tuition payments and tuition gap donations. All tuition payment plans are managed through **FACTS**, our tuition management company.

- Payment in Full: One-time payment due by June 15, 2023.
- Two payments: Semester payments due by June 15, 2023 and January 15, 2024.
- Quarterly payments: Due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month in June, October, January and April.
- Monthly payments: Paid over a period of 11 months, due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month, beginning in June and ending in April.

Scholarships and financial aid are available based on family need, thanks to the generosity of current parents, alumnae, alumnae parents and friends of SJA. Last year, St. Joe awarded more than \$1,200,000 in financial aid and scholarships, ensuring that a St. Joe education is within reach for young women eager to grow academically, supported by the charisms of the Sisters of St. Joseph and inspired to make positive change in the world. To apply, visit our website at <a href="https://www.sja1840.org">www.sja1840.org</a> and complete the FACTS Financial Aid Application online. Award letters will be emailed the week of February 20<sup>th</sup>. For questions concerning financial aid or tuition please contact Sandy Kemp at 314-394-4885 or <a href="mailto:skemp@sja1840.org">skemp@sja1840.org</a>.

Thank you for entrusting your daughter to us at St. Joseph's Academy. We are proud of our long history of academic excellence and focused work preparing the next generation of leaders to make a profound impact in the world. We are pleased that you are a part of our extraordinary community.

Sincerely,

Marcia Smith Niedringhaus

President



# The St. Joe Fund NOT I, BUT WE

### 2023-2024 PARENT GIVING

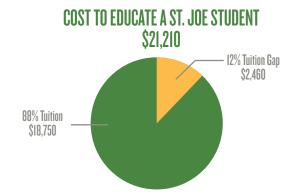
The generosity of our parents has been a long-standing benefit to St. Joe. As you might expect, **the total cost of educating your daughter at the Academy exceeds the tuition and fees we charge.** We balance the need to meet rising costs and expenses by raising tuition rates with the desire to make an SJA education accessible, while continuing to invest in curricula and facilities that are innovative and grounded in mission. This differential is often referred to as the "tuition gap" and is covered through fundraising. We ask all families to participate, to the extent possible, in covering the tuition gap for your daughter. Your generous participation helps us to fulfill our mission and keep our tuition as low as possible. **Any donation to St. Joseph's Academy, including your gift through a payment of the "tuition gap," is considered a charitable contribution.** By supporting **The St. Joe Fund**, you help us deliver a superior Catholic education infused with our core values, advanced technology, and state-of-the-art facilities where your daughter can thrive and grow in faith, knowledge and respect for self and others.

"CAs current parents, making a gift to The St. Joe Fund through the tuition gap was an easy decision.

We have seen firsthand how students at St. Joe receive a well-rounded college preparatory education, rooted in

the charism of the Sisters of St. Joseph. It is heartwarming to know we are supporting this vital mission."

— Mark and Lisa Hollenbeck Renetzky '84



Funds raised beyond tuition provide game-changing programs and facility improvements.

These gifts directly impact the areas of greatest need, which include:

Advanced Technology
Faith Formation
Building and Daily Operations
The Arts
Athletics

### Please help us reach 100% Parent Participation in 2023-2024

Giving is easy. Make your donation through your FACTS account and your gifts can be spread evenly based on the terms of your payment plan.

Does your employer have a matching gift program? Your gift could double. For more information about giving at St. Joe, please visit www.sja1840.org/giving or contact Renee Angeli, Annual Giving Specialist, at rangeli@sja1840.org or (314) 394-4342.

## How to complete the required documents and forms on your SchoolAdmin Checklist:

You will be sent an email from SchoolAdmin, SJA's Enrollment database program. SchoolAdmin is the program we utilize for annual enrollment. Click the link in the email to log in to your account, then click the "Continue Enrollment Process" button. Or you may use the following link to log in to your account:

https://sja1840.schooladminonline.com/users/sign\_in

- Once there, you will complete the following required forms for your daughter's enrollment and registration to SJA:
  - > **Enrollment & Tuition Letter:** read and submit.
  - > **Enrollment Contract:** fillable form, requires only one signature per household. For example, if there are two working adults paying towards tuition in the same household, only one adult is required to sign the contract. If there are two separate households, separate signatures are required. Please note: any academic scholarships, leadership scholarships or financial aid awards will be reflected on the FACTS tuition payment system and not on the enrollment contract.
  - **Deposit:** A \$650 non-refundable tuition deposit is required and will be applied to your daughter's computer lease fee. This is an electronic payment only from one account. Contact Sandy Kemp in the Business Office if you have questions at (314) 394-4885 or via email at <a href="mailto:skemp@sia1840.org">skemp@sia1840.org</a>.
  - FACTS Tuition Payment System: Once your enrollment contract and deposit are complete, click the blue FACTS button to set up your Tuition Payment plan for the 2023-2024 school year. You must go through SchoolAdmin to set up the tuition payment plan. Once you have set up your tuition payment account, any academic scholarships, leadership scholarships, or financial aid awards can be posted to your account.
  - Please Note: The 2023-24 Emergency Information Form is required for re-enrollment. The form will be available later this spring. Please look for an email with instructions and due date. If you have any questions, please contact Melody DeGeare at (314) 394-4203.
  - **Registration Form:** fillable form, some prefilled information.
  - > **Educational Needs Form:** fillable form.

Please complete these items by Friday, March 10, 2023.

If you have any questions/concerns about any of these items, please contact Dianne Dunning-Gill in the Admissions Office at (314) 394-4321 or ddg@sja1840.org.