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Dear applicant,

Hello and a warm welcome to all parents signing up for the 2020-2021 school year at St. Patrick's! As Parent Participation Coordinator, I would like to briefly introduce the Parent Participation Program to you, and to heartily encourage you to consider taking an active role in contributing to the education of your child at St. Patrick's School.

The Parent Participation Program consists of a variety of assignments designed to help with the smooth operation of the school, which parents are invited to sign up for during the year. All are encouraged to take part in this program, as it has greatly contributed thus far to building the school community and getting parents more involved with their children's education.

If parents choose not to participate for the year, or do not fulfill their assignment for any given month, they must pay a monthly fee instead. **This year, for the first time in over a decade, the Parish Education Committee has deemed it fit to increase parent participation fees for non-participants from \$100.00 to \$125.00 per month.** This was decided upon, in part, on account of natural increases in cost over time, both due to inflation, and the growing cost of contracting out services that have hitherto been fulfilled by parents. The increase in fees is also intended to better reflect the value of the hours contributed by so many hard-working parents, who are participating despite their busy schedules.

Parents must complete the "PAD Agreement Form" in the registration package, authorizing the school to withdraw the monthly amount of \$125.00 (for those parents who choose **not** to participate.) For those parents that choose to participate, you are also asked to complete the "PAD Agreement Form", authorizing the school to withdraw \$125.00 for incomplete obligations, should these occur. Please note that it is the decision of the Parent Participation Coordinator if such withdrawals must be made.

Parents that are interested in participating are asked to fill out the sign-up sheet included in this package, indicating their availability and their preference for specific activities. Once these sheets have been handed in, I will place each family within the program according to school needs, availability, seniority and preference. While efforts will be made to accommodate difficult schedules and preferences, please understand that this will not be possible in every circumstance.

The particulars of the program are laid out on page 15 of the application package. If after reading the description you still have any questions, I am happy to respond to them by email.

All the best to you and your newly enrolled student(s) in this upcoming academic year!

With warm regards,

Joe Loch, Parent Participation Coordinator

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