



Presentation of Mary Academy

Private Catholic Coeducational Academy Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 8

March 24, 2010

Dear Parents,

Thank you for choosing to enroll your child/ren at Presentation of Mary Academy. We look forward to your support and involvement in your child/ren's education. We trust that the coming years will be successful ones for your child/ren.

Sensitive to the economic situation that all of us are facing, I am pleased to report that the tuition increase will only be \$100 per student for the 2010-2011 school year. Please find the **2010--11 Tuition Agreement Form** attached to this letter. The form explains the tuition rates for the 2010-11 school year. We value your support through your gifts of time, talent and treasure. This is one of the ways we can guarantee low tuition rates, while providing our students with a great education.

All families at PMA are responsible for raising \$300.00 in fundraiser fees or have the option of Buying Out of any fundraising event by paying fundraising fee directly to the school (this fee can be tax-deductible if paid by check to the school). See Tuition rates sheet about **Buy-Out Fundraising**. For questions concerning your tuition agreement, please contact Mrs. Donna DesRuisseaux in the Business Office at 889-6054 x204 or email at pmabusiness@comcast.net.

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to call the school office (889-6054). Thank you once again, for choosing Presentation of Mary Academy for your child/ren. Your timely cooperation in this matter is deeply appreciated. The **Tuition Agreement Form** is due in the office on **April 2, 2010**. F.A.C.T.S enrollment instructions will be sent to you if you are choosing this option.

In Christ's Peace and Joy,

Sr. Maria Rosa, P.M.
Principal



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***BUY-OUT FUNDRAISING FEE:**

Each family is required to raise a minimum of \$300 in fundraising funds to offset the tuition costs at PMA, or “buy-out” of any fundraising efforts by paying \$300 to PMA. Parents, who do not raise their \$300 throughout the year, will be billed in May for the remainder of the balance owed to the school. PMA relies heavily on fundraising activities to offset the difference between what we charge parents for tuition and the actual cost to educate one child at PMA (approximately \$5,600.) The Buy-out option is a fair and equitable practice for all families and guarantees a steady source of income for the school.

Examples: If a family participates in the Fall Brochure Sales, and grosses sales of \$200, the school will apply the fundraising proceeds of 30% towards the family’s buyout fee of \$300. The same family now participates in the Shaws Certificate Program. If the family purchases \$200 of certificates per week, that family will get \$10 applied towards their fundraising fee. If an average family spends \$800 per month on food at Shaws, they will get credited \$40 per month towards their Buy-out Fee \$40 times 10 months = \$400. The following fund raising activities do not qualify towards buy-out fee: fundraisers sponsored by the Parent Group for student related activities, annual auction, bake sales, dress-down days, etc.

Fundraiser	Description	Time Line	Profit towards Buyout Fee
Shaw's/Stop & Shop/Hannaford Gift Cards	Gift Certificate Cards \$100, \$50, \$25 denominations	September 1 through June 1	5% of total purchase
Scrip Gift Cards	Gift Cards to local merchants/restaurants \$100, \$25 & \$10 denominations	September 1 through June 1	4% & 2% of total purchase
Fall Fundraiser Special selection of Holiday Candles, Accessories and numerous Gift Items	Christmas Candles and Numerous Gifts items, Gift Wrap	Second Week of September	30% of total sales
Christmas Lottery Cards	\$5 gift lottery gift cards-make great Christmas gifts for family, friends and employees	Mid-November through December	30% of total sales
Spring Walk-a-thon	School Sponsored walkathon	April/May	40% of total money collected
Spring Fundraiser	Various spring items	February-March	30% of Total Sales