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Dear St. Charles families,

The parish bulletin has not been stuffed with our school news this year because we have a new website. If you haven't checked it out lately, take a look at ***St Charles School Webpage*** to see the many wonderful things that have been going on in our building and throughout the parish. You may have noticed pictures and articles on some of our school events more regularly in the local and diocesan newspapers. We have the best teaching staff and the most generous and supportive parents who help make it all possible. Another important group of benefactors are the faithful people of St. Charles parish who subsidize our school financially, volunteer in our building and keep us in their prayers. We are so grateful and do our best to make the parish proud of their holy and educational investment.

Our school was recently reaccredited and our MEAP test scores prove our curriculum is top notch with faculty members dedicated to the education of the children entrusted to their care, in great sacrifice to themselves and their families. Even public school personnel comment on the difference noticed in our students as they transition into Legg Middle School in their responsible work ethic, their respectful behavior and caring attitude. It is part of our mission to instill into our students a love of learning and a heart in communion with the heart of Jesus.

To continue serving the St. Charles family as a school community, we have decided to eliminate our preschool program in order to strengthen our Young 5 through Grade 5 education. We will also raise tuition by $300 per family to keep from placing too much stress on our families with two or three children enrolled, while making our school more financially sound for the future. Our tuition is still one of the lowest in the diocese and our enrollment is stable and even rising because of the reputation we have for excellence with humble reliance on the grace of God to work through us in truth and love.

We will ask your continued support for Mardi Gras and any other fundraising activities promoted to benefit our school. These are not only opportunities to help our school stay open, they also allow us to build relationships between families who care dearly about the early development of our young people. The future of the school, from year to year, is in our collective hands which rest in the hand of God. Let's continue to work together and prepare our children to be active, responsible, caring and service-oriented citizens who make a positive difference and build a culture of holiness in our community.

Praised be Jesus Christ, now and forever!

In His heart,
Carlene Sosinski, principal

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