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Dear Parents,

St. Mark Catholic Classical School opened on time this year with a full staff and a growing student body. There are 112 students preschool through 8th grade which is 13 more students than last year. The overall tuition increased for the 2021- 2022 school year.



Four new faculty joined the staff this year; Ms. Emily Strehlow (1st), Ms. Lucy McInerny (2nd), Mrs. Jessica Williams (music education) and Mrs. Molly Nielsen stepped up to teach the 7th and 8th grade as a long term substitute. Students are in person for learning every day, the pandemic is still a reality, but the school has remained open and continues to thrive.

Thank you to all who contributed to the Annual Lion's Drive last year. The drive raised over \$125,000 towards last year's overall budget. Again this year the St. Mark Classical School Auction has been cancelled. This event provides necessary funds to pay our teachers, help students facing hardship, and meet general operating expenses at our school. Without these funds, our school would find itself in an extremely challenging situation.

To meet the fund raising amount we will again launch the **Annual Lion's Drive 300 X \$500 Campaign!** It's simple – if 300 people donate \$500 or more, we will meet our goal of achieving at least \$150,000 for our school! Any amount puts us closer to the goal!

Your support is needed this year for the viability and continued growth of our school. Please consider donating to the Annual Lion's Drive Campaign! And don't forget to ask your employer about gift matching.

Donate online directly to St. Mark Annual Lion's Drive [here](#).

This year our goal is 100% support from the school families. Remember, any amount puts us closer to the goal! You can advocate for us by sharing our mission and mention St. Mark Catholic Classical School on your personal social media pages, or send a copy of this letter to family and friends.

We are proud of our community's sense of unity and faithfulness to God. It is in times like this that we are reminded of how interconnected we all are. We thank you for being part of our community and supporting our mission of Catholic Classical education.

With Gratitude,

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Father Jacob Maurer