Dear Saint John’s High School Family,

This email is being sent to assist all families with financial planning for the next academic year. An important part of the mission of Saint John’s High School is to maintain tuition costs affordable and accessible to a broad range of families while providing an excellent holistic educational experience for our students. Historically, we have been able to keep tuition increases low each year while sustaining and growing our educational and extra-curricular programs and expanding our student support services. We are proud and grateful for the sustained and continued growth that furthers the mission and relevance of Saint John’s. Just in the last few years, Saint John’s has opened the Gregory Academic Center, a Makerspace for Engineering and Robotics, installed two turf fields and lights on Pioneer Field and made significant improvements to our safety and security on campus. All of these improvements were supported through philanthropy - Saint John’s is grateful for the generosity and sacrifice of our alumni, past and current parents, grandparents, and friends who continue to support the school to make this possible and to keep Saint John’s affordable for all.

Each year the Board of Trustees sets tuition for the following academic year. Given the ever-expanding offerings and the high quality of a Saint John’s education, our tuition has, for many years, been deemed a great value for the experience and opportunities offered. The Board is committed to keeping tuition increases at a minimum. Unlike many of our peer institutions locally, regionally, and across the country, since 2015, our tuition increases have averaged 3.63%. The Board has adopted the following financial charges for the 2020-2021 academic year.

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Advancement Placement Testing Fees are assessed by the College Board (if applicable, based on course schedules.) These exam fees will be charged to FACTS agreements in November of 2020 and will be due March 15, 2021.

FACTS Management Company has begun preparation of the 2020-21 tuition accounts for our current families. In the next few weeks, families will receive a verification notice from FACTS Management Company confirming agreement details. Please note the language in the “Payment Option Information” section: Other than the small increase in tuition, there have been NO changes to the details of any plans. Due to the inclusion of the $200 tuition deposit as part of the
FACTS process, the number of payments displayed for all plans includes the deposit requirement, thereby increasing the number of payments by one. If your family is enrolled in the One Payment Plan, the number of payments displayed will be two; the $200 deposit due on April 1, plus the “second” payment of the balance of tuition due in June. If enrolled in the Three Payment Plan or Ten Payment Plan, the number of payments displayed will be four or eleven, respectively. The $200 deposit is due April 1, with the balance of tuition divided into three or ten payments, respectively; the first of which will be due in June. If you have any questions concerning the tuition payment process please contact the Business Office at (508) 842-9356.

Saint John’s is glad to collaborate with you in the education of your student. We are grateful for the work we do together.

All the best and God bless,

Alex Zequeira P ’19
Headmaster

Tuition Letter FAQs

How does Saint John’s tuition compare with other schools?
Since our founding in 1898, Saint John’s High School has made it a priority to keep tuition and fees competitive in the Worcester County market, remaining affordable and accessible for families. While our tuition is purposely kept between the higher-priced independent schools and our brother diocesan schools, our academic program, facilities, the quality of our faculty, our student support services, and extracurricular and athletic offerings are the strongest and most robust in the area. Additionally, our Advanced Placement enrollment and test scores exceed other schools – not only in Worcester County but throughout Massachusetts and across the country. Lastly, Saint John’s intentionally and strictly limits passing along any additional costs or fees to families. The vast majority of the academic, athletic, and extracurricular offerings at the school are included with the tuition and fees.

Does tuition cover 100% of the actual cost to educate a student at Saint John’s?
The tuition is less than the actual cost of educating a student. Tuition covers approximately 70% of the actual cost to educate. This difference is referred to as the “tuition gap.” The mission and vision of the Xaverian Brothers and of Saint John’s High School has always been to provide a high-quality Catholic and Xaverian educational experience to the greatest number of qualified students and families as possible – while keeping the cost affordable. As a school, we, and our hundreds of generous donors, recognize that charging the full price of educating a student could drive some families away from Saint John’s. Annually, we raise over $1.4 million in our annual fund, and our generous alumni, families, and volunteers work diligently in fundraising activities to support our mission and our financial aid program. If you can help or contribute in any way with this work, please consider doing so.

Is financial assistance/aid available?
Yes. More than one-third of students at Saint John’s receive some form of financial assistance/aid. We encourage all families to speak with our business or admissions office to explore how our robust financial aid program can help make the transformative Saint John’s education available to your son or student. A financial aid application through FACTS is available on our website.

Can families expect this level of tuition increases in the future?
Each year, the Board of Trustees spends a significant amount of time analyzing the operational needs of the school and the tuition trends in our community and beyond. We balance these needs against a tuition that meets our objectives of providing a high-quality educational experience for the greatest number of qualified students and families as possible while
setting a tuition that is as affordable as possible. Over the last five (5) years, Saint John’s has, on average, consistently been the lowest percentage tuition increase of all Catholic and independent high schools in our region and amongst the 13 Xaverian Brothers Sponsored Schools along the east coast. Additionally, our tuition increases have fallen below the national average as reported by the National Association of Independent Schools. We cannot predict future needs, but we remain committed to providing the highest quality experience affordable and accessible.

*What was done for salary increases and insurance premium costs?*
In collaboration with our faculty and administration, we agree upon a base salary adjustment spread over two years. Our salaries remain at or above all other schools (public and private) in our region, ensuring that we are able to recruit and retain the best faculty and staff of any school in Worcester County. We, like all other institutions, are closely monitoring and assessing the dramatic increases in health insurance premiums. Just this year, the school saw an increase of 5% in our insurance premiums, with an 8% to 10% increase projected for 2020-2021.

*What are we doing to ensure full enrollment?*
The best way to ensure full enrollment is to provide the best educational experience for boys and young men. Considering the lower graduation rates and college enrollment rates for boys in our local schools, Saint John’s High School understands and successfully implements a teaching approach, culture, and program where boys and young men thrive and fulfill their promise to be the best version of themselves upon graduation. A look at our testing statistics and student outcomes demonstrates our abilities to offer a superior educational experience for boys at an affordable and accessible tuition level and those are the most compelling stories we actively share with our prospective families.

*With whom can parents/families discuss tuition or financial assistance/aid?*
If you have any questions about tuition, please contact Mr. Justin Smith, Director of Admissions and Enrollment Management or Mr. Alex Zequeira P ’19, Headmaster. Questions about financial assistance/aid can be directed to Mrs. Lynne Cronin, Chief Financial Officer or Ms. Linda Whitney, Student Accounts.