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To: Parents and Guardians
From: Tuition Aid Committee
Subject: Tuition Assistance at Jesuit High School

The choice to send a young man to Jesuit High School involves a significant commitment on the part of both the student and his parents or guardians. One of those commitments is financial. *Our expectation is that a student who begins his high school career with Jesuit will graduate from our school. The cost of tuition, fees, books and co-curricular activities can be challenging for some families. We may be able to help and we always try to match our available tuition assistance resources with the financial needs of our families. Filing your financial aid application in a timely manner is critical to this process.*

For the 2012-2013 school year, the Student Aid Form is available on our school's website, www.jesuithighschool.org. Should you have questions about completing the application, contact Gail Mraovich (x216) at the school and ask for assistance.

We utilize the services of Private School Aid Service (PSAS) to compile information to help in our award process. **Your completed application and processing fee is due to PSAS no later than February 24, 2012.** Each applicant will pay a \$24.00 application fee directly to PSAS. It is important for applicants to know that demonstrated financial need is the determining factor for all tuition assistance. Jesuit will receive the completed forms and all submitted information after PSAS completes its analysis. We will consider all relevant information in making our tuition assistance decisions.

Late applicants will not be considered.
Completed Application is due to PSAS by Friday, February 24, 2012.

The following information addresses a number of questions that are often asked regarding our tuition assistance program and how we make our tuition assistance decisions:

1. **Family Income/Per Person Income:** *The average family income of families who received tuition assistance this past year was \$68,788, or approximately \$17,197 per person in the household. Non-taxable income that a family might receive is an additional factor that is considered.*
2. **Divorce/Remarriage:** This is probably the most difficult factor when considering tuition assistance.
 - a) It is to the student's best advantage that the choice of a private school is the mutual choice of both parents and not the unilateral choice of the custodial parent alone.

- b) We take into consideration child support and alimony payments made and received.
 - c) In a second marriage, both the custodial parent and spouse must agree that Jesuit is the right choice. Education decisions are family decisions.
3. **Tuition for children in parochial schools:** If a family has financial need, it is appropriate that aid be applied for and received from **all the schools** where a family's children are in attendance. Jesuit High School should not be the only source of tuition assistance for families with several children in tuition based school.
4. **Parents in school:** Jesuit cannot provide tuition assistance to off-set the cost of education for parents attending college or training.

As you consider applying for tuition assistance, please remember that we cannot evaluate your application until it has been processed by Private School Aid Service. As we look forward to beginning the next school year, may God bless you and give you strength as you continue the rewarding task of raising your son.