

Maternity B.V.M. School

TO: All Parents/Guardians
FROM: Fr. Paul S. Quinter, Pastor; Mrs. Mary Zawisza, Principal
DATE: January 2017
RE: Registration for the 2017-2018 Academic Year

RETURNING STUDENTS:

Registration for all students allows us to plan appropriately regarding school enrollment, class sizes, rehiring of teachers, and ordering textbooks and instructional materials for the 2017-2018 academic year at Maternity B.V.M. School. Families whose tuition payments are current/completed are asked to complete and return this Registration Form to school during the dates listed below and ***no later than March 30, 2017.***

- ▶ Please print or type all information clearly.
 - ▶ Please note: There is a Registration Fee of \$100 per child. This fee helps cover the cost of Religion textbooks, computer upgrades, maintenance and supplies, art materials, mailings and classroom projects. No other school fees will be collected throughout the year.
 - ▶ Registrations received after March 30 are considered "late" and incur an additional late charge of \$100 per family. All Registration Fees are non-refundable.
 - ▶ Tuition Rates for the 2017-2018 School Year as well as tuition policies and procedures are included in this packet. Please note there are two categories for tuition payment:
 1. Participating Parishioner Rate (for registered Maternity B.V.M. parishioners who contributed \$520+ in the collection during the past year. (FAILURE TO COOPERATE WILL INCUR A TRANSFER TO THE NON-PARTICIPATING RATE).
 2. Non-Participating/Non-Parishioner Rate (for all non-parishioners and those parishioners who have not met contribution expectations).
- Note: Parents/Parishioners who have not met their full SCRIP requirements will also incur an additional \$200 to their tuition charge. Start now to defray costs for next year.*
- ▶ Two copies of the Tuition Agreement Form are provided: one (Rectory Copy) is to be signed and returned with your Registration Form; the second (Parent Copy) is for your records.
 - ▶ Please be aware that no Registration will be considered complete or valid without a signed Tuition Agreement Form, a completed Registration Form and the Registration Fee attached.

REGISTRATION FOR ALL STUDENTS IS IN THE SCHOOL HALL:
~ Wed.-Thurs., February 8-9 and Wed.-Thurs., March 15-16
~ 9 TO 10:30 AM and 6 TO 7:30 PM EACH DAY

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION FOR NEW STUDENTS:

- ~ Birth Certificate (Pre-Kindergarten students must be 4 years old before September 1, 2017)
(Kindergarten students must be 5 years old before September 1, 2017)
(First Grade students must be 6 years old before September 1, 2017)
- ~ Baptismal Certificate, and other Sacramental Certificates if applicable
- ~ Immunization record, including varicella (chicken pox) and measles
Copies of most recent report card and standardized testing (Grades 2-8)
- ~ Transfer slip and Health Card (if transferring from another school)

N.B.: No registrations will be processed without required documentation completed. Likewise, no students will be admitted to school in September without up-to-date immunization records on file.

CRITERIA FOR ACCEPTANCE OR RE-ACCEPTANCE:

1. Students whose families are registered, supporting members of Maternity B.V.M. Parish and who attend Mass regularly.
2. Students whose parents have returned the Registration Form and Tuition Agreement Form and have paid the Registration Fee.
3. Students whose parents have met all current financial obligations.
4. Students who meet or continue to meet the academic and behavioral standards of the School.

CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION IN SEPTEMBER:

1. Tuition payments for 2017-2018 are up to date by September 1, 2017.
2. Up-to-date immunization record is on file in the School Office.
3. Students required to attend summer school and/or tutoring sessions must present documentation of successful completion of the program from their teacher or tutor to the Principal by July 31, 2017.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

1. Children's Scholarship Fund of Philadelphia provides scholarships for students in Grades K-8. Applications are available on-line and must be submitted by March 1 for possible scholarship reception the following year.
2. *SMART AID (formerly BLOCS)* provides grants for students in Grades K-8. Deadline for submitting applications is March 1.
3. *Maternity B.V.M. Parish Sponsor-A-Student Program* provides partial tuition grants to needy Catholic parishioner-families who are registered and participating members of our Church. Only families who have applied for both Children's Scholarship and SMART AID are eligible, and copies of these two applications must be provided when you seek Parish assistance.

We thank you in advance for choosing Maternity B.V.M. School for your child(ren). As a Catholic School, our mission is to educate the whole child: academically, socially, spiritually. By providing a strong, sequential academic curriculum and a developmental faith-formation program, Maternity B.V.M. School strives to prepare students who will become committed Catholic adults and successful citizens in this third millennium.

We remind parents of Catholic Kindergarten students who reside in parishes other than Maternity B.V.M. that you must secure the written permission of your Pastor in order for your child to be registered for First Grade at Maternity B.V.M. School.