ST. BEDE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Admissions General Information 2012-2013

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Parents who register their children for St. Bede Catholic School agree to the stated philosophy and principles of the school; which include education by Roman Catholic teachers in the Catholic Faith.

APPLICATION: Fill out the application and return it along with the forms requested on the checklist. A \$35.00 application fee (non-refundable) must accompany the application. Applications will not be processed until all information that has been requested is submitted.

AGE: For entrance to kindergarten, a child must be four (4) years, nine (8) months by September 1; for grade one, a child must be five (5) years, nine (8) months by September 1. No student with a birthday past November 1st will be admitted to Kindergarten in September 2012.

TESTING: All prospective students must take a placement test. Kindergarten students will have a readiness screening. Testing dates are set by appointment for Kindergarten.

REGISTRATION FEE: After official acceptance, a non-refundable registration fee will be due per child/per year for all incoming students. The fee will be determined upon completion of the annual budget. **This fee** *must* **be paid by June 1, 2011**.

NON-DISCRIMINATION: No qualified student will be denied admission to St. Bede Catholic School on the basis of sex, race, color, or national origin. It is the policy of the Oakland Dioceses that the school in no way discriminates against any student because of sex or racial background.

ADMISSION: Once admissions testing has been completed, notification of acceptance will be done via phone and letter by mail. The letters inform new families of the time and date of a mandatory meeting held in April or May. At that meeting, you will receive tuition contracts, service hour information, health records, and other information pertinent to enrollment. There will be time for questions and answers, and of course it is a great way to meet other new families.

Priority will be given to: a) qualified Catholic students of parents registered in St. Bede Parish; b) qualified Catholic students with siblings presently attending St. Bede School; c) qualified Catholic students of non-registered parents of St. Bede Parish; d) qualified Catholic students of parents registered in another parish; e) qualified non-Catholic students. School personnel determine if our school program meets the needs of the applicant. Enrollment is probationary for the first year for all new students. Students will be evaluated for achievement, attitude, and behavior. Parental cooperation and support will also be factors in determining continuation status.

TUITION: We offer two payment options. A ten-month or twelve-month payment plan. Tuition is due the first day of each month and is late after the 15th of the month. The rates shown in this packet represent the 2011-2012 school year. You may expect an increase for the 2012-2013 school year. The actual scale for the coming school year will be finalized in early April.

TUITION ASSISTANCE: St. Bede Catholic School works with The BASIC fund as well as F.A.C.E. (Financial Aid for Catholic Education). Applications are accepted according to the timeline presented by these organizations. Completed applications and all necessary forms must be completed and turned in to the bookkeeper at St. Bede Catholic School prior to the deadline. St. Bede Catholic School does not offer financial assistance to families that have not first applied for assistance from these organizations. Once a family has applied for assistance and received notice from the organization, only then will they be able to apply for assistance from St. Bede Catholic School.

EXTENDED CARE: Extended care is available daily from 7:00 – 8:00 a.m. and from after school dismissal– 6:00 p.m. Billing is separate and in addition to tuition. (See brochure enclosed)

SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS FOR PARENTS: Besides timely payment of tuition and fees, the school expects each family to fulfill the obligations set forth in the enrollment contract. This may include but not limited to: scrip program (St. Bede Bucks), fulfill service hour requirements, participation in fundraising.