



# Saint Joseph the Worker Catholic Academy

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Dear Families,

As we reflect on the past school year, we have been incredibly blessed to be able to serve the Saint Joseph the Worker community with in-person instruction. The Faculty, Administration and Board of Directors, have worked incredibly hard and collaboratively to ensure students had both a safe learning environment and rigorous academics. We are excited to begin another successful year with all of you.

As we plan for the 2021-22 school year, we recognize that fundraising, volunteering, and service hour commitments were hard over the last two years. Even though Saint Joseph the Worker Catholic Academy is a tuition based school, it is important to note that the total cost of education for our students continues to far exceed the amount collected as tuition. In fact, total tuition revenue is projected to represent **less than 60% of that total cost**. The remaining cost is dependent on fundraising, donations, and grants, making meeting our annual fundraising goal critical.

Historically, SJWCA required all families to donate service hours or buy time in lieu of physical participation. This was one way that the academy was able to generate some funding. We love when families volunteer and get involved in our school community--your participation only enriches our community and fosters deep partnerships between home and school. That being said, we want you here because you are a part of our community and not by obligation--moving forward there will be no required service hours, but we encourage you to participate and get involved in the many opportunities that the academy will have to offer.

As we look forward to the 2021-22 school year and think about our fundraising needs, and potential new initiatives, we have set our fundraising goal at \$100,000. This year, instead of service hours, we are asking that all students meet a minimum fundraising requirement of \$250. If each student raises a minimum of \$250, we will have met almost 75% of our fundraising goal.

This fundraising requirement can be earned through regular fundraising events such as the Read-A-Thon, Candy Sale, Holiday Sale, and many other opportunities. Students will be credited \$0.65 on every dollar raised through traditional fundraising options. Direct donations can be made year round at <https://sjwca.org/donate/> and will get dollar for dollar credit toward individual fundraising goals.

We remain confident that with your efforts, we will meet our annual goals.

Best,

Stephanie-Ann Germann  
Principal