



A 1,500 year tradition in preparing young men for life

Dear Parents and Guardians,

February 10, 2017

As we move into the last four months of this school year, the administration of Benedictine High School must already plan for the 2017-18 school year. We continue to see positive signs of improvement as we celebrate our 90th year. We are grateful for the Benedictine monks on staff who donate back a percentage of their salaries and help us stay faithful to our mission as a Catholic school. We are grateful to Mrs. Zulantz and all those who donated time and energy in the past year helping to create a pre-engineering Maker Space out of a section of our library and for the teachers who have been willing to add new classes to their schedules. And we are grateful to our new Admissions staff and those who have assisted them in already getting more applications for next year's freshman class than we had a year ago.

Yet, despite all the generosity and sacrifices noted above, the cost of a Benedictine education continues to rise. If we did not have the income from our alumni and friends who make annual gifts, the income from our successful annual Blue and White Gala, and the income from our annual Birthday Bucks raffle, the total cost of educating one student would be \$17,000!

And so, after much deliberation, the Benedictine High School Board of Trustees at their January meeting approved the recommendation of the Finance Committee to set the tuition for the 2017-2018 school year at **\$10,900**. This is an increase of 4% and we realize this impacts your budget and planning also. That is why we wanted to make this decision and communicate it to you as soon as possible.

Tuition assistance is available for families with documented financial need. The first step **required** in this process is to fill out the [FACTS form](#) **before April 15**. Completing this form before this date gives your son the greatest opportunity for awards from the Diocese of Cleveland as well as BHS. Thank you for the many ways you support our work at the "Home of Champions."

Sincerely in Saint Benedict,

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President