

November 20, 2025

Dear Academy of St. Joseph Community:

We hope everyone has enjoyed a successful start to the 2025-2026 academic year and is looking forward to the holiday season!

The Board, administration, and faculty go to great lengths to ensure that the Academy attracts a competitive pool of students while continuing to provide a top-quality education at affordable levels for our community. After careful consideration of historical approaches and weighing various alternatives, the AOSJ Board of Trustees has determined to adopt a new multi-tiered approach to tuition levels for the 2026-27 academic year. The annual cost of tuition for the 2026-2027 academic year will be as follows:

- Upper School (all grade levels): \$36,000.
- Lower School (Grades 1-4): \$34,500.
- Lower School (PreK-K): \$18,000.

Tuition for the Upper School represents an increase of approximately 4.5% over the 2025-26 school year and aligns with our rising fixed operating costs. Tuition for Lower School students in Grades 1-4 remains the same as that for 2025-2026. For Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten, the new tuition level represents a substantial reduction relative to prior academic years. Accordingly, tuition discounts for siblings will not apply to students in Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten. As always, financial aid applications are available through [TADS](#) for those needing assistance. Consistent with the 2025-2026 academic year, the first tuition payment will be payable in June 2026.

The new multi-tiered tuition approach follows our careful examination of the many factors informing this important decision, including approaches taken by our peer institutions, enrollment trends in New York City private schools, and the expectations of our families, as well as financial and budgetary and other considerations. We believe these enhancements will contribute to the strong, sustained growth of the Academy.

Please know that this reflects a continued focus on responsible cost management, as well as a commitment of the Board to keep the Academy affordable while providing exceptional educational value for our community. Your tuition payments support funding for regular faculty salary increases, periodic facilities upgrades, recruiting of top-notch personnel, and periodic improvements to the safety and security of the school premises, among other things.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to the Academy. We wish you and your families a wonderful holiday season, and look forward to great things for the rest of this academic year and beyond.

Sincerely,

The Board of Trustees of the Academy of St. Joseph