



CHAMINADE HIGH SCHOOL

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

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Dear parents,

2018 was a year of tremendous growth at Chaminade. While we remained true to our core mission to provide a complete Catholic education to our young men, we began to reimagine some of the ways we accomplish it. Many more factors constitute a well-rounded education today than just a few years ago. The source of our momentum was the strength of the Chaminade tradition.

On our campus, the Dolan Family Science, Technology, and Research Center is the most conspicuous sign of that growth. However, it is just one factor. The number of our qualified staff members increased to maximize use of the science center's resources. Chaminade contracted with Summit Security to manage safety; five monitors are on our campus each day. The Department of Guidance expanded with counselors dedicated solely to guidance and academic assistance for students. A financial aid advisor has joined the Office of College Placement as a resource for families. Our core subjects and Academic Enrichment courses continue to prepare students for the demands of college and life thereafter.

The Chaminade Family generously responded to this momentum, and has once again contributed to tuition by way of the Chaminade Development Fund. This represents a \$3,360,000 contribution to the budget. As a result, in the 2019-2020 school year, the Development Fund will offset each student's tuition by \$2,200 – nearly eight-percent more than last year. The total cost of a Chaminade education will be \$14,650. However, the parent portion of tuition is reduced to \$12,450. Put in a more systematic form, it is as follows:

Cost per student:	\$14,650
Development Fund contribution:	<u>- \$2,200</u>
Parent portion:	\$12,450

In 1987, Chaminade began the Torch Fund to help face the increased costs typical for any school and economic circumstance. Contributions to the Torch Fund help build the Chaminade Development Fund, earnings from which defray tuition costs for all students. The Torch Fund has consistently offset tuition since its inception, and savings to families have increased year-to-year.

For your information, I have attached a summary of the budget for the 2019-2020 school year. A pie chart illustrates how the total tuition charge is distributed over expenses. With meticulous planning and

the assistance of the School Council and the Board of Advisors, we believe that we have achieved a fiscally responsible budget that will allow us to continue the high quality Catholic education you expect from Chaminade.

All of us at Chaminade extend our prayers and best wishes to you and your family.

Sincerely,

Bro. Joseph Bellizzi, S.M. '78
Principal