



# *Elk County Catholic School System*

Dear ECCSS Families,

I am writing to let you know that tuition bills for the 2020-20201 school year will be mailed late this week and early next. Many of you probably recognize that we are a few weeks behind. We apologize for the delay, which was based on many factors related to the COVID-19 crisis that were beyond our control.

At any rate, please review your invoice as soon as possible. We understand that some of you might be experiencing financial hardships related to the pandemic. We also understand that some of these hardships might not be reflected in your application for tuition assistance.

If you find yourself in financial difficulty related to the pandemic, contact the ECCSS Finance Office at [finance@eccss.org](mailto:finance@eccss.org), or at (814-781-3144 x 235) to discuss your situation. ECCSS has supporters who recognize these realities, and who are willing to help people in need. Understand that your call will be confidential. And most important, be aware that this helps ECCSS as much as it helps your family. We believe in Catholic education. We think it matters. Our supporters have long put resources in place to ensure that the schools in our system are affordable for local families, especially in a time of crisis. We do not have unlimited resources, but we are committed to responding as best we can to families in need.

Once you call, the Finance Office will forward you a very simple form allowing you to detail your concerns.

These are difficult times for our school system, for our churches, and for many of our families. We know that and we want to help if we can. If the pandemic has put your family in a difficult situation that was not reflected in your financial aid application, please contact us to see if we can make arrangements to support your commitment to Catholic education before you make any drastic enrollment decisions.

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