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St. Bernard's Scholarship Deposit Program

Dear Parents of Prekindergarten and new enrollees,

The St. Bernard's School Advisory Council established a scholarship fund in 2010-2011 to encourage students that start here in prekindergarten to remain at St. Bernard's through graduation in 5th grade. This program also helps create funds for student scholarships and other aid programs to ensure that students can receive a quality education from St. Bernard's. St. Bernard's being a private school does not receive the same federal and state funds that a public school does. Due to this, St. Bernard's is funded by tuition, a contribution from the St. Bernard's parish community, and through fundraising efforts.

This Prekindergarten enrollment deposit program requires prekindergarten and new enrollees to St. Bernard's to pay a one-time deposit fee of \$150. These funds are retained in a bank account to gain interest to apply to the fund. When a student is in 5th grade they have options on how they would like to use that \$150 deposit. Parents can decide to receive the \$150 back to put towards tuition, other school costs, or leave it with St. Bernard's School as a donation. This enrollment fee can be paid in full at the time of enrollment or along with tuition payments.

We understand that circumstances may at some time cause you to leave St. Bernard's School. In these cases we have a plan in place for your deposit as well. If your family were to leave the Thief River Falls area, the family will receive a pro-rated amount back according to the number of semesters/years the student(s) completed here. If a student transfers to any other school, home school, an online course of study in Thief River Falls, or a neighboring school district instead of remaining at St. Bernard's, the family will then forfeit the entire deposit. The same forfeiture would apply if the student moved outside of Thief River Falls, but still went to another school in Thief River Falls.

We thank you for your investment in a faith-based, quality education for your child(ren).

God Bless,

Mrs. Laura Brickson, Principal