

December 8, 2017

Dear Hayden Families,

Advent blessings to you! Advent is one of my favorite times of the year as it allows us to focus intentionally on the coming of our Savior. I hope this season proves to be one of great blessings for your family. I am writing to you today to explain the financial aid program in an effort to better serve our families.

In order to provide you with timelier financial award information, the process starts in December. My goal is to have aid awarded prior to student registration so you are well aware of your financial obligations before committing to another school year. To that end, this year financial aid applications will be available December 4th and they will be due by December 23rd. This does mean we will be using a combination of your last tax return and current pay information since the application will be due before families file their 2017 tax return. Since a lot can change in the period of a year we will weigh any life or financial changes that have occurred since your last tax return was filed in the award process.

We are accomplishing this through a partnership with SMART, the company that currently provides our tuition autopay program. The Smart Aid application is an online process. SMART's system will allow us to better safeguard your data and give us better tools for analyzing the financial information you provide. In addition, it will allow us to streamline the application process so you do not have to fill out multiple pages of information by hand. The online application will be available in English and Spanish to better assist our bilingual families. The website is <http://www.smartaidforparents.com> and Hayden's ID number is 11919.

As I noted, my goal is to have aid awarded prior to registration so you can expect award letters to go out no later than February 17, 2018. I have listed the application steps below just to recap the process. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Janet Schumacher (785.272.5210 Ext. 104) or myself (785.272.5210 Ext. 111).

Thank you for choosing Hayden Catholic High School and may God bless you.

In Christ,

Matthew J Schambari
President

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HOW TO APPLY:

Step 1: Complete a general financial assistance application online through SMART including the submission of all required supporting financial documentation. (W2s, Paystubs, Tax returns, etc.). <http://www.smartaidforparents.com>, Hayden's ID number is 11919 If you are a returning parent your information has been rolled over you just **need** to verify and make any changes necessary and then move on to step 2.

Step 2: Complete the scholarship short answer questions and essay online. [Click here](#) for the link.

Step 3: Once you have received award confirmation (Mid-February) please sign and return the form to accept the award.

Step 4: Finish the student registration (or re-registration for current students) process by the registration deadline (Mid-March).