



BISHOP KEARNEY HIGH SCHOOL

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Bishop Kearney Sets Tuition for New Incoming 7th and 8th Grade Students *Tuition to Equal Diocesan Schools at \$2,950*

Irondequoit, January 25, 2008 - Following the announcement last week that it will expand to open a new junior high school in September, Bishop Kearney High School | A Golisano Education Partner today set an extremely competitive tuition structure for families of its incoming seventh and eighth grade students.

The Bishop Kearney Board of Trustees voted this afternoon to approve setting tuition at \$2,950 for seventh and eighth grade students during the 2008/09 school year. This equals tuition set by the Diocese of Rochester for all of its remaining schools next school year, in the aftermath of the decision to close 13 schools. The Bishop Kearney Trustees further agreed to guarantee this tuition level for a two-year period for incoming seventh grade students. Kearney currently is open to grades 9-12, and while Bishop Kearney is a Catholic school, is operates independently from the Diocese of Rochester.

“Our trustees felt so strongly that this was the right thing to do,” said Donna Dedee, President and CEO of Bishop Kearney. “Setting tuition at a level equal to Diocesan tuition is in keeping with our mission, and will ease the burden on those families, in particular, who are displaced from Diocesan schools and may not be able to find a space in the remaining schools.”

During a news conference last Friday, Dedee explained that seventh and eighth grade students will immediately be integrated into Bishop Kearney’s highly successful programs, including enhanced curriculum and state-of-the-art technology that resulted in record enrollment at the high school last September.

The Junior High School at Bishop Kearney will provide brand new interactive classrooms, which mirror the technology that has been implemented in the high school since Kearney’s unique partnership with Paychex founder B. Thomas Golisano. The junior high school, which will have ample space for an expanding student population, will be located in the south wing of the building on the Kings Highway campus.

Since the announcement that Kearney would open to seventh and eight graders, prospective students and their families have shown great interest in the new junior high school program, with the school receiving dozens of inquiries each day by phone and email.

“The response has been tremendous,” said Dedee. “It’s clear that families understand the advantage our innovative programs, technology, and values-based environment will bring to their students as we prepare them for the 21st century. We really believe we have a whole set of competitive advantages—and now, our Junior High students will realize a cost-advantage as well.”

An open house for prospective junior high school students and their parents has been scheduled at Bishop Kearney from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. next **Thursday, January 31**. Those interested in the high school grades are also welcome to attend. Registration is already underway.

Kearney will then host a registration night for incoming seventh and eighth grade students on **Tuesday, February 12**, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., at which members of the administration, faculty and parents of current students will be available to answer questions. All prospective students are encouraged to register soon, as the interest and demand is remains high and will the school anticipates it will escalate given today's tuition announcement and the number of students who are still searching for a junior high option.

Parents and students are welcome to contact the director of student affairs, Anita Nagel, to set up a tour or interview. She can be reached at 342-4000 x 246 or at anagel@bkhs.org.

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