Two important lessons our Blue Jays are learning during these difficult days are perseverance and adaptability. Reflective of the times, the 2020-2021 Parents’ Annual Giving Drive will incorporate both.

Jesuit is able to keep tuition affordable to as many families as possible, including your family, because of the success of the PAG Drive. In good times and more challenging ones, it allows us to remain one of the least expensive private and parochial schools in the Greater New Orleans area and, by far, the lowest amongst other Jesuit schools across the country.

Jesuit was able to keep tuition under $10,000 this upcoming school year by committing to one of the smallest tuition percentage increases since the drive began in the mid 1970s. That decision, which was made before the pandemic, means the 2020-2021 operating deficit is similar to what it was last year. The 2020-2021 gap number (the difference between what we are charging for tuition and the amount it costs to educate a Blue Jay) is $3,700.

The perseverance component means making every effort to make up that difference without significantly increasing tuition now or in the future. Jesuit’s commitment to affordability is steadfast.

However, in response to today’s challenges, this year’s PAG Drive will operate differently.

Traditionally, parents are invited to make their pledges by mid September. While we hope many of our parents are in a position to make their commitments then, this year we are offering you the option of postponing your commitment until December. You will find that option on both our PAG pledge card and on our PAG pledge web page. Different times mandate flexibility and understanding.

What isn’t changing is our hope and expectation – that every family will do their best with a commitment that is significant to them, at the time that makes the most sense for them, which will allow us to continue our commitment to affordability and accessibility.

Thank you in advance for the important role you play in helping Jesuit develop men of faith and men for others.
JESUIT ISN’T JESUIT WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT.


FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. IS HOME LEARNING COSTING JESUIT LESS THAN TRADITIONAL IN-CLASS INSTRUCTION? No. Due to the purchase of additional technology to facilitate both home and in-class instruction—and the continued use of all existing facilities, costs are expected to increase.

2. WHAT WAS THE RESULT OF LAST YEAR’S PAG DRIVE? Donations have exceeded $1 million in each of the past 14 drives.

3. ARE PAG DONATIONS USED TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO OTHER FAMILIES? No. Jesuit’s endowment is the source of financial aid.

4. WHAT IF I CAN’T AFFORD TO CONTRIBUTE THE FULL GAP? Participation is the paramount ingredient that has made every PAG Drive successful since the first one in 1975. Jesuit relies on the generosity of parents who are able to contribute the GAP or more, as well as those parents who do their best to make up the difference in tuition and the actual cost of education. A goal of the drive is to have every family participate in a personally significant way.

5. HOW DO I PARTICIPATE? Make your pledge – a promise to donate – as soon as possible and before September 25. This year, families who may need extra time to make their commitment have the option of delaying their pledge until December. You may pledge online at www.jesuitnola.org/pag or by returning the enclosed pledge card. If you pledge or donate online, you do not need to submit a pledge card.

6. WHEN CAN I MAKE MY DONATION? You can write a check or donate online at any time. The timing is really up to you. For income tax purposes, many parents make it a point to contribute before the end of the calendar year. Some parents make a single lump sum donation; others prefer installment options. Pledges should be fulfilled by May 31, 2021.

7. DOES JESUIT ACCEPT MATCHING GIFTS? If you or your spouse works for a company that has a matching gift program, a matching contribution will maximize your donation to Jesuit because you receive credit for the total amount of both gifts.

They come from a wide range of economic, religious, educational, and ethnic backgrounds. Diversity is a strength of Jesuit High School as it prepares its students to live in the world around them.

The PAG Drive is a key mechanism behind Jesuit’s “education within an education,” the opportunity to form friendships with other Blue Jays from the entire metropolitan area while participating in academics, co-curricular activities, spiritual formation, and student life.

BLUE JAYS LIVE IN MORE THAN 50 ZIP CODES, FROM COVINGTON TO WESTWEGO.