

March 7, 2025

Dear St. Edward Parents,

From 2003-2007 I was fortunate enough to be Principal of St. Edward School, my daughter Lauren was a fifth through eighth-grader during those years, and my wife Teresa was involved in various capacities with the St. Edward community. We have fond memories of those years at St. Edward School. In addition to those years, I was blessed with an opportunity to teach science from 2015 -2018 in the science lab that holds a special place in my heart.

During the spring of 2004 Fr. Joseph Breen was supportive of the school's wish to build a science lab for the junior high. By October of 2004, the school had a new, well-equipped science lab in the basement of the building that had previously been a large storage area. This area of the building is now known as "The Science & Music Hallway". In August of 2004, God called home our precious son Christopher to join him in his heavenly kingdom. Through those difficult days for the Knoop family, the St. Edward community was supportive with their love and prayers. In addition to the love and prayers, many donations were made to the St. Edward Science lab in memory of Christopher. We were touched by that generosity.

As my tenure at St. Edward came to an end in June of 2007 and I returned to the classroom to teach, our family desired to give back to the St. Edward community. One way we could do that was to establish the Knoop Science Scholarship. One \$500.00 scholarship will be awarded to a 7th-grade student in May of each school year. The money will be given directly to St Edward School and applied toward the student's 8th-grade tuition. Attached you will find the criteria that we have established for this scholarship.

May God bless you and the lives of your children and St. Edward School.

With Gratitude,

Brian, Teresa, and Lauren Knoop

Knoop Science Scholarship Guidelines

One \$500.00 scholarship will be awarded to a 7th-grade student in May of each school year. The money will be given directly to St. Edward School and applied toward the student's 8th-grade tuition in the fall of that year.

The 2025 essays are to be turned into the school office by the deadline date of **Friday, March 28, 2025 by 3:00pm**. The essay should be placed in a white envelope with **YOUR NAME** and **KNOOP SCHOLARSHIP** on the **OUTSIDE of the envelope**. The recipient of the scholarship will be announced on May 22, 2025. Do not place your name anywhere on the essay, as this will disqualify you.

Requirements:

- Academic: A 70 or above in all classes for each of the first three marking periods of the student's 7th-grade year.
- Conduct: The student must have a "G" or "S" for each of the first three marking periods of the student's 7th-grade year. (Any questions about academic or conduct activity should be directed to the student's homeroom teacher)

2 short essays (one paragraph each):

- *"What interests you about science?"*

- *"What scientific discovery or advancement do you hope to see in your lifetime?"*

While not a "requirement", please list any science related volunteer activities in which you have participated. This list can be added at the end of the 2 essays. Please make sure your name is only on the outside of the white envelope.