



St. Mary's School
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Spring 2019

Thank you for enrolling your child at St. Mary's School for the 2019-20 school year! We are excited that you have decided to join our family of faith in providing your child with a Catholic education. Paying for a Catholic education is a shared investment in your child's future and it is our hope that we can assist you in making this investment.

Enclosed you will find the required forms for a tuition scholarship at St. Mary's School. We recognize that the cost of tuition may be a strain on some family's finances. Therefore, St. Mary's School offers tuition scholarship to families in need. The tuition scholarships are needs based and will be given out to families who are practicing their Catholic faith.

Along with a tuition scholarship, the use of scrip offers a wonderful way to lower your tuition dramatically. St. Mary's School offers hundreds of gift cards that are purchased at discounted rates with a portion of that rebate being applied to your tuition. Many St. Mary's families reduce their tuition investment by hundreds of dollars each year just by using this free program.

If you would like to apply for a tuition scholarship for the 2019-20 school year, please complete the enclosed scholarship request form and Seeds of Faith form prior to May 8th. A free/reduced lunch application will also need to be completed prior to the start of the school year. Tuition scholarships will be strictly used for tuition, not for other fees such as lunch. New this year, anyone who qualifies for a tuition scholarship will be required to sign up for ACH (automatic payments) prior to the beginning of the school year.

You will need to return your Seeds of Faith form directly to us prior to May 8th. It is your responsibility to ensure that the Seeds of Faith form is submitted in a timely manner. We have enclosed an envelope for you to return your application in or you may return it in the envelope to the parish office so that it remains confidential. All information is held strictly confidential and only the pastor, principal, finance director, and bookkeeper see individual financial information. The pastor and principal make all aid determinations, with assistance from the finance director. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call.

In Christ,

Rebecca Swedberg, Principal
St. Mary's School

It is St. Mary's mission to prepare students as lifelong learners who will grow in virtue and wisdom, to become valued and outstanding members of their church, community and nation.



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St. Mary's School Scholarship Request Form 2019-20 School Year

Completing this form indicates your intentions to apply for a tuition scholarship from St. Mary's Catholic School. In order to be considered for a scholarship from St. Mary's you must complete this request form and the Diocesan *Seeds of Faith* form and return to St. Mary's Principal *no later than May 8, 2019*.

Please Print

Parent / Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Children:
 Name(s) _____

Grade(s) _____

The following are required before tuition assistance is granted

- Seeds of Faith application submitted to us **before May 8, 2019** (application must be completed in full and a copy of your 2018 Federal Tax Return is required for the Diocese)
- Tuition Scholarship Request & Registration Forms submitted to St. Mary's School before May 8, 2019
- Application for Free/Reduced lunch submitted prior to the start of the school year
- ACH (automatic payments) from your checking/savings account set up prior to the start of school year

Every family is expected to make some level of investment toward their child's education.

The 2019-2020 Tuition Scale is:

<u>Preschool</u>		<u>Afternoon</u>
3-4 year old	\$ 953 (\$95.30 monthly payable over 10 months)	Free for 3-4 if signed up prior to September 1, 2019
4-5 year old	\$1,294 (\$129.40 monthly payable over 10 months)	For 4-5: \$500 /yr for three days per week (\$50 monthly) \$325/yr for two days per week (32.50 monthly) \$175/yr for one day per week (17.50 monthly)
<u>Kindergarten-Grade 8</u>		\$15/day Drop-in Fee for all Preschool (3/4 and 4/5 both)
One Student	\$1,880 (\$188 monthly payable over 10 months)	
Two Students	\$3,560 (\$356 monthly payable over 10 months)	
Three Students	\$5,340 (\$534 monthly payable over 10 months)	
Fourth Student	\$6,280 (\$628 monthly payable over 10 months)	
Fifth Student	\$7,220 (\$722 monthly payable over 10 months)	

The **total tuition** for my children listed above is: \$ _____

The amount that I can prayerfully and financially commit for the year is: \$ _____

 Signature of Parent / Guardian applying for a Tuition Scholarship