

St. Mary's Elementary School
TUITION PAYMENT SCHEDULE/ K-8/2008-2009

St. Mary's Elementary School strives to provide the highest quality Catholic education for our children. **The per pupil cost of education for St. Mary's Parish is \$3433.00 for the 2008-2009 school year.**

PARISHIONER RATE

Parishioner rate will be granted to families registered in St. Mary's Parish or families from another parish with a verification of parish membership letter on file, who participate in parish life and show evidence of regular attendance at weekend Mass and support through use of offertory envelopes.

Parishioner / Scrip:

One Child: \$1750 Two Children: \$2700 Three Children or more: \$3400

This rate requires a pledged agreement to participate in the SCRIP PROGRAM which will produce at least a \$250 school profit per family. It will also reduce the family's tuition by approximately \$100. The \$250 school profit must be provided by March 15, 2009 or the family will be billed the difference with payment due by May 15, 2009. See the SCRIP PROGRAM sheet for explanation. **Note: The 30% earned Scrip credit will be applied quarterly and will be shown on the tuition statement.**

Parishioner / Non-Scrip:

One Child: \$2000 Two Children: \$2950 Three Children or more: \$3650

NON-PARISHIONER RATE

*A non-parishioner is either a non-Catholic, a Catholic not active/supportive of his/her parish or a member of another parish with no verification of parish membership letter on file. However, any family, parishioner or non-parishioner, **may choose and is encouraged to pay the Full Rate out of their own resources.** ****Volunteer Hours are not required for these families*****

Non-Parishioner / Full Rate:

One Child: \$3400 Two Children: \$6800 Three Children: \$10,200

Although not required at this rate, all SME families are encouraged to participate in the SCRIP PROGRAM as a school fundraiser. Participation will produce a reduction in the family tuition. See SCRIP PROGRAM sheet for explanation.

REQUIREMENTS:

- **For Parishioner Rate - Serve 40 hours per year** in fundraising or other approved activity listed on the VOLUNTEER HOURS LIST. **Ten hours will be dedicated to a major fundraiser.** Select activities and sign Volunteer Hours List
- **For All Families - Purchase or sell two pre-assigned Autumn Gold tickets** which are distributed and paid for through the school Tuition Office to ensure proper credit to your Autumn Gold account. **Failure to purchase or sell the two pre-assigned Autumn Gold tickets by October 15, 2008 will result in a \$25 late fee and a \$100 charge added to your tuition account. The pre-assigned tickets will then be forfeited and will be available for sale to the general public.**
- **For All Families – Purchase or sell one pre-assigned Monte Carlo ticket** which will be distributed and paid for through the school Tuition Office to ensure proper credit to your Monte Carlo account. **Failure to purchase or sell the pre-assigned Monte Carlo ticket by January, 15, 2009 will result in a \$25 late fee and a \$25 charge added to your tuition account. The pre-assigned ticket will then be forfeited and will be available for sale to the general public.**

Fees and Financial Agreements Due at Registration:

1. A completed Registration Form with a **\$50 per family Registration Fee** and a **\$50 per child Book/Technology Fee.** Fees are non-refundable unless we are unable to accommodate your child in his/her grade.
2. A completed and signed Tuition Payment Contract. A copy of this agreement will be sent to you for your files with the first tuition statement for the 2008-2009 school year.

Other Fees:

A non-refundable \$25 Athletic Fee per child per applicable sport is due when notified by respective coach. All fees must be paid through the Tuition Office before sport participation and uniform assignment. The athletic fee is subject to change.

Tuition Assistance: See Financial Aid and Tuition Assistance Sheet for information and deadlines.

Financial Aid and Tuition Assistance 2008-2009 School Year

Need-based financial aid is offered at St. Mary's Elementary School. Applications are available from the school's Finance Manager. Applicants must comply with very specific deadlines. For more information contact Cathy Kuczarski at 683-2112 ext. 123.

For the 2008/2009 School Year, three financial aid programs are offered:

- The Catholic Elementary School Tuition Aid Program (CTAP) provides need-based tuition aid of up to \$500 per child enrolled in a Catholic elementary school in the Diocese of Buffalo for those who apply and meet eligibility requirements. The application must be sent to the CTAP and postmarked by Tuesday, May 15, 2008.
- The BISON Scholarship offers partial tuition assistance to low income families with children in K-Eighth Grade residing in the City of Buffalo, Lackawanna, West Seneca, Cheektowaga, Snyder/Eggertsville, Kenmore and Town of Tonawanda. Scholarships are awarded solely based on need. Applications are to be sent to The BISON Scholarship Fund, PO Box 1134, Buffalo, NY 14205 – application deadline is Monday, April 30, 2008.
- St. Mary's Elementary School Tuition Assistance Program is for parishioners of St. Mary of the Assumption Church. This need-based assistance is funded by an annual donation from The Galasso Foundation. A letter of request, specific financial documentation, a description of monthly expenses, and the application are due by July 15, 2008.