

St. Mary's Elementary School
TUITION PAYMENT SCHEDULE / K- 8 /2010-2011

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 \$3,950 for the 2010-2011 School Year.**

PARISHIONER RATE

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

Parishioner Rate / With Scrip Program:

One Child: \$2,000 Two Children: \$3,200 Three Children or more: \$4,150

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, 2011 or the family will be billed the difference with payment due by May 15, 2011. See Scrip Program sheet.

Parishioner Rate / Non-Scrip Program:

One Child: \$2,250 Two Children: \$3,450 Three Children or more: \$4,400

Volunteer Hours Opt-Out Fee: \$750 - Families paying this fee are not required to work the 40 Volunteer Hours.

NON-PARISHIONER RATE

*A non-parishioner is either a non-Catholic, a Catholic not registered at another parish, or a member of another parish with no verification of parish membership letter on file. **However, all families are encouraged to seriously consider this option and pay, as much as possible, of the full cost of education (\$3,950 per student).** Volunteer Hours are not required for this option.*

Non-Parishioner / With Scrip Program:

One Child: \$3,700 Two Children: \$7650 Three Children: \$11,600

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, 2011 or the family will be billed the difference with payment due by May 15, 2011. See Scrip Program sheet.

Non-Parishioner / Full Rate:

One Child: \$3,950 Two Children: \$7,900 Three Children: \$11,850

See Scrip Program sheet for more 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 (2) pre-assigned Autumn Gold tickets and two(2) pre-assigned Monte Carlo tickets,** which are distributed and paid for through the school Tuition Office to ensure proper credit to your Autumn Gold and Monte Carlo Accounts. **Failure to purchase or sell the two pre-assigned Autumn Gold tickets by October 15, 2010 and the two pre-assigned Monte Carlo ticket by January 15, 2011, will result in a \$25 late fee and the cost of the tickets will be added to your Tuition Account.** The pre-assigned tickets 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 **\$100 per family Registration Fee** and a **\$100 per child Book/Technology Fee.** Fees are non-refundable unless we are unable to accommodate your child.
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 2010-2011 School Year.

Other Fees:

A non-refundable \$25 Athletic Fee per child, per applicable sport, is due when notified by a 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 Tuition Assistance Sheet for information and deadlines.

Tuition Assistance 2010-2011 School Year

Need-based tuition assistance 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 Kuczmariski at 683-2112 ext.123.

For the 2010-2011 School Year, **three tuition assistance programs are offered:**

1. 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.
 - **All current CTAP students/families are automatically eligible for CTAP support** for the next school year (2010-2011), as long as they continue to meet Income Eligibility Scale requirements.
 - **All current CTAP students/families** must pick up Requalification papers from the school, including the Sibling Form 2010 (for siblings of children already receiving a scholarship, who are entering K-8th Grade in the fall of 2010).
 - **New CTAP Students/Families**, that is, any student/family not currently receiving CTAP funding (e.g. newly registering students, transfer students, students which did not apply last year, or were denied last year) are invited to complete a simple application form. Applications are available in the Tuition Office.
 - CTAP staff will notify families of their funding awards for the next school year.

For more information go to www.FRCDB.org and click on CTAP.

2. 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. Partial scholarships are awarded by annual lottery drawing and are solely based on need.

Applications are available in the Tuition Office or download the application at www.bisonfund.com, print it out, complete it and return it to The BISON Scholarship Fund, PO Box 1134, Buffalo, NY 14205. **Deadline to apply is April 30, 2010.**

 - **All current BISON FUND students/families are automatically eligible for BISON FUND support** for the next school year (2010-2011), as long as they continue to meet Income Eligibility Scale requirements.
 - **All current BISON FUND students/families** must pick up Requalification papers from the school, including the Sibling Form 2010 (for siblings of children already receiving a scholarship, who are entering K-8th Grade in the fall of 2010).
 - **New BISON FUND Students/Families**, that is, any student/family not currently receiving BISON funding (e.g. newly registering students, transfer students, students which did not apply last year, or were denied last year) are invited to complete a simple application form. Applications are available in the Tuition Office.
 - BISON FUND staff will notify families of their funding awards for the next school year.
3. St. Mary's Elementary School Tuition Assistance Program is for parishioners of St. Mary of the Assumption Church. Applications are available from the School Finance Manager. 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, 2010.**

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