

## 2017-18 Tuition Information

Schools in the Topeka Region of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas are funded on the stewardship model; therefore, St. Matthew Catholic School tuition represents only a portion of the cost of educating each student (approximately \$5103/year). St. Matthew Parish embraces its responsibility to pass on our Catholic Faith by providing a significant portion of the cost of educating each child. However, Catholic families attending St. Matthew School are asked to also embrace the stewardship model by financially supporting their parish, whether it is St. Matthew or another Catholic parish, and by sharing their time and talents with the school and parish. Ideally, Catholic schools on the stewardship model should be supported financially 60% by school families, 30% by the parish and 10% by fundraising.

For Catholics from other parishes, their home parish will assist with paying for their child's education, and the family should discuss with their pastor before enrollment. For students in non-Catholic households, the cost per student is \$3925 (in addition to the application fee), which is approximately 77% of the actual cost to educate each student.

Families who are in a financial position to do so are encouraged to prayerfully consider paying the entire cost of educating their student(s). **Any amount paid above the stated tuition is tax deductible.**

### Tuition Schedule

#### 1 child in school:

Application fee:	\$ 225 (if paid by March 31, \$250 per child until April 30, \$300 per child after May 1)
Tuition:	\$1500 (payable through Smart Tuition**)
PTO fee:	\$ 30 (paid in two installments, one in August, one in January)
Technology fee:	\$ 30 (paid one time per family per year, payable in first month of payment plan)
	\$1780
	- 250 family volunteer scholarship (for 25 hours served)
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1530 (with an additional \$50 off if paid in full at August enrollment)</b>

#### 2 children in school:

Application fee:	\$ 450 (if paid by March 31, \$250 per child until April 30, \$300 per child after May 1)
Tuition 1 <sup>st</sup> child:	\$1500
Tuition 2 <sup>nd</sup> child:	\$1100
PTO fee:	\$ 30 (paid in two installments, one in August, one in January)
Technology fee:	\$ 30 (paid one time per family per year, payable in first month of payment plan)
	\$3105 (payable through Smart Tuition)
	- 250 (family volunteer scholarship (for 25 hours served)
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2855 (with an additional \$50 off if paid in full at August enrollment)</b>

#### 3 children in school:

Application fee:	\$ 675 (if paid by March 31, \$250 per child until April 30, \$300 per child after May 1)
Tuition 1 <sup>st</sup> child:	\$1500
Tuition 2 <sup>nd</sup> child:	\$1100
Tuition 3 <sup>rd</sup> child:	\$ 700
PTO fee:	\$ 30 (paid in two installments, one in August, one in January)
Technology fee:	\$ 30 (paid one time per family per year, payable in first month of payment plan)
	\$4030
	- 250 family volunteer scholarship (for 25 hours served)
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$3780</b>

- For the fourth and any subsequent children, the only additional fee paid is the per child application fee and any specials fees.
- PTO fee goes toward scholarships for students to attend Hayden, and other programs to benefit the school.
- Technology fee goes toward repairs and replacement of computer equipment.

## Specials Fees

- Athletics fees: \$50/student for those participating on school-sponsored teams
- Band fees: \$45/student for those participating in band
- Instrument rental fee: \$65/student for those who rent a band instrument from school
- First Communion & Reconciliation program books: \$35 (applies to all second graders)
- Confirmation program books: \$35 (applies to all eighth graders)
- Bible fee: \$30 for a Bible that travels with the child 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> grade
- Planner fee: \$5 for all students in grades 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>
- Chairback pocket: \$15 for all kindergarteners
- Recorder fee: \$10 for all 3<sup>rd</sup> graders for music class

## Financial Assistance

- All school families are eligible for the **Family Volunteer Scholarship** and have the opportunity to receive a \$250 scholarship to be applied toward tuition by completing at least 25 volunteer hours at the school or parish. A list with the possible activities is provided for your convenience at enrollment.
- The **Catholic Education Foundation (CEF)** is a private not-for-profit organization based out of Kansas City, KS, that provides scholarship dollars to families in need in 20 schools throughout the archdiocese. Although it is not a criterion that students are Catholic in order to receive scholarship assistance, for students that are Catholic, their family's contribution to their parish is expected. The Foundation expects that each student receiving scholarship funds is on track with his or her spiritual, academic, and social development. CEF funds can be used for all tuition but not fees. Scholarship recipients are known only to the principal, asst. principal, and pastor.
- **Tax credit scholarship**, which was made Kansas law in 2015, establishes scholarships for low income students who attend or live in the attendance area of a Title I "Focus" or "Priority" school. Students must also be first-time students at SMCS and be eligible to apply for this scholarship. Call the school for more information.
- SMCS will continue to partner with **Smart Tuition Aid** (a branch of Smart Tuition – see below) to make recommendations for financial assistance based on the family's reported income and supporting documentation. Their recommendations will weigh heavily into the amount of financial assistance that is granted to each family.
- SMCS will continue to partner with **Smart Tuition** for the processing and collection of our families' tuition and fees. By securing the services of a tuition management system, SMCS joins other private schools utilizing such services to better serve families, while also improving the school's cash flow. We remain committed to providing flexible payment options for families, with installments of 2, 4, or 10 months. A \$50 reduction in tuition will be offered to families who pay their tuition in a lump sum at or before August enrollment.

## Late Tuition Payment

Families who have not paid their tuition and fees and have not made payment arrangements may be asked to remove their child(ren) from the school. Smart Tuition charges a \$40 fee for every late payment.