



saint patrick catholic school

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The mission of Saint Patrick Catholic School is:

That everyone in the Saint Patrick Catholic School community encounter Jesus, grow in Him, and witnesses to others through a Christ-centered academic environment.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING 2023-2024 TUITION CHANGES AND ENROLLMENT

What is the cost of educating a student at St. Patrick School?

The cost of educating a student at St. Patrick Catholic School next year is approximately \$8,700. However, no family pays this amount for their child. Saint Patrick School's revenue comes from many sources.

While tuition accounts for 53% of the cost to educate your children, Divine Grace Parish provides a subsidy to Saint Patrick School to reduce the tuition for each student. Every year that subsidy varies depending on the actual cost to provide a quality education for each student. The parish also helps the school by providing funds to perform essential maintenance such as replacement of roofs, boilers, and other repairs for the school buildings and gymnasium.

In addition, in the past two years Saint Patrick School has received supplementary grants. We received two generous grants from the Archdiocese of Detroit. With these grants we were able to replace teacher computers, install Smart TVs in our classrooms and help pay for new textbooks to launch our new curriculum. Lastly, grants received from the Federal Government through the State of Michigan, helped us pay for tutoring last summer, purchase new student Chromebooks, and supply COVID-care necessities.

Another source of revenue that helps us keep our costs down, comes from the generous support of our community. Each year we reach out to this community in our Annual Appeal, in the Saint Patrick School Auction and both of our Divine Grace Parish festivals. The generous support of the full community brings in over \$200,000 to help the parish and school.

What additional assistance is available to reduce the tuition portion paid by parents?

- **Archdiocese of Detroit Tuition Assistance:**

All Catholic families, especially those with more than one child and lower incomes, are encouraged to apply for the AOD Tuition Assistance Program. There is an application fee. A family establishes financial need by completing the FACTS online application and providing all supporting documentation by March 31, 2023. There will be no extensions of this due date and all families must have a completed application and all supporting documents submitted to FACTS by this date. Unlike previous years, there will be only **one** round of tuition awards, and the amounts awarded are at the discretion of a Saint Patrick School Tuition Board. Please check with Principal Lenze to follow up on your family's application and award. Elementary students (Grades K-8) who qualify receive an award based on the AOD's recommendation and the number of applicants for assistance.

We strongly encourage families to apply for this assistance from the Archdiocese. Applications are available in the school office. And online at:
<https://www.detroitcatholicschools.org/tuition-assistance-scholarships>

- If any family needs assistance filling out the AOD Tuition Application, please contact Mr. Lenze (Carl) at 734-422-3488 or principal@stpatrick.school.
- **Please note the deadline is at the end of our Spring Break.** School will be closed during this break, but I will be available to help complete applications. Please call or email.
- **Local Tuition Assistance:**
Non-Catholic families and families who apply for AOD Assistance but who are not awarded assistance may apply for local tuition assistance. These funds come to us from generous private donors in our community. The forms are available from the school office. There is no cost for this application. Please turn in completed forms to the school office. One on One meetings with Principal Lenze are available upon request. Amounts for this program will vary upon need. All families with students in Preschool through 8th grade are eligible for this assistance.
- **Saint Patrick School Foundation:**
The Saint Patrick School Foundation also aids families in need, separately from the other forms of financial aid. After applying for the AOD Tuition Assistance Program, the Saint Patrick School Foundation will also consider all Tuition Assistance applicants for consideration of additional financial assistance.
- **Scrip/Raise Right:**
Another way for parents to reduce the cost of the tuition is to enroll in the Scrip/Raise Right program. Scrip helps raise money by using gift cards to pay for everyday purchases like groceries, gas, dining out, and even your family's summer vacation at no additional cost to you. For every gift card your family purchases, our school receives earnings. Saint Patrick School then allots 60% of those earnings toward your tuition. More information is available from Maegan Theisen, our Scrip Coordinator.

What if the amount of additional financial aid will determine a family's ability to attend our school next year?

It is our goal that Financial Burden should not be the deterring factor for Saint Patrick School Enrollment and Attendance. Father Mike has agreed that families in this situation may send in the registration with a note explaining that attendance at Saint Patrick School for 2023-2024 will depend on receiving financial aid. By doing this the school will be able to move forward with the enrollment process and begin preparing for the next school year. It also helps us understand the number of families that have financial uncertainties and are seeking assistance. Families now have the assurance of knowing that we are aware of individual financial needs so we can better establish a goal for tuition assistance we need to provide. Please realize that this does not hinder or strengthen your eligibility for either AOD or local tuition assistance.

If you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact Principal Carl Lenze at the school office, cell phone 734-422-3488, or principal@stpatrick.school.

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