



**St. Peter Catholic School**  
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Dear St. Peter School Parents/Guardians,

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We have reached the point in the school year where we begin to look at what the coming year holds for our school and a large part of that discussion comes in the form of tuition rates. As you know, the prolonged COVID-19 pandemic has created many hardships for our school, our families, and our community over the past few years. Two years ago, in an effort to ease the financial burden facing our families, we made the decision to forego the scheduled tuition increase which was necessary at the time. During that time, we have worked diligently to help find relief from these burdens in the form of grants and a careful examination of our annual budget with our parish's finance council. Through this examination, it has been determined that a tuition increase is necessary in order to sustain the vital educational programs and services that our school and students need to continue to thrive. Based on this information, it has been determined that for the coming school year, the total tuition will be increased by 15%. However, thanks to the success of our annual school auction, we were able to prevent a more significant tuition increase by bolstering our Tuition Angel Scholarship Fund.

While tuition increases are always tough to predict and difficult to swallow, we want to assure you that we are dedicated to providing a quality education at an affordable cost. We understand that this tuition change might have a significant impact on our families so we are again offering a few opportunities for some assistance in offsetting this financial burden.

1. Our EdChoice Scholarship Expansion application window is open until June 30th and we strongly encourage any family who believes they might be eligible to apply. This is a great opportunity to receive full tuition assistance that we don't want you to miss. If you need help completing the application or if you have questions about the process, please contact Mr. England at the school office. We are here to help. For more information about this scholarship and eligibility requirements, please visit <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Other-Resources/Scholarships/EdChoice-Scholarship-Program>
2. We will once again be offering a financial incentive for selling our St. Peter School discount cards. For every card a family sells, \$3.00 will be taken off of their tuition cost. This is an additional \$1.00 incentive from last year. We hope by incentivizing fundraising, we will be able to continue to limit the overall tuition increase each year.
3. We will also again be allowing our families to pay monthly tuition payments for 12 months rather than our traditional 10 month period beginning June 2022. This will allow families to lower their monthly tuition payments and further ease the financial burden.
4. We have also included an outreach grant as well as a parishioner grant which comes from our Tuition Angel Fund to help defray the tuition increase. These totals are reflected in the tuition schedule.

5. Finally, we are a Federal Lunch Program participating school which means that families might qualify for free or reduced lunches. We strongly encourage any families who believe they are eligible for this program to please contact the school for more information and an application.

We hope that these opportunities will allow our families to continue to experience the great qualities St. Peter School offers without creating excessive financial stress. Our goal and focus every year is to thoroughly examine our budget and continue to make prudent and efficient decisions so that we are utilizing our financial resources to the best of our ability. We also hope that in a post-pandemic world, we will be able to once again return to quality fundraising which will continue to keep our tuition costs affordable and appealing. Thank you again for your continued support and understanding and if you have any questions or concerns about tuition or finances, please do not hesitate to contact us. May God continue to bless our school, our families, and our community.

Best Regards,

Mr. Blake England  
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