



2017-2018

Tuition Information Sheet

Student Registration

All SMCS student registrations are done online at smcatholicsschools.org/admissions/registration/. If you have registration questions, please e-mail admissions at admissions@smcatholicsschools.org or call 920-722-7796.

October 18 – January 31 is our Priority Registration timeframe. Register by January 31 for reduced registration fees and guaranteed student placement. Registrations will be accepted after this date if there is room available in the grade being applied for.

Registration Fees

Priority registration fees are \$50 per student (family max \$150). After January 31st, the fee increases to \$100 for each new and returning student (family max \$300). Registration fees are non-refundable and are not deducted from tuition fees. This fee is to be paid online following completion of the online student registration.

Tuition and Class Fees

Tuition fees are assessed in July prior to the school year. Tuition is due in full by June 30 (tuition for SMCHS seniors must be paid in full by their graduation date). **Band fees** for grades 4 and 5, and **band and choir fees** for grades 6, 7, and 8 are assessed in the fall. High school **fine arts fees** are assessed each semester. *For billing and refund purposes, the school year is divided into 10 months (August to May).*

Laptop Fees

Students in grades 7-12 must sign an agreement for the one-to-one laptop program and make payment arrangements before a laptop will be issued. Students in grades 7 and 8 are expected to pay a \$100 rental/insurance fee; those in grades 9-12 must set up a payment plan to lease with an option to purchase.

Sports Registration Fees

Sport registrations for grades 6-12 are done online. Visit smcatholicsschools.org/st-mary-catholic-high-school/co-curriculars/athletics and click on "register." Fees must be paid prior to the first practice.

Parent Involvement Fees

Every family with a student in grades 6-8 will be assessed a \$200 middle school parent involvement fee. This obligation can be reduced or fulfilled by volunteering for various events, activities, etc. Contact the middle school office for more details.

Every family with one or more students in K-12 will be assessed a **\$100 fundraising fee**.

SMCS Grade or Class	2017-2018 Fees
Preschool (2 day)	\$1140
Preschool and PreK (3 day)	\$1425
PreKindergarten (5 day)	\$1880
Kindergarten (half day)	\$1880
Kindergarten to grade 5	\$2975
Grades 6-8	\$3855
Grades 9-12	\$5995
Out-of-Parish Fee per student	\$1200 Family max \$3000
Additional Fees	As stated

Average cost of education/student K-12: \$8884

Out-of-Parish Assessment

SMCS parishes require that families who are billed at the in-parish tuition rates must be active, registered parishioners (as determined by the parish). Active membership involves worship, service and financial support of the parish. The out-of-parish rate is an additional \$1200 per full-day student (family max \$3000).

Tuition Payments

Each family is responsible for making arrangements to either pay in full upfront or to enroll in the monthly payment plan.

1. Pay in Full Upfront

To pay in full up front, the tuition balance is due in full by the first Friday in August. Families who choose this plan will receive a tuition statement in the mail in July *and may subtract \$100.00 from the total as a discount for paying all tuition fees in full by the first Friday in August.* The prepay discount is not available on preschool tuition or half-day tuition. Middle school families may exclude the \$200 parent involvement fee from payment if they plan to acquire the volunteer hours.

2. Monthly Payment Plan

Families who choose to pay monthly must set up ACH withdrawals from a checking or savings account by completing an ACH payment agreement form, which can be found on our website at smcatholicsschools.org/forms.

Tuition Assistance/Scholarship Applications

SMCS and its supporting parishes are committed to providing a quality, Catholic education to all students regardless of their financial situation.

Tuition assistance applications are available for download via a link on the website smcatholicsschools.org under Forms. To apply, a family must complete the application and return it with a copy of their most recent W-2s and tax forms.

Applications received in the SMCS Business Office by **February 10, 2017** will be given priority consideration.

SMCS does not offer grants or financial aid to preschool, pre-kindergarten or half-day kindergarten students.

Tuition Refunds

If a student withdraws or is asked to leave an SMCS school, the following guidelines will be used:

1. If paying on a monthly basis, there will be no refund of the initial (first month) payment, regardless of the number of days a student is in class.
2. For those who have prepaid, tuition will be prorated through the end of the month of withdrawal. For example, if a student withdraws on October 2nd, tuition would be prorated for three months (August-October) and the refund would be for seven months (November-May).
NOTE: Assistance, scholarships, and discounts will also be prorated using this formula.
3. Fees for laptops, fine arts, sports, band, choir, etc. are not prorated nor refunded. Fundraising credits are not paid out.
4. Final decisions will be made by the SMCS President.

Did you know?

The cost of the quality, Catholic education SMCS provides is shared among parents, parishes, and third source funding. Currently, SMCS schools are funded 30% by parish subsidies, 50% by tuition and 20% through third-source funding.

Tuition Credit Fundraisers

SMCS has designated fundraisers which families can participate in to earn credit towards their tuition. Fundraising income is important to both SMCS and our families who rely on the credits to assist with their tuition fees.

The Scrip program offers gift cards for purchase to use in place of cash, check, or credit at thousands of retailers. The vendors provide a bonus to SMCS, 80% of which goes back to our families and 20% to tuition assistance funds.

You can begin using Scrip as soon as you register your first SMCS child. Go to shopwithscrip.com to set up an account and get started. On average, families are earning over \$600 per year in Scrip tuition credit!

Fundraising credits are calculated on a quarterly basis and applied as follows:

- Fall quarter = Sep, Oct, Nov (applied in Dec)
- Winter quarter = Dec, Jan, Feb (applied in Mar)
- Spring quarter = Mar, Apr, May (applied in Jun)
- Summer quarter = Jun, July, Aug (applied in Sep)

Once a family has paid their tuition fees for the year in full, fundraising credits will be forwarded to next year's tuition, designated to another family or donated to the SMCS Tuition Assistance Fund.

Please direct all tuition-related questions to:
SMCS Business Office
1050 Zephyr Drive
Neenah, WI 54956
(920) 967-0021 ext. 851

Catholic education at SMCS is an excellent value for your children. We appreciate the financial investment you are making in SMCS and in your child's education. We will do all that we can to help you meet your financial commitment towards this faith-based education.