



2018-2019

Tuition Information Sheet

Student Registration

All SMCS student registrations are done online at smcatholicsschools.org/admissions/registration/. **Priority Registration is October 17 – January 31**. 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. If you have registration questions, please e-mail admissions at kbweiss@smcatholicsschools.org or call 920-722-7796.

Registration Fees

Priority registration fees are \$50 per student (family max \$150). After January 31, 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. Laptop fees are non-refundable.

Sports Registration Fees

Sport registrations for grades 6-8 are to be done online. Go to the Co-Curricular page on our website, then Athletics to register. Fees must be paid prior to the first practice. High school sports fees will be billed on the tuition bill. Sport fees are not prorated or refunded.

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. and completing the parent involvement credit form. Contact the middle school office for more details. Every family with one or more students in K-12 will be assessed a \$100 family fundraising fee.

SMCS Grade or Program	2018-2019 Tuition
Preschool (2 day)	\$1180
Preschool and PreK (3 day)	\$1540
Preschool & PreK (5 day)	\$1950
Kindergarten (half day)	\$1950
Kindergarten to grade 5	\$3080
Aquinas Program gr 3-5 (\$4500)*	\$3375
Grades 6-8	\$3990
Grades 9-12 (\$6700)**	\$6200
Out-of-Parish Assessment per student, family max \$3000	\$1200
Additional Fees	As stated

Average cost of education/student K-12: \$9823

* A Ray and Marie Miller grant of \$1125 will offset 25% of the Aquinas Program tuition to \$3375 per student.

** A Ray and Marie Miller grant of \$500 will offset the high school tuition to \$6200 per student.

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—Prepay Discount

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/Grant Applications

SMCS and its supporting parishes and donors 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 on the Forms page. 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 9, 2018** will be given priority consideration.

Wisconsin Parent Choice Program

SMCS participates in the state of Wisconsin voucher program. The state application period runs February 1 through mid-April. Please review eligibility requirements to see if your family qualifies at dpi.wi.gov/choice.

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.

The cost of the quality, Catholic education SMCS provides is shared among parents, parishes, and third source funding. Currently, SMCS schools are funded 25% by parish subsidies, 55% by tuition and 20% through third-source funding.

Scrip and Tuition Credit Fundraisers

SMCS has designated fundraisers which families can participate in to earn credit towards their tuition or to a specific club, group or event. 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 \$500 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 or they can be designated to another family, donated to the SMCS Tuition Assistance Fund or designated to an SMCS club, group or event.

Volunteer Commitment

Parent volunteering is essential to long-term viability of our schools. Your volunteer efforts can help you stay engaged in your child's school life and help support our Catholic community. Your volunteer time also helps us keep costs down. Now, more than ever, we ask that ALL parents find areas where they can donate their time and talents at their schools and parishes.

Please direct all tuition-related questions to:
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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.