

November 5, 2018

Dear SMCS Families,

St. Mary Catholic Schools is gearing up for the 2019-20 school year! We want our families to be aware of several opportunities for the 2019-20 school year that can benefit you, as well as our SMCS community.

St. Mary Catholic Schools participates in the **Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP)** which provides a quality faith-based education for students who are eligible according to income. This state-funded program provides SMCS with a tuition voucher for each participating student, allowing lower income families to choose SMCS without financial concerns. The Wisconsin Parental Choice Program empowers parents to make choices for their children, based on their children's unique needs, interests, and learning styles. Data also suggest a strong academic benefit of the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program:

- When compared to public schools, Catholic schools are about 7% more likely to be proficient on the Forward Exam in math and 14% more likely to be proficient in English.
- Schools in the WPCP score approximately 6 points higher on the ACT composite score than traditional public schools.

In addition to the WPCP, SMCS provides **an outstanding tuition grant and assistance program**. Families are never turned away due to financial concerns; our goal is to make a quality Catholic education affordable for all families. For more information on the WPCP and tuition grants/assistance opportunities, please contact our Tuition Services Coordinator, Shelley Wautlet (swautlet@smcatholicsschools.org),

We also have a number of registration incentives for the 2019-20 school year including a transition grade discount and an early registration discount.

Transition grade discount

Students entering kindergarten, 6th and 9th grade are eligible for an approximate 5% reduction of anticipated tuition if registered by December 31, 2018. Students will receive a reduction in tuition of:

- Kindergarten \$160
- 6th grade \$210
- 9th grade \$320

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Early registration incentive

All families are able to save on registration fees with the early registration incentive. Students registered by January 31, 2019, pay a \$50 student registration fee (\$150 family max). After January 31, 2019, registration fees will increase to \$100 for each student (\$300 family max).

In cooperation with the Diocese of Green Bay, SMCS is adopting a new student registration package, **PowerSchool Registration**. This progressive registration package is compatible with PowerSchool and will eliminate several steps in the registration process. We planned to launch PowerSchool Registration at this time, but a few modifications are still being worked on by the Diocese to ensure full capability. Once we have a definite Power School Registration launch date, we will announce when 2019-20 SMCS registration is open!

St. Mary Catholic Schools provides academic excellence in a caring and positive faith-based community where your children are valued and safe. Our facilities, technology, and instructional resources ensure that your children can thrive academically while being involved in many co-curricular opportunities. We are grateful for the opportunity to educate your children and thank you for being part of our SMCS learning community!

Blessings,



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