



St. Mary
Catholic Schools
— Grades P3-12 —

A Community Inspiring Success

2021-22

SMCS Tuition Information Sheet

St. Mary Catholic Schools (SMCS) is proud to offer best-in-class facilities and technology while providing academic excellence to our students of all-faiths and families of all income levels. Tuition assistance is available to allow every family that wants their children to be a part of the SMCS community the ability to fit tuition into their budget.

NEW 2021-22—Student Registration Process!

All SMCS student registrations are completed online via our new registration platform, Blackbaud EMS. **Register by March 31, 2021** for reduced registration fee of \$75 per student (family max \$225) and guaranteed student placement. Registrations will be accepted after this date if there is room available in the grade/class being applied for. After March 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. Registration fee payment will be expected following completion of the online contract signing in May. More information can be found on our website smcatholicchools.org. If you have questions on registration, please contact Kelly Beisenstein-Weiss at 920- 722-7796 ext. 157 or kbweiss@smcatholicchools.org.

NEW—Tuition Payments via Smart Tuition

New for the 2021-22 school year, SMCS is using Smart Tuition for tuition management. Families will be able to access and pay tuition and class fees online. SMCS offers upfront, quarterly or monthly payment options. Families will need to select their payment preferences online. Smart Tuition accepts credit cards, however, a convenience fee may apply.

Transition Discount

Students entering grades K, 6 and 9 that register **by March 31** will receive a transition discount on their Smart Tuition account.

Kindergarten	\$165
Grade 6	\$225
Grade 9	\$360

Ray & Marie Miller Tuition Grants

SMCS was blessed to receive a significant bequest on behalf of Ray & Marie Miller. In honoring their wishes, SMCS has created grants to offset middle school and high school tuition. Families can “opt in” to receive this grant for each eligible student.

Grades 6-8	\$200
Grades 9-12	\$500

A Ray & Marie Miller Grant of \$1,125 is also offered to students who qualify for the Accelerated Learning Academy (ALA), formerly the Aquinas Program. Families will be offered this grant once they are notified of their student’s acceptance into the ALA.

Affordable High School Tuition Grant for Freshmen

The Affordable High School Tuition Grant is available to further reduce freshmen tuition by \$1,500. Combined with the Ray & Marie Miller Tuition Grant, incoming freshmen can receive up to \$2,000 off full tuition without completing the assistance application or providing financial information. *Freshmen families who have opted in for this grant will be asked to complete a short, confidential application.* This grant is renewable each year for the duration of the student’s high school career!

Wisconsin Parental Choice Program

SMCS participates in the state of Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP). The state application period is **February 1—April 15, 2021**. Please review eligibility requirements to see if your family qualifies at dpi.wi.gov/choice or contact Shelley Wautlet in the Business Office for more information. Being awarded the WPCP grant can mean free tuition for your student through grade 12 at SMCS!

Tuition Assistance Applications

SMCS and its supporting parishes and donors are committed to providing a quality, faith-filled education to all students regardless of their financial situation. The SMCS Tuition Assistance Applications are available on our website. To apply, a family must complete the application and return it to Shelley Wautlet with a copy of their most recent W-2s and tax forms. Applications received by **March 15, 2021** will be given priority consideration.

NEW 2021-22—SMCS Volunteer Commitment

Every family with one or more students in K-12 will be asked to volunteer 5 hours per child at SMCS starting with the 2021-22 school year with a max of 15 hours per family. These hours can be completed at any of our schools or parishes. Parents unable to fulfill volunteer hours will be assessed \$20/hour (max \$300).

Parent volunteering is essential to long-term viability of our schools. Your volunteer efforts help you stay engaged in your child’s school life and help support our SMCS community. Your volunteer time also helps us keep costs down.

There will no longer be a separate middle school parent involvement requirement or fee.

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Early Childhood Program	Tuition
P3 & 4K (3 half days)	\$1,670
P3 & 4K (5 half days)	\$2,120
4K (3 full days)	\$2,650
4K (5 full days)	\$3,365
Additional fees could include field trips and after school care if elected.	

Please direct all tuition-related questions to:
 Shelley Wautlet
 920-967-0021 ext. 851
swautlet@smcatholicschools.org
 More information can be found on our website:
smcatholicschools.org

Elementary School	Tuition	Tuition with Miller Grant Option (available to ALA students)*
Grade K (half day)	\$2,120	
Grades K-5	\$3,365	
Accelerated Learning Academy (ALA) Grades 3-5	\$4,835	\$3,710
Out-of-Parish Assessment (per student, family max \$3,000)	\$1,200	
Additional fees include family fundraising fee, volunteer commitment fee, field trip fees, plus athletic fees, band fees and after school care if elected.		

Middle School	Tuition	Tuition with Miller Grant Option (available to all MS students)*
Grades 6-8	\$4,525	\$4,325
Out-of-Parish Assessment (per student, family max \$3,000)	\$1,200	
Additional fees include family fundraising fee, volunteer commitment fee, laptop fee, field trip fees, plus athletic fees and band fees if elected.		

High School	Tuition	Tuition with Miller Grant Option (available to all HS students)*	Tuition with Miller Grant Option (available to HS students)* and Affordable High School Grant**
Grade 9	\$7,260	\$6,760	\$5,260
Grades 10-12	\$7,260	\$6,760	
Out-of-Parish Assessment (per student, family max \$3,000)	\$1,200		
Additional fees include family fundraising fee, volunteer commitment fee, laptop fee, field trip fees, class fees, plus fine art fees (per course selection guide) and athletic fees if elected.			

Average cost of education per student K-12: \$9,204—parishes offset tuition by 22%

* Ray & Marie Miller grants are available for our Accelerated Learning Academy (ALA) students, middle school students and high school students. Families must "opt-in" each year for these grants.

ALA Miller Grant: \$1,125

Middle school Miller Grant: \$200

High school Miller Grant: \$500

** The Affordable High School Tuition Grant of \$1,500 is available to further reduce freshmen tuition to \$5,050. Freshmen families who have opted in for this grant will be asked to complete a short, confidential application. No income verification is required for this grant. This grant is renewable for the duration of the student's high school career.

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Tuition and Class Fees

Tuition fees are assessed in July prior to the school year. Tuition is due in full by May 31 (tuition for SMCHS seniors must be paid in full by their graduation date). **Band fees** for grades 4-8 are assessed in the fall. High school **fine arts fees** are assessed each semester. Please see the high school course selection guide for the cost of additional class fees.

For billing and refund purposes, the school year is divided into 10 months (August to May).

Athletic Registration Fees

Middle school athletic registrations are to be completed and paid online. Go to the co-curriculars page on our website, and click on athletics to register. Fees must be paid prior to the first practice.

High school athletic fees will be assessed on the tuition bill.

Family Fundraising Fee

Every family with one or more students in K-12 will be assessed a \$200 family fundraising fee. Families will be able to buy/sell Z-Gold raffle tickets to earn credit toward the \$200 family fundraising fee. Additional opportunities to earn this credit will be communicated at a later date.

Out-of-Parish Assessment

SMCS parishes require that families who are billed at the in-parish tuition rates must be active, registered parishioners, which involves worship, service and financial support of the parish (as determined by the parish). The out-of-parish rate is an additional \$1,200 per full-day student (family max \$3,000). Families are asked their parish affiliation when registering.

The parishes listed below are SMCS partner parishes or regional partner parishes and are considered in-parish.

Contact the SMCS business office if you are questioning a parish that is not on this list:

- St. Gabriel, Neenah
- St. Margaret Mary, Neenah
- St. Mary, Menasha
- St. John the Baptist, Menasha
- St. Patrick's, Menasha
- Holy Spirit, Darboy/Kimberly
- St. John-Sacred Heart, Sherwood
- Ss. Peter & Paul, Hortonville
- Sacred Heart, Appleton
- St. Bernard, Appleton
- St. Bernadette, Appleton
- St. Joseph, Appleton
- St. Mary, Appleton
- St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Greenville
- St. Paul, Combined Locks
- St. Pius X, Appleton
- St. Rafael, Oshkosh
- St. Therese, Appleton
- St. Thomas More, Appleton

Families who do not qualify for the in-parish rate are encouraged to apply for assistance if this fee is outside of their budget.

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 6-8 are expected to pay a \$100 rental and 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.

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 9, 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, athletics, band, choir, etc. are not prorated nor refunded. Fundraising credits are not paid out.
4. Final decisions will be made by the SMCS Superintendent.

Scrip Benefits Everyone!

Scrip is a year-round credit opportunity that allows all families to raise money toward their own tuition by turning everyday purchases into tuition credit. On average, families are earning over \$500 per year in tuition credit, with many earning over \$1,000!

How it works: Buy gift cards through the Scrip program at face value to use in place of cash, check, or credit at thousands of retailers. The retailers provide a bonus to SMCS, 80% of which goes back to our families as tuition credits, 5% to our participating parishes and 15% to tuition assistance funds.

Get Started: New families can begin using Scrip as soon as they register their first SMCS child. Current families can start anytime and purchase all year round! Go to shopwithscrip.com to set up an account and payment choice then start ordering!

More information and helpful tips can be found on our website at smcatholicschools.org/resources/scrip/ or contact Shelley Wautlet at swautlet@smcatholicschools.org.

The cost of the quality Catholic education SMCS provides is shared among parents, parishes and third source funding. SMCS schools are funded 22% through parish support, 59% by tuition and 19% through third-source funding.