



St. Mary
Catholic Schools
— Grades P3-12 —

A Community Inspiring Success

2022-2023

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 who wants their Child(ren) to be a part of the SMCS community the ability to fit tuition into their budget.

Returning Students: Registration Process

Current SMCS students do not need to do anything to re-enroll for 2022-2023 until you review your student agreements and fees are due (summer). Your time and effort adding all of your profile data the first year means you do not need to do anything to re-enroll. We encourage families to log in and update phone(s) and addresses, if necessary. Prior to the school year, families with 4K students will be asked to complete an online form to select their 4K program.

Students New to SMCS: Registration Process

Parents must complete registration online via our enrollment management system (EMS) for their new students, referred to as “**candidates**” in EMS. More information can be found on our website: smcatholicsschools.org.

Registration Fees

Current students and new students who register by March 31, 2022 will be billed \$75 per student registration fee and are guaranteed student placement. There is a \$225 max registration fee per family. Credit will be applied to your tuition management account for families with over three students. Registrations will be accepted after this date if there is room available. After March 31, the fee increases to \$100 per student (family max \$300). Registration fees are non-refundable and are not deducted from tuition fees. Registration fees will be due when you review your 2022-2023 student agreements and set up a tuition payment plan.

Transition Grants

Returning students and new students enrolled by March 31 entering grades K, 6 and 9 will receive a transition grant on their tuition bill.

Kindergarten	\$175 grant
Grade 6	\$235 grant
Grade 9	\$380 grant

Affordable Tuition Grant for High School Freshmen

The Affordable Tuition Grant is available to further reduce freshmen tuition up to \$1,500. Combined with the Transition Grant and Ray & Marie Miller Tuition Grant, incoming freshmen can receive a max of \$2,000 off full tuition without completing the assistance application. Freshmen families who have opted in for this grant will be asked to complete a short application, however no income verification is needed. **This grant is renewable each year for the duration of the student's high school career.**

Ray & Marie Miller Tuition Grants “Opt in” or “Opt out”

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. When initially registering middle school and high school students, families can “opt in” to receive this grant. Returning students in grades 7-8 and 10-12 will continue receiving this grant if they opted in the year prior.

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

Returning students entering grade 6 and 9 will be given the grant and must request to “opt out” if they do not wish to take this grant. To opt out for grades 6 and 9 email: to swautlet@smcatholicsschools.org.

Wisconsin Parental Choice Program

SMCS participates in the state of Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP). The state application period runs from **February 1 until April 21, 2022**. Please review eligibility requirements 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 for families who do not meet WPCP eligibility. To apply, a family must complete the application and return it to Shelley Wautlet with a copy of their most recent W2s and/or 1040 tax forms. Applications received by **March 15, 2022** will be given priority consideration.

Technology Fee

SMCS is transitioning from a high school lease-to-own laptop program to a fully leased, system-wide technology program. This will allow SMCS to continually provide new equipment to K-12 families at a lesser cost and increase overall technology infrastructure, support and training at our schools. Students in grades K-5 will be assessed a \$50 technology fee and students in grades 6-12 will be assessed a \$100 technology fee. Incoming high school students may bring their own device under this new plan. Technology fees are non-refundable.

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Early Childhood Program	Tuition
P3 & 4K (3 half days)	\$1,750
P3 & 4K (5 half days)	\$2,230
4K (3 full days)	\$2,780
4K (5 full days)	\$3,530
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
Grade K (half day)	\$2,230
Grades K-5	\$3,530
Out-of-Parish Assessment (per student, family max \$3315)	\$1,325
Additional fees include: fundraising fee \$200/family, technology fee \$50/elementary student, field trip fees vary, plus athletic fees, band fees and after school care if elected.	

Middle School	Tuition	Tuition with Middle School Miller Grant Option*
Grades 6-8	\$4,750	\$4,550
Out-of-Parish Assessment per student, family max of 3 assessments	\$1,325	
Additional fees include: fundraising fee \$200/family, technology fee \$100/middle school student, field trip fees vary, plus athletic fees, fine art fees and band fees if elected.		

High School	Tuition	Tuition with High School Miller Grant Option*	Tuition with High School Miller Grant Option* and Affordable Tuition Grant**
Grade 9	\$7,620	\$7,120	\$5,620
Grades 10-12	\$7,620	\$7,120	Less ATG, if awarded their freshmen year
Out-of-Parish Assessment (per student, family max \$3,315)	\$1,325		
Additional fees include: fundraising fee \$200/family, technology fee \$100/high school student, field trip fees vary, freshmen class fees, graduation fees, plus fine art fees and band fees (per course selection guide) and athletic fees if elected.			

Average cost of education per student K-12: \$9,884—parishes offset tuition by 15%

* Ray & Marie Miller "Opt In" Tuition Grants are available (see page 1):
 Middle school \$200 grant and high school \$500 grant

** The Affordable Tuition Grant for High School of \$1,500 is available to further reduce freshmen tuition to \$5,620. Freshmen families who have opted in for this grant will be asked to complete a short application, however, no income verification is required. This grant is renewable for the duration of the student's high school career.

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Tuition payment — Blackbaud Tuition Management

SMCS offers upfront, quarterly or monthly pay options. Families will be prompted to log into EMS and complete their student agreements each year (early summer). This is when families pay registration fees and choose their payment preference. This process will create a Blackbaud tuition management account for each new family and populate Blackbaud tuition accounts for existing families. The Blackbaud autopay plan with bank draft is fee-free. A convenience fee will be charged for credit card payments. After initial setup, families can log in anytime to review billing, make additional payments and to access year-end statements for tax purposes. Blackbaud tuition management accounts will be a separate username and password than EMS. Contact the admissions department with any log in issues or to reset passwords.

For billing and refund purposes, the school year is divided into 10 months (August to May). Tuition is due in full by May 31 each year.

Fees and billing

Additional fees are assessed to Blackbaud tuition management accounts. If you pay monthly, you will see an increase in your payment amount the months that these fees are assessed. Log into your Blackbaud tuition account to review billing or to make payments. **Band fees** for grades 4-8 and **fine art fees** for grades 6-8 are assessed in the fall. High school **fine arts fees** are assessed each semester. High school **athletic fees** are assessed mid-season. Please see the high school course selection guide for the cost of additional class fees.

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 bills each season. If you pay monthly, you will see an increase the months that these fees are assessed.

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). Assistance, scholarships, and discounts will also be prorated using this formula.

The cost of the quality Catholic education SMCS provides is shared among parents, parishes and third source funding. SMCS schools are funded 15% through parish support, 64% by tuition and 21% through third-source funding.

Z-Gold Raffle Ticket \$200 Fee

SMCS will announce the Z-Gold Raffle Ticket fundraiser in late-winter. Families who buy or sell \$200 in Z-Gold Raffle tickets will not be charged the fee. If less than \$200 in tickets is purchased, the difference will be assessed in late winter. This applies to families with students in K-12.

Out-of-Parish Assessment \$1,325/student K-12

SMCS parishes require that families who are billed at the listed (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 \$1,325 per student in K-12 (family max of three assessments). Families are asked to identify 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 your Green Bay Diocese Parish 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.

RaiseRight — Scrip Program

RaiseRight scrip is a year-round benefit that allows all SMCS families to turn everyday purchases into tuition credit. On average, families are earning over \$500 per year through RaiseRight, with many earning over \$1,000!

How it works: Buy gift cards or e-cards through the RaiseRight program at face value to use in place of cash, check, or credit at thousands of retailers in store or online. The retailers provide a bonus to SMCS. SMCS gives back 80% of the bonuses to our families as quarterly tuition credits, 5% is to our three participating parishes and 15% is used for operations and tuition assistance funds.

New families can begin using RaiseRight as soon as they register their first SMCS child. Current families can start anytime. Go to raiseright.com to set up an account. Then download the RaiseRight app for convenient ordering and use right on your smartphone.

More information can be found on our website at smcatholicsschools.org/resources/scrip/ or contact Liz Uhlenbrauck at luhlenbrauck@smcatholicsschools.org.