



# 2023-2024 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.*

Early Childhood Program	Tuition
P3 & 4K (3 half days)	\$1,920
P3 & 4K (5 half days)	\$2,450
4K (3 full days)	\$3,060
4K (5 full days)	\$3,900

Elementary School	Tuition
Grades K-5	\$3,900
Out-of-Parish Assessment (per student, family max of 3 assessments)	\$1,655
Cost to Educate Option	\$5,000

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Middle School	Tuition
Grades 6-8	\$5,100
Out-of-Parish Assessment (per student, family max of 3 assessments)	\$1,655
Cost to Educate Option	\$7,500

High School	Tuition
Grades 9-12	\$7,950
Out-of-Parish Assessment (per student, family max of 3 assessments)	\$1,655
Cost to Educate Option	\$10,000

\*Students in Grade 9 are assessed a freshman class fee.

\*Students in Grade 12 are assessed a graduation fee.

\*The "Cost to Educate" option is available to families who wish to help cover the gap between current tuition rates and the \$10,000 average cost to educate a student at SMCS.

\* Grants available up to \$2,880. Tuition assistance available based on need. More information can be found on [smcatholicsschools.org](http://smcatholicsschools.org)

## Registration Process

SMCS is transitioning to Powerschool for registration and enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year. Existing SMCS families do not need to register. Registration fees will be added to existing tuition accounts on March 1. Tuition will still be paid through Blackbaud.

## Billing

SMCS offers upfront, quarterly, or monthly pay options. Families will be prompted to log into and complete their student agreements each year (early summer). This is when families choose their payment preference. The autopay plan with bank draft is fee-free. A convenience fee will be charged for credit card payments.

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.

Additional fees may be 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. Fees are added to accounts within the quarter that the activity occurs.

## Fees

Fee Type	Elementary School	Middle School	High School
Registration	\$75 <i>\$100 after March 1</i>	\$75 <i>\$100 after March 1</i>	\$75 <i>\$100 after March 1</i>
Technology	\$50	\$100	\$100
Fundraising	\$200 per family	\$200 per family	\$200 per family
Activity	\$65	\$85	\$45
Co-Curricular(s)	optional elementary band	varied based on activity	varied based on activity
Total	\$390	\$460	\$420

### Registration

Current students and new students who register by March 1, 2023, will be billed \$75 per student registration fee and are guaranteed student placement. There is a \$225 max registration fee per family. Registrations will be accepted after this date if there is room available. After March 1, the fee increases to \$100 per student (family max \$300).

Registration fees are non-refundable and are not deducted from tuition fees. Registration fees, for returning students, will be billed on your tuition management account on March 1, 2023.

### Technology

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. Technology fees allow SMCS to provide system-wide technology programming that remains cutting edge.

### Fundraising

Each family will be assessed a \$200 fundraising fee to minimize the amount of individual fundraisers conducted at St. Mary Catholic Schools. This fee may be offset through the Zephyrs Gold Raffle.

### Activity

Students in grades K-5 will be assessed a \$65 activity fee. Students in grades 6-8 will be assessed a \$85 activity fee. Students in grades 9-12 will be assessed a \$45 activity fee. This fee eliminates the need for field trip fees during the school year.

### Co-Curriculars

- **Athletics**
  - *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 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.
- **Fine Arts/STEM/Clubs**
  - *Middle school:* Some fees (band and jazz band) are added to tuition accounts. Participation in STEM activities, art club, or fine art performances require separate registration and payment.
  - *High school:* Some fees are assessed on tuition bills by semester. See course selection guide for classes with additional fees.

# Grants

## 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. This special grant is for students of families with financial limitations and is offered on an “as needed” basis. 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 must complete a request form by March 15 or within two weeks of registering a freshmen student if after this date. Once awarded, this grant is renewable each year for the duration of the student’s high school career, unless the parents notify the business office that this grant is no longer needed. The Affordable High School Tuition Grant is made possible by the Ray and Marie Miller SMCS Tuition Fund and Bergstrom Automotive.

## 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. 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 [swautlet@smcatholicschools.org](mailto:swautlet@smcatholicschools.org).

## Additional Cost Savings

### 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% to our three participating parishes, and 15% is used for operations and tuition assistance funds.

More information can be found on our website at [smcatholicschools.org/resources/scrip](http://smcatholicschools.org/resources/scrip) or contact Liz Uhlenbrauck at [lulhenbrauck@smcatholicschools.org](mailto:lulhenbrauck@smcatholicschools.org).

### In-Parish Tuition Rate

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 \$1,655 per student in K-12 (family max of three assessments). Families are asked to identify their parish affiliation when registering. For a list of partner parishes or regional partner parishes, visit our website.