



St. John Catholic School

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2010-2011 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

TUITION AND FEES 2010/2011

PRE-K 1/2 DAY AND FULL DAY PROGRAM

Registration fee:	\$150.00 non-refundable
Supply fee:	\$180.00 for year
Snack fee:	\$50.00 for year
Tuition: 1/2 day:	(7:55 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.) \$250.00 per month
Tuition: full day:	(7:55 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.) \$450.00 per month

GRADES K5-8

TUITION:

St. John Catholic School is one of many important areas of ministry within St John the Evangelist Parish. Because of significant expenditures it is necessary to increase tuition and fees in order to strive for fiscal responsibility. Increases are necessary at times to improve and maintain the high standards of our children's education. All parents enrolling their children will need to commit themselves to the conditions below in order for us to fulfill our stewardship of Catholic education.

This is the 2010-2011 tuition schedule. The slight increase in tuition and fees reflects our anticipated increase in expenses for the upcoming school year. The actual cost per student grades K5-8 for the next year is \$4,800. Saint John Catholic Church subsidizes our budget (\$80,000), and the remaining difference is subsidized by fundraisers and donations.

FULL TUITION:

COST PER	COST BASED TUITION	TUITION TOTAL / MONTHLY
1 CHILD	\$4,800	\$4,800 / \$480
2 CHILDREN	\$9,600	\$8,600 / \$860
3 CHILDREN	\$14,400	\$11,600 / \$1,160
4 CHILDREN	\$19,200	\$12,400 / \$1,240

TUITION WITH PARISH PARTICIPATION GRANT:

PLEASE SEE: PARISH PARTICIPATION GRANT APPLICATION FORM

COST PER	COST BASED TUITION	PARISH GRANT TUITION TOTAL / MONTHLY
1 CHILD	\$4,800	\$4,000 / \$400
2 CHILDREN	\$9,600	\$7,000 / \$700
3 CHILDREN	\$14,400	\$9,000 / \$900
4 CHILDREN	\$19,200	\$10,000 / \$1,000

FEES:

COST PER	REGISTRATION FEE	BOOK / TECHNOLOGY FEE
1 CHILD	\$200	\$250
2 CHILDREN	\$250	\$400
3 CHILDREN	\$300	\$550
4 CHILDREN	\$350	\$650

WITHDRAWAL FEE:

Withdrawal during school year / Processing Fee: **\$100 per student.**

GRADE SPECIFIC FEE:

Eighth Grade Graduation Fee **\$75.00 per student**

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE WEEKLY RATES:

Registration fee: \$20.00 per child

Rates: \$3.00 per hour (or any part of the hour) for the **first child**
and **\$2.00 per hour** (or any part of the hour) for **each additional child.**

Before-school care begins at 7:15 a.m. and ends at 7:45 a.m. - free.

After-school care begins at 3:00 p.m. and ends at 5:30 p.m. - charged.

After 5:30pm \$2.00 per minute per child will be charged.

NEW METHOD OF TUITION / FEES PAYMENT:

As of the 2010-2011 school year Saint John Catholic School will charge tuition and fees **only** through **Automated Clearing House (ACH) direct payment.** No cash or checks will be accepted.

Registration / Books / Technology Fees are to be paid in one payment on August 5th. Registration Fee is non-refundable.

Tuition and other fees will be divided into 10 monthly payments beginning August 5th and ending May 5th.

Application deadline for returning students is **April 15** and is **non-refundable.**

Families must sign up for Automated Clearing House (ACH) direct payment in which tuition and fees are automatically withdrawn from your checking or savings account, debit, or MC/VISA credit card.

For assistance in signing up please contact St. John Catholic School Office. There is no fee.

A \$25.00 late payment fee will be assessed on all non-sufficient funds (NSF) and ACH payments.

DUE DATES TUITION / OTHER FEES PAYMENT:

Annual Single Payment due August 5. **(5% tuition discount)**

Semi-annual payments due August 5 and January 5.

Quarterly Payments due August 5, November 5, February 5 and May 5.

Monthly Payments due August 5 through May 5.

Due dates may be adjusted to payday cycle.

Because of the importance of maintaining continuous cash flow to meet ongoing school expenses, the plan will be rigidly enforced. If payments are not met on schedule, the child will not be readmitted the next semester. If a personal case exists for the family, they should contact the school office in advance of the due date so that an alternate payment plan can be addressed.

FINANCIAL AGREEMENT FORM:

As of the new school year 2010-2011 all parents / guardians will be required to sign the Financial Agreement Form to be submitted at the school office at the time of registration.

2010-2011 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

PARISH PARTICIPATION GRANT:

It is important that we bring to everyone's attention ways for financial assistance and subsidy at St. John Catholic School.

Like almost everything, the cost of education continues to rise. Teacher salaries, insurance, utilities and maintenance cost increase annually. These are the main reasons for tuition increases. To assist, parishes are providing subsidy to those participating parishioners who meet the requirements.

Your stewardship, the giving of your time, talent and treasure, is seen as your participation in the parish and by living up to some basic Catholic responsibilities. By doing so, a family is entitled to the privilege of having a Catholic Tuition Rate. When a family fails to meet the necessary criteria, then the family places itself in a position to lose the privilege of the Catholic School Tuition Rate.

The consideration of the Parish Grant rate is based on financial support given to the church, and financial subsidy received from the church as verified by the pastor on the Grant Application. Determination of tuition for the first semester will be based on your record of

church contributions from the previous November-April. Tuition for the second semester will be based on your record of church contributions from the previous May-October. *Parish Participation Grant Forms* are available upon request at the school office.

If during the course of the year the family is not following the standards established by the parish, the pastor can revoke the subsidy. If this happens, the pastor will notify the school and the family will be expected to pay the full tuition rate.

We also encourage registered parishioners who meet the requirements but can afford to pay full tuition to waive their privilege and to support St. John Catholic School by paying the full tuition. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

PARISH PARTICIPATION SUBSIDY FORM

In order for registered parishioners of Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church to receive the Parish Subsidy, the Parish Participation Grant Form must be completed and submitted to the church office. The church office will verify your registration and your participation level with the school office.

Families must meet all the following criteria set by the Pastors in the Panama City area:

- Registered member of the parish.
- All family members regularly attend Sunday Mass.
- Contribute time and talent to the various ministries and organizations within the parish.
- Support of the parish through reportable income (*offertory envelope or personal check; the minimum annual contribution to the parish should at least be equal to the amount of the parish grant*).
- Participate in the annual diocesan Catholic Sharing Appeal (CSA).

You must have the pastor's approval on your application. Pastors will review each family's commitment and can assign the non-participating status to the family if they are not meeting requirements.

If you are a Catholic parishioner in another parish (St. Bernadette, St. Dominic, Sts. Peter and Paul, or Our Lady of Rosary), please complete the Parish Participation Grant Form and return it to your pastor for approval.

The Parish Participation Grant Form must be completed by you and returned by your pastor to the school office by May 15. If the Parish Participation Grant Form is not approved, the full tuition rate applies.

New Catholic families who registered in St. John Parish or in another parish (St. Bernadette, St. Dominic, Sts. Peter and Paul, or Our Lady of Rosary) must apply for Parish Subsidy within two weeks from school registration date. A letter from the family's previous parish is required to state their parish participation status.

OTHER MEANS OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

F.A.C.T.S.

Saint John Catholic School uses the services of *FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment* to assess the level of financial need. This is done by an application process by which the family provides the needed information so that their ability to contribute toward private school educational expenses is computed. Saint John Catholic School attempts to assist families whose ability to invest in private school education is less than their incurred costs. There is a \$20.00 Application fee. Apply online <https://www.factstuitionaid.com> -- see the enclosed flyer from FACTS.

The completed online Grant & Aid Application, accompanied by a copy of your 2009 IRS Form 1040 and your 2009 W-2 forms along with an application fee are due to FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment by April 1, 2010. These forms are then processed in order to determine if the family qualifies for financial aid.

DIOCESAN EDUCATION FOUNDATION:

Financial assistance to St. John Catholic School is available from the *Diocesan Education Foundation* and a grant for low-income families. This scholarship is available through the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee. If you feel that you need some financial assistance, you may be eligible to apply for assistance. Applications may be obtained from our school office and must be returned to our school by March 15th of each year. You must provide a copy of your current income Tax Return with the application. Please read over the forms and follow the instructions and due dates. Due dates will not be extended.

STEP UP FOR STUDENTS SCHOLARSHIP:

Step Up For Students is an initiative of the Florida Tax Credit (FTC) Scholarship Program, an educational plan designed to help low-income families in Florida obtain the best education for

their children based on income. Apply through the website: www.scholarshipfunding.org
Eligibility chart will be posted at *Step Up for Students* website.

THE GEORGE AND MARY KREMER FOUNDATION:

The George and Mary Kremer Foundation was created in 1985 to assist schools with children from financially-challenged families to receive a Catholic elementary school education. Currently, the Kremer Foundation provides scholarships to 373 schools in 37 states representing 76 arch/dioceses.

The goal of the Kremer Foundation is to provide these children with the opportunity for a quality, Christ-centered education. The Foundation's grants are given to Catholic elementary schools only in the continental United States. (The Foundation does not extend a tuition grant to individual families). Since the Foundation's beginning, over 30,000 students have benefitted from the Foundation's grants. To date, the Kremer Foundation has awarded over \$28 million dollars in tuition grants. The principal of participating schools selects the students who receive the tuition assistance based primarily on financial need, without regard to race, gender, nationality, citizenship, or religion.

What is ACH?

Automated Clearing House (ACH) transactions are electronic payments commonly referred to as Direct Deposit and Automatic Debit. ACH is a low cost, safe and green payment method. This bank terminology means that a person or business is authorizing another person or business to draft on an account. Agencies using ACH to collect payments see improved cash flow forecasting. Using the ACH Network to disburse and collect funds benefits the environment by reducing the number of resources used in the creation and transportation of paper checks including fossil fuels, trees, and water as well as a reduction in the production of greenhouse gasses.