



Good Shepherd Catholic School

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Thank you for choosing GSC for your child(ren)'s early and/or grade school education! Your support of our school also makes it possible for other parents to have the option of sending their children to GSC. As a tuition-based school, enrollment is critical to our success, and our families and "word of mouth" are – and will continue to be – our greatest marketing tool. So again, thank you (we can't say it enough) for your commitment and dedication to GSC's mission and for the financial and other sacrifices you make so that your child(ren) and, by extension, all GSC students can learn, play, pray, mature and thrive because Good Shepherd Catholic School is here for them.

This week also marks the halfway point in the 2020-2021 school year, which means we have begun planning and budgeting for next school year. On page two of this letter is our recently-approved (by the school's finance committee and the Board of Limited Jurisdiction) tuition schedule. For a second consecutive year, we have kept any increases minimal: \$75 per student or less. The registration fee – per family – is staying the same, and it is worth noting and repeating that our registration and tuition fees are **all-inclusive**; we do not have any additional book, technology, or fundraising fees.

We are streamlining our re-registration this year to make the process easier for our families. To this end, we are introducing automatic re-enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year. Re-enrollment for current GSC families will occur automatically on Friday, February 19, 2021. Students currently in grades pre-K3 through grade 7 will be enrolled automatically in the next grade level for the 2021-2022 school year, unless you "opt out" by February 19. More details are posted online at <https://www.gscregional.org/re-enrollment-2021-2022.html>, including information about GSC adding the \$200 re-enrollment fee to your Smart Tuition account for March. To opt out, you can call or send me an email, or use the online form at the aforementioned link.

It is one of our goals to help you afford the educational – as well as spiritual and social – excellence we offer. You may qualify for tuition assistance if your household income is below \$108,382 with one dependent (add \$16,222 for each additional dependent). All GSC financial aid consideration starts with your online application through FACTS, which does require a \$30 fee. Visit www.gscregional.org/tuition-assistance.html for more details and the necessary links to apply for assistance.

Lastly, please know that Sister Helen Thomas and I are available for any questions, concerns or comments you have about the re-enrollment process and anything else concerning the future success of GSC.

Sincerely,

Jim Templeton
Advancement Director

We are preparing our students for a faith-filled life of learning, leadership, and love for others.



2021-2022 School Year Tuition Kindergarten through Grade 8

Number of Students in Family	Total Tuition	10 Monthly Remittances	11 Monthly Remittances	12 Monthly Remittances
1	\$ 4,600.	\$ 460.00	\$ 418.18	\$ 383.33
2	\$ 7,650.	\$ 765.00	\$ 695.45	\$ 637.50
3	\$ 9,075.	\$ 907.50	\$ 825.00	\$ 756.25
4+	\$ 10,800.	\$ 1,080.00	\$ 981.82	\$ 900.00

Early Education

Class and Program Schedule	Total Tuition	10 Monthly Remittances	11 Monthly Remittances	12 Monthly Remittances
Preschool (3- and 4-Year-Old Students) 3 Full Days (Monday-Wednesday-Friday)	\$ 4,600.	\$ 460.00	\$ 418.18	\$ 383.33
Preschool (3- and 4-Year-Old Students) 5 Full Days (Monday through Friday)	\$ 5,900.	\$ 590.00	\$ 536.36	\$ 491.67
Preschool (3-Year-Old Students Only) 3 Half Days (M-W-F, 7:50 AM to 11:20 AM)	\$ 2,800.	\$ 280.00	\$ 254.55	\$ 233.33
Preschool (3-Year-Old Students Only) 5 Half Days (Monday through Friday)	\$ 3,550.	\$ 355.00	\$ 322.73	\$ 295.83

Good Shepherd Catholic School has a nonrefundable **\$200 registration fee per family**. Our registration and tuition fees are all-inclusive; we do not have any additional book, technology, or fundraising fees. **The cost to educate a student at GSC** during the 2020-2021 school year is **\$6544**. This cost is offset by a subsidy from Queen of Peace Parish and also is reduced by the success of our fundraisers. We encourage all families to apply for financial aid through FACTS, sponsored by Business Leaders Organized for Catholic Schools (BLOCS) in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and The Foundation For Catholic Education, based in West Chester, PA. You can find the specific information about Tuition Assistance on the school's Website.

Tuition payments for the 2021-2022 school year will commence on July 1 or 15, 2021, and will continue through to April 1/15, May 1/15 or June 1/15, 2021, depending upon your monthly remittance term selection. Good Shepherd Catholic utilizes **Smart Tuition/Blackbaud Tuition Management** for online tuition billing and collection, and there is an annual administrative fee from Smart of **\$35.00 per family**, which will be added to your first monthly installment. Any monthly amount not paid by your due date will incur a **\$40.00** charge from Smart. GSC does not receive any income from late fees. We highly recommend that all families sign up for **automatic debit payments** to help you stay current and to avoid any late fees. It is a safe and convenient method to handle your tuition obligation to GSC, and Smart will send a reminder prior to each monthly debit occurrence. Thank you for your financial commitment to GSC!