



Good Shepherd Catholic School

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

I am writing to follow up on my letter dated February 14, in which I discussed GSC's automatic re-enrollment process and included our tuition rates for the 2022-2023 school year. For your reference, that information is posted on the GSC Website: <https://www.gscregional.org/re-enrollment-2022-2023.html>.

As a reminder, if you have not notified me that your child (currently in pre-K3 through grade 7) is not returning to GSC in September – the deadline to do so was February 28 – s/he has been re-enrolled automatically in the next grade level for the 2022-2023 school year. That means that the business manager, Mrs. Marilyn Shapiro, has added the \$200 family re-registration fee (non-refundable) to your Smart Tuition account, payable in two (2) \$100 installments. There is a slight change to what I wrote last month, however. Due to the timing of the opt-out deadline, it wasn't feasible to make the first payment due in March, so you will see the charges added to your April and May billing statements instead.

I am happy to report that our re-enrollment numbers are strong and we are accepting new students weekly for next school year as we strive to keep our overall enrollment at a healthy level for the school budget. We have a few grades that could use a nice boost, and it probably will take another year or two to get all of our classrooms to a preferred level of at least 17-18 students, but with your patience, persistence, encouragement and support, we can get there!

In that regard, we do have a Family Referral/Endorsement Program, which many families took advantage of the last two school years. I will be in touch soon with the parents who qualified for the grants this school year. Now that we are in the third trimester, it is time to apply those credits earned to tuition accounts.

Once again, if a new family enrolls and they name a current GSC family who recommended GSC to them (I also ask), they receive a \$100 tuition credit (half of our registration fee), and the family who recommends GSC (you!) earns a \$250 "finder's fee." An added incentive this year is that we will double those amounts if you help us enroll a new second- or fifth-grade student for the 2022-2023 school year.

I have one additional and last item to mention for now, and it concerns tuition collection. On page two of this letter is a slightly-revised tuition sheet. The change is in the bottom paragraph. After further discussion with Mrs. Shapiro, the new default tuition set-up will be for payments to begin in August and to be spread out over 11 months. You can switch to other options by letting me know your preference(s) – which I relay to Mrs. Shapiro – or I believe you can make any change you desire yourself once your new school-year account is activated in late June or early July.

As always, thank you for your time and your commitment to Good Shepherd Catholic! Happy Spring!

Regards,

Jim Templeton
Advancement Director

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



2022-2023 School Year Tuition Kindergarten through Grade 8

Number of Students in Family	Total Tuition	10 Monthly Remittances	11 Monthly Remittances*	12 Monthly Remittances
1	\$ 4,645.	\$ 464.50	\$ 422.27	\$ 387.08
2	\$ 7,755.	\$ 775.50	\$ 705.00	\$ 646.25
3	\$ 9,405.	\$ 940.50	\$ 855.00	\$ 783.75
4	\$ 11,150.	\$ 1,115.00	\$ 1,013.64	\$ 929.17
Additional Child(ren), 5+	\$ 900. Each		* The default option: August to June payments.	

Early Education (3- and 4-Year-Old Students)

Program Schedule	Total Tuition Pre-K3	Total Tuition Pre-K4	10 Monthly Remittances	11 Monthly Remittances*
5 Full Days (Monday through Friday)	\$ 6,195.	\$ 5,900.	\$ 619.50 or \$ 590.00	\$ 563.18 or \$ 536.36
5 Half Days (Mon. through Fri., 7:50 to 11:20 AM)	\$ 3,715.	\$ 3,550.	\$ 371.50 or \$ 355.50	\$ 337.73 or \$ 322.73
3 Full Days (Monday, Wednesday and Friday)	\$ 4,735.	\$ 4,600.	\$ 473.50 or \$ 460.00	\$ 430.45 or \$ 418.18
3 Half Days (M-W-F, 7:50 AM to 11:20 AM)	\$ 2,800.	<i>Please inquire if interested.</i>	\$ 280.00 (for Pre-K3)	\$ 254.55 (for Pre-K3)
<i>Please note: We do offer multi-child discounts for Pre-K.</i>				* The default option: August to June payments.

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 2021-2022 school year is **\$6544**. This cost is offset by a subsidy from Queen of Peace Parish and is reduced further by the success of our fundraisers to calculate our tuition rates. 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 2022-2023 school year will commence on August 1, 2022, for all students, and will continue through to May 1 or June 1, 2023, depending upon your monthly remittance term selection (10 or 11 months). The default set-up is 11 months, August to June. You also can choose to start payments in July and pay your family's tuition over 12 months, and you can ask to have your payment due on the 15th of the month instead of the 1st. 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 they will add to your first monthly installment. Any monthly amount not paid by your due date will incur a **\$40.00** charge from Smart. We kindly request that all families sign up on Smart 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!