



2017 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence

January 16, 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

What an exciting year it's been at Saints Simon and Jude School with the opening of our Little Explorers Preschool, being named a 2017 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, and kicking off our first annual fund, "Lighting the Way" to ensure a quality Catholic education for today and tomorrow. We thank you for your commitment and support of Catholic education, and for being a partner throughout this journey.

However, while a Catholic school education is a "priceless" investment, it does come with costs. The projected cost to educate a child at Saints Simon and Jude in the 2018-2019 school year is over \$6,300. Because our parish maintains a steadfast commitment to providing a high quality faith-based education, families who desire a Catholic school education for their child do not have to shoulder the financial burden on their own. As you examine the tuition numbers provided in this correspondence, you will see that the parish provides "scholarship" assistance to all children. This is possible due to parishioners' weekly tithe, as well as by donations to our annual fund campaign.

Our goal is to continue to balance our parish financial resources across all ministries by keeping the amount of parish subsidy to the school at the lowest possible rate and yet still keep tuition at a reasonable level. It is in the context of this goal that next year's tuition rates were developed. To assist you in meeting the tuition payments within your family budget, we are pleased to make available options for payment and tuition assistance, which you will find delineated below and on the reverse side of this letter.

Financial supports available to help with the tuition costs:

1. Families who need financial support to meet the tuition cost should complete an application for BLOCS funding and/or for assistance through the SSJ Catholic Education Fund (CEF). For BLOCS, you can access the online form either at www.blocs.org or go directly to <https://online.factsmgmt.com/aid>. The CEF form is on the school website under Admissions. **Applicants are encouraged to apply as soon as possible in early 2018. The CEF application deadline is July 1, 2018.** For additional information, visit the school website or contact Sister Regina.
2. **The SCRIP program** is available online with no limit to the amount of money a family can earn towards tuition credit. Many businesses offer SCRIP, and a percentage of your purchases will be credited directly toward your child's tuition. Details for this program are available from school personnel and on the school website at <http://school.simonandjude.org/tuition-payments-and-scrip>.

We extend our thanks to you, our parents and guardians, whose cooperation and support have been a significant factor in our school's excellence these past 50+ years! May the Lord bless you and the Holy Spirit help you in every area of your parenting - most especially in the passing on of the great gift of our Catholic faith.

Respectfully yours in Christ,

Rev. Michael Gerlach
Pastor

Sr. Regina Elinich, IHM
Principal

Saints Simon and Jude School Tuition 2018-2019

Did You Know?

- The annual cost to educate a student at Saints Simon and Jude School is over \$6,300.
 - Due to the generosity of the parishioners and families of Saints Simon and Jude Church and School, each family receives a scholarship in the form of the reduced stated tuition rates shown below.
 - Financial aid is available and all families who qualify receive assistance. Over \$150,000 in aid was awarded in the 2017-2018 school year. More information can be found on the school website at school.simonandjude.org/financial-aid
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Saints Simon and Jude School Tuition Rates 2018-2019 School Year

| <u>Family Members Enrolled</u> <u>Full-Day Kindergarten through Grade 8</u> | <u>Annual Tuition</u> | <u>Monthly Tuition</u> |
|--|-----------------------|------------------------|
| One Child | \$4,440 | \$440 |
| Two Children | \$8,060 | \$806 |
| Three or More Children | \$10,920 | \$1,092 |

| <u>Half-Day Kindergarten and Pre-K</u> | <u>Per Student</u> <u>Annual Tuition</u> | <u>Per Student</u> <u>Monthly Tuition</u> |
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| Half-Day Kindergarten | \$2,310 | \$231 |
| Pre-K – Four Half Days | \$3,850 | \$385 |
| Pre-K – Four Full Days | \$5,150 | \$515 |
| Pre-K – Five Half Days | \$4,380 | \$438 |
| Pre-K – Five Full Days | \$5,670 | \$567 |

Registration Fee: The registration fee is non-refundable and is excluded from the annual tuition rates shown above. There is only one \$250 registration fee paid for any family with a student in the school (Pre-K through Grade 8). The registration fee for each additional child in the school is \$100 for up to three children.

Total Registration Fee: \$250 for one child, \$350 for two children, \$450 for three or more children

A discount of \$50 per family is available for registrations completed and paid before February 16 for current families and May 25 for new families.

Flexible Payment Schedules: Families may choose to pay tuition annually (in July), semi-annually (July and December), Quarterly (July, October, January and April) or Monthly (July through April). Families with two or more students may set up a semi-monthly (20) payment schedule on the dates of your choice from July through April. Tuition payments may be made by check, automatic funds withdrawal, or credit/debit card. Any payments made by credit/debit card will be assessed a convenience fee to cover the cost to the school.

Half-Day Kindergarten: The Half-Day Kindergarten rate will be charged until that student is the third student from the family enrolled at the school. Once the total number of students enrolled in Kindergarten through Grade 8 exceeds three, the family tuition rate for three or more students is charged.

Student Fees: Fees for stationery, homeroom, technology, and the Home and School Association fee for each family are included in the annual tuition. Other fees (such as Grade 8 fees or field trip fees) will be communicated by the school during the year.



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