



## Tuition - Frequently Asked Questions

### **Can I make payments directly to the Parish instead of using FACTS Management (FACTS)?**

No. All tuition is billed and paid through FACTS Tuition Management.

### **Why is Divine Child now requiring that I pay tuition through FACTS?**

Divine Child uses FACTS Management for tuition billing because:

- Banking information is more secure. Divine Child will not have access to your bank account number, routing number or signature.
- Parents will have 24 hour on-line access to their FACTS accounts and be able to make payments online or via phone.



### **When do I enroll in FACTS?**

You may immediately enroll in FACTS by going to our website and then click on the FACTS logo. Families must be enrolled in FACTS by March 30, 2018.

### **I was enrolled in FACTS for 2017-2018; must I re-enroll for 2018-2019?**

If you were previously enrolled in FACTS, your agreement will roll over to the 2018-2019 school year. We ask that you log onto the FACTS system to verify your agreement information and payment plan selected.

### **What payment plan options do I have?**

- 100% due in May 2018
- 50% due in May 2018 and 50% due in August 2018
- 30% due in May 2018 with the remainder payable monthly from July 2018 through April 2019

### **May I pay 100% of my tuition spread through the school year?**

We require that a minimum of 30% of the tuition be paid in May.

### **May I pay my tuition with a credit card?**

Credit Card payments are accepted through the FACTS program. If you elect this option, you will be charged a 2.85% convenience fee by FACTS. FACTS accepts MasterCard, American Express, Discover Card or Visa.

### **May I pay off my FACTS contract early?**

Yes, you may pay off your FACTS contract early. You may do so online or by calling FACTS at 800-624-7092.

### **What is tuition, and are there additional fees?**

High School Tuition for the 2018-19 school year is \$7,275 for in-Parish families, and \$8,775 for out-of-Parish families. If a family has three high school students enrolled concurrently at Divine Child High School, the third student receives a 50% tuition discount. A \$425 non-refundable registration fee is due at the time of registration. For incoming students, there will be an iPad fee of \$599, or \$698 if the Apple Care Plus package is purchased. Textbooks and download fees are additional – we estimate these costs to be approximately \$175 - \$200 per year.

### **How do I qualify for the in-Parish discount?**

The in-Parish rate is not a discounted rate. Financial support for Divine Child Schools comes from the Parish and from tuition. In-Parish families are expected to be at Mass every Sunday, participate in Parish events, and contribute to the Parish financially at a *suggested* level of \$30/week. You are considered a member of Divine Child if you have met the above and registered by December 29, 2017. If you are a member of another Parish,

ask your pastor if that Parish is willing to subsidize the difference between the in-Parish and out-of-Parish tuition on your behalf. We discourage families from changing parishes for the in-Parish rate.

**What financial aid is available?**

The Archdiocese of Detroit extends need based tuition assistance grants to Catholic families with children in grades K-12 attending Catholic Schools. The awards for 2017-2018 were \$800 - \$1,100 per high school student. Please refer to the Archdiocese of Detroit website at AOD.org – click on “Schools” and then on “Tuition Assistance”. The Student Aid Form is available at that webpage. In addition, limited need-based grants are available from Divine Child Schools to Catholic students. Families that have completed the Archdiocesan Student Aid Form are automatically considered for the Divine Child grants.

**Do I have to apply for these grants every year?**

Yes, a Student Aid Form (online or paper copy) must be completed by each family applying. Awards are based solely on financial need. Receiving an award in previous years does not guarantee an award for 2018-2019.

**I am a member of Divine Child Parish but I was billed for out of Parish tuition?**

Parish membership records are reviewed to verify that the listed requirements, with an emphasis on weekly Mass attendance, have been met. If the above requirements have not been met, an out-of-Parish status is applied.

**What happens if I do not have the first tuition payment paid by May 31<sup>st</sup>?**

If the first payment is not made by May 31<sup>st</sup>, then current High School students’ access to PowerSchool for grades and schedules will be revoked following the end of the current school year. Both returning and incoming students will not be allowed to participate in any summer classes, conditioning, camps or other school-sponsored programs until the first payment is received. Student may be moved to “wait list” status if the grade is full.

**What if our family cannot make one of our scheduled payments on time?**

If your family experiences a temporary financial hardship and cannot make a scheduled payment, please contact Vicky Lezotte at 313-277-3110 x302 or [vicky@divinechild.org](mailto:vicky@divinechild.org) at **least one week** in advance of the payment date.

**What happens if our family becomes behind in our tuition payments?**

In order to remain debt-free, school families failing to pay tuition according to the contract they have made with the parish will be informed that their child will not be readmitted to our school. Since individual student accounts are invoiced on a family basis, these policies will affect each child in the family. Regardless of custody, both parents are jointly responsible for tuition and other fees charged by Divine Child. The following deadlines apply regarding payment of tuition. If FACTS payments are not current by:

- August 15, 2018: Students will not be admitted into the school.
- January 3, 2019: Students will not be readmitted for the second semester.
- February 1, 2019: Registration for the 2019-20 school year will not be offered until payments become current.
- April 20, 2019: High school students will be excluded from Prom, participating in graduation ceremonies, receiving their diploma, receiving a transcript or receiving a report card. Elementary school students will not receive a report card.

If tuition payments are more than 45 days in arrears, students may not participate in athletics and activities.

**If I elect to withdraw my son or daughter from Divine Child, is my tuition refundable?**

Families withdrawing students on or before July 31, 2018 shall be refunded the entire amount of tuition paid. The registration fee is non-refundable except in cases of student illness or families moving from the metropolitan Detroit area. On or after August 1, 2018, refunds are subject to the discretion of the school principal and the pastor. Refunds will be prorated on a weekly basis from the date written notification of the student’s withdrawal is received and accepted by the school.