



# 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 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. Also, 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 at the time of student enrollment/registration. If your child currently attends Divine Child Elementary School or High School, your FACTS account should roll over for next year. No action is needed for you unless you want to change your payment plan for next year.

## **I was enrolled in FACTS for 2021-22; must I re-enroll for 2022-23?**

If you were previously enrolled in FACTS, your agreement will roll over to the 2022-23 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 on May 5<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- 50% due on May 5<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022, and 50% due on August 5<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- 30% due on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 with the remainder payable monthly from July 2022 through April 2023 (choice of 5<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> of each month). FACTS assesses a \$45 annual fee for this payment plan.
- Families with two or more children enrolled concurrently at DCES and/or DCHS may pay monthly from May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 through April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 with permission from DC's director of admissions. FACTS assesses a \$45 annual fee for this payment plan. Please inquire by April 1 to be considered for this payment plan.

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

If you will have two or more children attending Divine Child Catholic Schools, please contact Matt Saxer, Director of Admissions, regarding approval for a 12-month equal payment plan.

## **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 2.95% 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?**

Elementary School tuition rates for the 2022-23 school year are:

- In-Parish families: \$5,500 for 1 child, \$8,800 for 2 children, and \$11,100 for 3 or more children
- Out of Parish families: \$7,000 for 1 child, \$10,300 for 2 children, and \$12,600 for 3 or more children

A \$200 non-refundable registration fee per student is due at the time of registration.

## **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 at Divine Child regularly, participate in one or more Parish ministries and/or fundraisers, and contribute to the Parish regularly. You are considered a member of Divine Child if you have met the above and registered at the time of student registration. Students who are

granted our in-Parish rate must be Baptized Catholic. 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. NOTE: If your child transferred into Divine Child Elementary from a Catholic school that closed and you are Catholic, your child will receive our in-Parish rate through 8<sup>th</sup> grade without having to join our Parish.

### **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 2021-22 were \$800 - \$1,100 per student. Please refer to the Archdiocese of Detroit website at [www.detroitcatholicschools.org/tuition-assistance-scholarships](http://www.detroitcatholicschools.org/tuition-assistance-scholarships) . The Student Aid Form is available on that webpage.

### **Do I have to apply for the Archdiocese of Detroit grants every year?**

Yes, an online Student Aid Form 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 2022-23.

### **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 regular Mass attendance, have been met. If the above requirements have not been met, an out-of-Parish status is applied. If a family cannot afford to make an Offertory donation some weekends, the family should place an empty Offertory envelope in the Offertory basket/bin. If a family cannot attend Mass on a given weekend, they should still submit their Offertory envelope to the Rectory.

### **What happens if I do not have the first tuition payment paid by June 30<sup>th</sup>?**

If the first payment is not made by June 30<sup>th</sup>, then current Elementary School students' access to FACTS for grades and schedules will be revoked. Both returning and incoming students will not be allowed to participate in any summer conditioning, camps or other school-sponsored programs until the first payment is received.

### **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 [vicky@divinechild.org](mailto:vicky@divinechild.org) at least five business days 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 2022-23 FACTS payments are not current by:

- July 29, 2022: The student(s) cannot start classes, clubs/activities or Fall sports practices.
- January 27, 2023: Registration for the 2023-24 school year will not be offered until payments become current.
- May 31, 2023: The student(s) will not receive a final report card. An eighth grader can participate in Graduation but will not receive a diploma.
- Friday, June 30: The student(s) cannot return for the 2023-24 school year.

If tuition payments are more than 60 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, 2022 shall be refunded the entire amount of tuition paid. The registration fee is non-refundable except in cases of student illness, families moving from the metropolitan Detroit area or a COVID-19 related job loss. On or after August 1, 2022, the following schedule will be used:

- If a student withdraws between August 1 and October 15, DC will keep 25% of 2022-23 tuition.
- If a student withdraws between October 16 and December 31, DC will keep 50% of 2022-23 tuition.
- If a student withdraws between January 1 and March 15, DC will keep 75% of 2022-23 tuition.
- If a student withdraws on or after March 16, DC will keep 100% of 2022-23 tuition.