

# ST. DOMINIC HIGH SCHOOL 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR TUITION PAYMENT OPTIONS AND POLICIES

## INTRODUCTION:

We believe that your tuition payments, which are approximately 90% of the total cost to educate a student, are an investment in your son / daughter's future. They also provide the resources necessary for the school to offer quality Catholic secondary education.

## TUITION PAYMENT OPTIONS:

1. All families are expected to make tuition payments according to one of the options offered. Any of the first four can be paid through Smart Tuition, but you will be charged a onetime \$50 per family fee for the convenience of using the automatic withdrawal.
  - A. Option 1 - Full payment of tuition paid directly to the school by June 30, 2024 with a 2.5% discount off tuition. (NO discount after June 30). If payment is more than five days late, you will be required to make other arrangements.
  - B. Option 2 - A two-payment (semester) option with 50% of the tuition due by June 30, 2024 and the remaining amount due December 1, 2024 paid directly to the school. There is a 1% discount of the tuition deductible from the December payment. (NO discount after December 1.) If payment is more than five days late on either payment date, you will be required to make other arrangements.
  - C. Smart Tuition Option - 10-month payment plan (July 5 or 20, 2024, through April 5 or 20, 2025) through an automatic cash withdrawal from your checking/savings account through the Smart Tuition Company. One Agreement per family must be filled out listing each child attending St. Dominic. The \$50 annual fee per family is paid directly to St. Dominic prior to the first payment. Families that choose the 10-month payment plan and miss a monthly payment due to insufficient funds will be automatically charged a \$30 missed payment fee by SMART Tuition and may incur a similar penalty from their own banking institution.
  - D. Option 4 – Quarterly payment plan - Four equal payments due on June 30, September 30 and December 30, 2024, as well as March 30, 2025. No discount is offered for this plan.
  - E. Option 529 – Using 529 Funds – Families who use their 529 Savings Plan to pay tuition may do so by making one of the payment plans **directly** to SDHS. Discounts based on payment plan and **no automatic withdrawals made through Smart Tuition.**
2. Late Registration:
  - A. Families registering after June 30 shall be expected to fulfill their tuition obligation according to the tuition policy stated above at the time of registration.
  - B. Tuition for students registering on or after the first day of school shall be prorated over the number of school days they will be in attendance according to an established formula.

## 3. Late Payments:

It shall be the responsibility of each school family to keep the president or tuition accounts manager informed of the need to make any changes in their preferred tuition payment plan or adjustments in the amount of tuition expected to be paid. Penalties for not paying on time are outlined in the payment options above and later in this notice

## **TUITION ASSISTANCE:**

The amount of tuition assistance available for school families with financial need has been increased to assist with the increased costs. Normally, requests for such assistance should be made in March for the following year. However, since some circumstances are unpredictable, families should not hesitate to inform the administration of their need whenever it may arise during the year.

For the sake of your family's security and peace of mind, and for the general financial stability of our school, we encourage parents or guardians to contact the school as soon as possible when they are experiencing economic difficulties.

## **NON-ADMISSION OF STUDENTS DUE TO TUITION DELIQUENCY:**

Families failing to pay tuition according to the agreement which they have made or who have been unwilling to make suitable alternative arrangements will be informed that their child/children would not be re-admitted to our school. All families must be current in their payment of tuition.

### **August 1, 2024**

If missed, students will not be admitted on the first day of school.

### **December 1, 2024**

If missed, students will not be readmitted on the first day of class in January and will not be eligible for semester examination. No grades or report cards will be released.

### **May 1, 2025 (May 1 for Seniors)**

If missed, students will not be eligible for semester examination. Also, they will not receive report cards and permanent records/transcripts will not be released by the school administration. Seniors may not participate in graduation and related activities.

## **DELIQUENT TUITION FROM PREVIOUS YEAR(S):**

All previously unpaid tuition must be paid by August 1 if a student is to be re-admitted on the first day of class for a new school year. Payments are to be made directly to the school. If payment is not possible, suitable arrangements must be made with the administration.

## **TUITION REFUNDS:**

Families withdrawing students prior to the first day of school shall be refunded the entire amount of tuition that has been paid for the current school year. After the first day of school, tuition refunds shall be prorated over the number of school days each student was in attendance according to an established formula.

## **OTHER CONSEQUENCES OF NON-PAYMENT:**

- A. Transcripts will not be sent unless tuition and fees are current.
- B. No student may participate in graduation and related activities unless all financial obligations to the school have been paid.