

2024-2025 SMCS Tuition & Registration Information

St. Mary Catholic Schools (SMCS) is proud to provide academic excellence, offer best-in-class facilities, and innovative technology to students of all faiths and families of all income levels.

Tuition assistance is available to allow every family who wants their child(ren) to be a part of the SMCS community the ability to fit tuition into their household budget.

Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten

Early Childhood Program	Tuition
P3 & 4K (3 half days)	\$2,300
P3 & 4K (5 half days)	\$2,920
4K (3 full days)	\$3,650
4K (5 full days)	\$4,650

St. Mary Catholic Schools Early Childhood Programs allow for flexibility to meet the needs of each individual family. Our Administrators and staff will work with you to determine the programs and schedules that work best for your child and family. With the addition of before, extended, and after school care, SMCS can provide quality, convenient, affordable early childhood options from 7:15am to 5:30pm.

Grades K – 12 Tuition

St. Mary School Grade Level	Parish Member Annual Tuition	Non-Parishioner Annual Tuition
Elementary (K-5)	\$4,650	\$6,305
Middle School (6-8)	\$5,750	\$7,405
High School (9-12)	\$8,400	\$10,055

New Information for Families Interested in Tuition Assistance

- SMCS partners with FACTS Tuition Management to award tuition assistance. FACTS recommendations will serve as a guide, as our award process will remain confidential, compassionate, and need based.
- Registered families will be alerted once the 2024-25 Tuition Assistance Application opens.
- Families must apply for tuition assistance each year. Awards do not automatically renew.

To ensure that all funds, which have been generously donated for tuition assistance, are available to help families desiring the premier Catholic education SMCS provides, we ask families seeking any form of subsidy to apply for assistance. **Financial need will not be a barrier to enroll in SMCS.**

Ray & Marie Miller Tuition Grant

SMCS was blessed to receive a significant bequest on behalf of Ray & Marie Miller. In honoring their wishes, SMCS created grants to offset middle and high school tuition. Registered families will be contacted in June to opt in. While these are not need based grants, we ask that you prayerfully consider renewing.

- \$200 grant available for Grades 6 – 8
- \$500 grant available for Grades 9-12
- All families must opt in for the Miller grant each year. Awards do not automatically renew.

Affordable Tuition Grant

In order to maximize the funds available for families applying for tuition assistance, the Affordable Tuition Grant is being phased out. Current 9th through 11th graders previously awarded the Affordable Tuition Grant will receive the grant for the remainder of their high school education. If you no longer need this subsidy, please contact Tuition@smcatholicsschools.org

RaiseRight – Scrip Program

RaiseRight scrip is a year-round benefit that allows all SMCS families to turn everyday purchases into tuition credit. On average, families are earning over \$500 per year through RaiseRight, with many earning over \$1,000!

How it works: Buy gift cards or e-cards through the RaiseRight program at face value to use at thousands of retailers in store or online. The retailers provide a rebate to SMCS. SMCS gives back 80% of the rebates to our families as quarterly tuition credits.

In-Parish Tuition Rate

SMCS parishes require that families who are billed at the listed in-parish tuition rates be active, registered parishioners, which involves worship, service, and financial support of the parish, as determined by the parish. The out-of-parish rate is an additional \$1,655 per student in K-12 with a family max of three assessments. Families are asked to identify their parish affiliation in Powerschool as part of pre-registration.

Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP)

SMCS participates in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program. The state application period runs from February 1st to April 18th. Please review eligibility requirements at: dpi.wi.gov/choice or contact Tuition@smcatholicsschools.org for more information.

Being awarded the WPCP grant means free tuition for your child grades 4K-12 at SMCS!

Family Size	Single Parent 2023* Income	Married 2023* Income
2	\$43,384	XX
3	\$54,692	\$61,692
4	\$66,000	\$73,000
5	\$77,308	\$84,308
6	\$88,616	\$95,616
7	\$99,924	\$106,924
8	\$111,232	\$118,232
9	\$122,540	\$129,540

*2022 income can be used to qualify if you apply for the WPCP prior to filing 2023 taxes.

Tax Benefit Opportunity for Full Tuition-Paying Families

There is a significant difference between the cost to educate a student and what we charge for tuition. Therefore, we are again extending a “Cost to Educate” invitation for families. There is no expectation, and this is not tuition. Instead, we are inviting those who feel called to pay closer to the actual cost to educate a child.

A donation of \$2,500 per student will be invoiced separately to be paid by May 15, 2025.

Money paid through the “Cost to Educate” invitation will be invoiced separately and is considered a charitable gift for tax purposes.

Fees

Fee Type	Elementary School	Middle School	High School
Technology Integration	\$100	6 th : \$200, 7 th /8 th : \$150	\$150
Activity	\$65	\$85	\$45
Co-Curricular(s)	varied based on activity	varied based on activity	varied based on activity
Curricular	band fee	band fee	See course selection guide
Zephyrs Gold Raffle	\$200 per family	\$200 per family	\$200 per family

Technology Integration

The Technology Integration fee is assessed to help support the varying costs associated with the SMCS commitment to provide system-wide, innovative technology programming. It incorporates network infrastructure maintenance, software licensing fees, online learning subscriptions, and printing fees. At the Elementary and Middle School levels, iPad or MacBook Air case repairs, annual lease, and licensing fees are included.

Activity

The Activity fee is assessed in order to provide field trip and guest speaker opportunities for our students without collecting separate fees throughout the year.

Co-Curriculars

SMCS students enjoy a plethora of activities in service, robotics, academics, forensics and more! SMCS considers activities outside the classroom to be so important to the development of a well-rounded student that we refer to them as co-curricular, rather than extracurricular.

- Athletics
 - Middle and high school Athletic registrations are to be completed and paid online. Please go to the co-curriculars page on our website, and click on “Athletics” to register. Fees vary by sport and must be paid prior to the first practice.
- Fine Arts/STEM/Clubs
 - Middle school and high school: Co-Curricular activities require separate registration and payment.

Zephyrs Gold Raffle

Families have the opportunity to sell Zephyrs Gold Raffle tickets the second semester to support SMCS operations. Families choosing not to sell the raffle tickets will be assessed a \$200 Zephyrs Gold Raffle fee.

Registration

SMCS uses Powerschool for registration, student services, and family notification. This includes system, lunch account, and grade/schedule (6th – 12th) communication. It is important for all parents to ensure that all contact information is accurately updated on an ongoing basis. Download the App for quick access to complete forms, permission slips, view lunch account balances, and update contact information.

Current St. Mary Catholic School Students

Current SMCS students will be automatically enrolled for the 2024-25 school year. A \$75 per student early registration fee will be added to existing tuition accounts on March 15th. There is a max registration fee of \$225 per family. Registration fees are non-refundable and are not deducted from tuition fees.

If your family does not intend to return to St. Mary Catholic Schools for the 2024-25 school year, please email admissions@smcatholicsschools.org

New Students

Families with new students are able to pre-register on our website at any time. Our Enrollment Coordinator is available to provide guidance and answer questions throughout the enrollment process at admissions@smcatholicsschools.org. New students who are pre-registered by March 15th will be assessed a \$75 per student early registration fee on their 2024-25 tuition bill. There is a \$225 max early registration fee per family. Registrations will be accepted after this date if there is room available. After March 15th, the fee increases to \$100 per student (family max \$300).

Billing and Refunds

SMCS partners with Blackbaud Tuition Management to invoice and collect tuition and fees. This allows families to log in anytime to review billing, make additional payments, and access payment receipts, and year-end statements for tax purposes.

New families will be emailed a link to create a Blackbaud tuition account in the summer. At that time, families pay registration fees and choose a payment plan preference. Tuition is due in full by May 31st.

Payment Plan Options

- Quarterly (Aug, Nov, Feb, May)
- Monthly - over 9, 10 or 11 months
- Pay in full by August 1st

For billing and refund purposes, the school year is divided into 10 months (August to May). If a student withdraws or is asked to leave an SMCS school, the following guidelines will be used:

- If paying monthly, there will be no refund of the initial (first month) payment, regardless of the number of days a student is in class.
- For those who have prepaid, tuition will be prorated through the end of the month of withdrawal. For example, if a student withdraws on October 9, tuition would be prorated for three months (August-October) and the refund would be for seven months (November-May). Assistance, scholarships, and discounts will also be prorated using this formula.