



March 4, 2019

Dear Parents,

Thank you for choosing St. Patrick School for your child(ren)'s education. Registration for the 2019-20 school year is now open, and we look forward to having you join us for another great school year!

It's an irrefutable fact that a St. Patrick Catholic School education provides your child(ren) with not only an outstanding curriculum infused with Catholic values, but with the foundation needed to succeed upon graduation. Our school's rigorous curriculum, including our updated theology curriculum, diverse course offerings, advanced placement courses, as well as the opportunity to take classes through Lansing Community College and our partnerships with Aquinas College and Heartlands Institute of Technology, prepares our students for any career pathway, vocation, and to be a spirit-filled, Christ-centered individual throughout their life.

We are mindful of the immense financial sacrifices required to provide your child(ren) with a faith-based education and we are grateful for your commitment to St. Patrick. We are extremely thankful to our parish which provides 35% of the offertory to support the school. We are also appreciative to the Father Flohe Foundation for their annual support of our parish school. Through the collaborative efforts of parish and school administration, the school board finance subcommittee, and the parish finance council, this year's tuition rates have been discussed at great length.

This year's tuition rates allow us to budget for and maintain the quality of all of our current course offerings and current programs. It also allows us to give our school staff a 2% salary increase as a small token of our appreciation for their dedication to your children. In addition, these rates will allow us to hire an elementary principal and add custodial and maintenance staff to make the necessary capital and educational investments needed to ensure that our school continues to be a safe and clean learning environment for your children.

The 2019-20 tuition rates for students attending St. Patrick School are as follows:

Grade	1st Child	2nd Child	3rd Child	4th Child
9-12	\$5,300	\$4,200	\$3,255	\$1,990
DK-8	\$4,550	\$3,700	\$2,755	\$1,445
Preschool 5-day	\$2,365	\$1,925	\$1,435	\$835
Preschool 3-day	\$1,495	\$1,180	\$860	\$445
Preschool 2-day	\$990	\$775	\$565	\$350

*Any children in the same family, enrolled at the same time, past the 4th child will attend St. Patrick School at no charge.

All you need to do to re-enroll is verify/sign the emergency record for each of your child(ren) and return it with your tuition contract (both are included in this mailing) to the school office. Please send these along with the \$50 registration fee for each student on or before May 3, 2019, at 4 p.m.

Enrolling your child(ren) as soon as possible will help us in planning for the next school year. If returning students are registered after May 3 at 4 p.m. the registration fee is \$100 per student as we cannot emphasize enough the importance of turning registrations in to the office in a timely fashion.

In our pursuit of offering our students an education that will prepare them for the 21st century and beyond, we will be charging a \$75 technology fee per family (grades DK-12). While the technology fee does not cover all technology related expenses, it does go a long way in assisting with the cost of our IT services. This is also extremely helpful toward our implementation of a 1:1 Chromebook program for all middle and high school students.

Once again, we will be using SMART Tuition Management, as do all other schools in the diocese. Families are required to enroll in this program and tuition will be paid through an ACH withdrawal. Each family will be assessed an annual fee payable to SMART of \$35 per family depending on the payment plan chosen. Please add customerservice@smarttuitionmessages.com to your contacts so future emails do not go to your spam. Please contact Sr. Anna Rose Kalinowski, St. Patrick Parish business manager, at (517) 647-6505 if you need assistance in finding a tuition payment plan option which works for your family. If you are in need of financial assistance and missed the fall application window, please contact the school office for more information.

Thank you for your commitment to St. Patrick Catholic School. The best way for us to keep growing is when our current families provide recommendations to new families. Please help us by letting your friends and family know about our "Try Us, You'll Like Us" tuition program. This program allows a new student in grades 1-11 to attend St. Patrick School at no cost (except for the \$50 registration fee and \$75 technology fee) for the first marking period they attend. You can also recommend your family and friends anonymously by using the Catholic Schools Referral Form on our school website.

Please feel free to contact me by email at randyhodge@portlandstpats.com or call me at (517) 647-7551 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Randy Hodge
Principal