



February 21, 2020

Dear Parents,

St. Patrick Catholic School has officially opened enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year. We are beginning a new program with the upcoming school year, in which we will continuously enroll students in grades 1-12 at St. Patrick School until their graduation. Continuous enrollment will simplify the annual registration process for our returning families. You will need to complete and return your child(ren)'s Emergency Record and your Tuition Contract. Please return these forms to the school office by March 5, 2020. A \$50 registration fee will still be charged, you may pay it when you return your forms or it will be added to your SMART Tuition account since it no longer needs to be paid upfront.

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 School. We are extremely thankful to our parish which provides 35% of the offertory to support the school. We are also appreciative of the school board finance subcommittee, the parish finance council, our advancement and development team, and to the Father Flohe Foundation for their annual support of our parish school. Through the collaborative efforts of these groups, our parish and school administration are working hard to ensure our school is run efficiently, our programs are adequately funded, and we will continue to do all that we can to keep tuition increases to a minimum.

This year's tuition rates allow us to maintain and improve upon the quality of all our current course offerings and current programs. It also allows us to give our school staff a salary increase as a small token of our appreciation for their dedication to your children.

The 2020-21 tuition rates for students attending St. Patrick School are as follows:

Grade	1st Child	2nd Child	3rd Child	4th Child
9-12	\$5,400	\$4,300	\$3,600	\$2,700
K-8	\$4,650	\$3,800	\$2,855	\$1,545
Preschool 5-day \$2,465	Preschool 3-day \$1,595		Preschool 2-day \$1,090	

- Any children in the same family in grades K-12, enrolled at the same time, past the 4th child will attend St. Patrick School at no charge except the \$50 per pupil enrollment fee.
- Each preschool student will be charged the same per child rate.

In our pursuit of offering our students an education that will prepare them for the 21st century and beyond, we will continue to charge a flat fee of \$75 per family (grades K-12) for technology. 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 and maintaining a computer lab for our elementary students.

Once again, we will be using SMART Tuition Management, as do all other schools in the Diocese of Grand Rapids. Families are required to enroll in this program and tuition will be paid through an ACH withdrawal. Each family may be assessed an annual fee payable to SMART of \$38 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 or a school administrator if you need assistance in finding an alternative tuition payment plan option that works for your family or if you need financial assistance and missed the fall application window.

Please note that if you are no longer enrolling your child(ren) at St. Patrick School for the next school year, your family will need to complete an exit survey for the student(s) to be unenrolled. Exit surveys can be obtained by contacting the school office. If you fail to notify the school about unenrolling a child by June 1, your SMART Tuition account will be billed for the upcoming school year.

Thank you for your commitment to St. Patrick Catholic School. Please feel free to contact us by email at randyhodge@portlandstpats.org or cortneysmith@portlandstpats.org, or feel free to call the school office at (517) 647-7551 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Randy Hodge
High School Principal

Cortney Smith
Elementary Principal