



*Shaping their future  
to be the best they can be*

February 17, 2017

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Besides the gift of life, the greatest gift parents or guardians can give their children is the gift of faith. We are very glad that you have chosen to send your children to a Catholic elementary school. It reflects both your commitment to raise your child(ren) in the Catholic faith, as well as your desire to provide them with an academically rigorous education within a nurturing family environment that will help shape their future to be the best they can be.

The Quincy Catholic Schools Leadership Team has made the decision to **not increase tuition** for the 2017-2018 school year. The Instructional Fee for the 2017-2018 school year will remain at \$190 per child, if it is paid in full by **Monday, May 1st, 2017**. After **May 1st, 2017**, the Instructional Fee will increase to \$290 per child. The \$50 per student Technology Fee will also remain the same, if paid by **Monday, May 1st, 2017**. After **May 1st, 2017**, the Technology Fee will increase to \$100 per student. **However, in order to guarantee a space for your child(ren) at any one of the four Catholic elementary schools, both the Instructional Fee and the Technology Fee, which are non-refundable, must be paid by Monday, May 1st, 2017. PLEASE NOTE that current QCES families that still owe tuition and/or fees for the current school year, 2016-2017, must pay their outstanding amount by Friday, March 31st, 2017. For those parents with a 2016-2017 tuition loan from HOMEBANK, you must also be current with your loan payments. Families that are not in good financial standing with their school, and with their HOMEBANK loan payments, will not be allowed to register their children for the 2017-2018 school year, until all 2016-2017 tuition and fees are paid in full. PLEASE ALSO NOTE that you can no longer include the \$190 Instructional Fee and the \$50 Technology Fee in a school loan. Only tuition will be allowed to be paid by a school loan. All tuition loans acquired through HOMEBANK must first be approved by the Pastor of the parish school your child(ren) will be attending, and that Pastor will periodically receive information on the status of your loan.**

Please be aware that it is the desire of all four pastors to have every Catholic child in Quincy enrolled in one of our four Catholic elementary schools. It is also our desire, along with that of each school principal, to work with every family to the greatest extent possible to make a Catholic education an affordable investment in their children's future.

Private School Aid Service (PSAS) was recently purchased by **FACTS**, who will now be doing the needs assessment for QCES families. QCES families seeking tuition assistance are encouraged to complete and mail their **FACTS** Application Form, along with all necessary supporting documentation, by **Friday, March 31st, 2017**, in order to receive full consideration from the Tuition-Assistance Review Committee of the QCES Foundation. Families who will also have children attending QND in the fall only need to submit one **FACTS** form. The **FACTS** Application deadline for QND is also **Friday, March 31st, 2017**. **QCES is offering assistance in completing the new FACTS Application Form for the 2017-2018 school year. If you would like assistance in completing the application form, please contact the principal of your school, and she will be happy to put you in touch with a "Tuition Mentor." You will be assigned a "Tuition Mentor" from a parish/school other than your own, who has volunteered and been trained to help families wanting assistance in completing the FACTS Application Form. Strict confidentiality will be maintained.**

If, after reading this letter, you have any questions or concerns, we encourage you to contact either your parish priest or your school principal, both of whom are partners with parents and guardians in providing a Catholic education to every family that wishes to enroll their children. Thank you, again, for choosing a Catholic elementary school education for your children.

May God bless you and your family,

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**A Quick View of the  
Tuition & Fees Deadlines for Registering Your Child(ren)  
at a Quincy Catholic Elementary School for the 2017-2018 School Year**

**Friday, March 31st, 2017:** Any outstanding amounts owed to your school (tuition, fees, hot lunch, etc.) for the current school year, 2016-2017, must be paid in full. For those parents who have a tuition loan from HOMEBANK for the 2016-2017 school year, you must also be current with your loan payments. **Families that are not in good financial standing with their school, and/or with their HOMEBANK loan payments, will not be allowed to register their children for the 2017-2018 school year.**

**Monday, May 1st, 2017:** The non-refundable \$190 Instructional Fee and the non-refundable \$50 Technology Fee must be paid in full in order to guarantee your students' enrollment at one of the four Catholic elementary schools for the 2017-2018 school year. **(Effective with the 2017-2018 school year, the non-refundable \$190 Instructional Fee and the non-refundable \$50 Technology Fee can no longer be included in a family's tuition loan.)**

**Friday, June 30th, 2017:** Tuition must be paid in full or verification that a loan for tuition (only) is being secured through HOMEBANK must be provided to the parish where your children will be attending school. (A 10% late fee will be charged if a family's tuition is not paid in full or verification is not provided that a tuition loan is being secured through HOMEBANK by the June 30th, deadline.)

# Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools Tuition & Fees Fact Sheet for 2017-2018

## Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools Tuition Rates for 2017-2018

	<u>Participating Registered Parishioner</u>	<u>Non- Participating or Non-Registered Parishioner</u>
<b>One Child</b>	\$2,600	\$3,525
<b>Family (2 or more)</b>	\$3,725	\$5,875

### The 2017-2018 Instructional Fee for Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools

- The non-refundable Instructional Fee will remain at \$190 per child, if paid in full by Monday, May 1st, 2017.
- After Monday, May 1st, 2017, the non-refundable Instructional Fee will increase to \$290 per child.
- **PLEASE NOTE: The non-refundable \$190 Instructional Fee can no longer be included in a school loan. Only tuition will be allowed to be paid with a school loan.** In order to guarantee a space for your child(ren) at one of the four Catholic elementary schools, the Instructional Fee must be paid in full by Monday, May 1st, 2017.

### The 2017-2018 Technology Fee for Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools

- The non-refundable Technology Fee will remain at \$50 per child, if paid in full by Monday, May 1st, 2017.
- After Monday, May 1st, 2017, the non-refundable Technology Fee will increase to \$100 per child.
- **PLEASE NOTE: The non-refundable \$50 Technology Fee can no longer be included in a school loan. Only tuition will be allowed to be paid with a school loan.** In order to guarantee a space for your child(ren) at one of the four Catholic elementary schools, the Technology Fee must be paid in full by Monday, May 1st, 2017.

### The Average Cost to Educate a Child in a Quincy Catholic Elementary School

- The average cost of child care for one school-age child in the Quincy area is \*\$24.60 per day.
- The average cost to educate one child in a Quincy Catholic elementary school is approximately \$30.70 per day.
- The Participating Registered Parishioner Single Student Tuition Rate of \$2,600, when broken down by the day, is \$14.80 per day.
- The Participating Registered Parishioner Family (2 or more) Tuition Rate of \$3,725 is \$21.20 per day.
- The Non-Participating or Non-Registered Parishioner Single Student Tuition Rate of \$3,525, when broken down by the day, is \$20.05 per day.
- The Non-Participating or Non-Registered Parishioner Family (2 or more) Tuition Rate of \$5,875 is \$33.40 per day.
- The Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools' tuition is quite a bargain, and the value of this education is much more substantial than what children are provided in daycare.
- **The difference between the cost to educate and the cost of tuition is underwritten/subsidized by each parish through the stewardship of their parishioners.**

### Initiatives in Place to Help Offset the Cost of QCES Tuition

- Participation in the **Gene Grawe Fund** will provide direct assistance to families through a tuition credit at the Catholic school of their choice. For more information about the **Gene Grawe Fund**, please contact **JoAnn Witte at 217-214-0169**.
- When awarding tuition assistance, the **QCES Foundation** strives to maintain their commitment to meet as close to 100% of a QCES family's tuition assistance need, as determined by **FACTS**, as possible.
- **HOME BANK** will once again provide QCES tuition loans (no application fee is charged) that can be paid in 10 equal installments (**August 2017 - May 2018**). For more information, please contact **Nathan Bozarth at 217-214-4302**.
- Parents of parochial school students in Illinois are eligible for the **Illinois Education Tax Credit for Private School Tuition and Fees**. This tax credit provision allows parents to write off 25% of their eligible education expenses for their own children, up to a maximum credit of \$500. Eligible expenses include tuition, book fees, and lab fees in excess of \$250. Please consult your tax advisor for more information.

\*The average daily rate for childcare was based on weekly rates provided by Blessing Hospital Child Care Center, Caywood's Youth Center, and Kiddie Korner Day Care.

**Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools**  
**K-8th Grade Enrollment & Registration Form**  
**2017-2018**



Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Currently, I am/We are registered in \_\_\_\_\_ Parish.

My/Our children are currently enrolled in \_\_\_\_\_ School.

My/Our children are (check one) \_\_\_\_\_ Catholic or \_\_\_\_\_ of another faith.

I am/We are enrolling our child(ren) in \_\_\_\_\_ School for the 2017-18 school year.

Currently participate in **Gene Grawe Fund**? \_\_\_ Yes or \_\_\_ No

Student Name	Gender	Grade for 2017-18
1) _____	M or F	_____
2) _____	M or F	_____
3) _____	M or F	_____
4) _____	M or F	_____

Tuition Legend		
<i>(The QCES "cost to educate" per child will exceed \$5,400 for the 2017-2018 school year.)</i>		
	<u>Participating Registered Parishioner</u>	<u>Non-Participating or Non-Registered Parishioner</u>
<b>One Child</b>	<b>\$2,600</b>	<b>\$3,525</b>
<b>Family</b>	<b>\$3,725</b>	<b>\$5,875</b>

I/We wish to meet our Tuition Commitment:

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ By paying **the full amount by Friday, June 30th, 2017**
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ By taking out a **loan for tuition** from **HOME BANK** (payable in 10 equal monthly payments)

Please indicate below if you plan to apply for tuition assistance by submitting a **FACTS Application Form**.

Yes      or       No

*(Late penalty: A 10% late fee will be added on tuition payments made after Friday, June 30th, 2017)*

The **Instructional Fee** for **each** child is **\$190** until Mon., May 1st, 2017. After May 1st, it is **\$290 per child**.  
 The **Technology Fee** for **each** child is **\$50** until Mon., May 1st, 2017. After May 1st, it is **\$100 per child**.

Payment Options (check one):

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ **Payment for each child** is enclosed. Make checks payable to the school your child(ren) will be attending.
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ **I plan to apply for a tuition loan for QCES Tuition from HOME BANK.**

I/We understand that our tuition, instructional and technology fees only cover a portion of the actual cost.

I/We will support our parish with time, talent and financial support.

I/We will actively support our child(ren)'s school with our time and talent.

I/We commit to fulfilling 10 service hours per family or will pay \$10 per hour not served.

I/We will contribute to the Annual Fund/Stewardship Campaign.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Father/Guardian
Mother/Guardian

**All Registration Forms, Instructional, and Technology Fees are due by Monday, May 1st, 2017, to the school your children(ren) will be attending. Your child(ren) is/are not guaranteed a space at one of the four Catholic elementary schools until both the \$190 Instructional Fee and the \$50 Technology Fee are both paid in full.**

**If you are a new QCES Family, how did you learn about our schools? (Circle all that apply) Digital Marketing, another QCES Parent, Newspaper Ads, TV Ads, the QCES Website, Other \_\_\_\_\_**

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**Instructional & Technology Fees:** Amount received \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Loan amount \_\_\_\_\_

**Tuition:** Amount received \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Loan amount \_\_\_\_\_