



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

Friday, March 2, 2018

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 2018-2019 school year. The Instructional Fee for the 2018-2019 school year will remain at \$190 per child, if it is paid in full by **Tuesday, May 1st, 2018**. After **May 1st, 2018**, the Instructional Fee will increase to \$290 per child. The \$50 per student Technology Fee will also remain the same, if paid by **Tuesday, May 1st, 2018**. After **May 1st, 2018**, 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 Tuesday, May 1st, 2018. PLEASE NOTE that current QCES families that still owe tuition and/or fees for the current school year, 2017-2018, must pay their outstanding amount by Friday, March 23rd, 2018. For those parents with a 2017-2018 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 2018-2019 school year, until all 2017-2018 tuition and fees are paid in full. PLEASE ALSO NOTE that you cannot include the Instructional Fee and the Technology Fee in your payments made through the FACTS Tuition Management Program (TMP). Only tuition will be allowed to be paid through the FACTS TMP.**

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.

Families seeking to receive tuition assistance must complete and submit the FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment Application Form, including all required supporting documentation (W-2 forms, 2017 tax forms, and other documentation that FACTS may request from you) by Friday, April 6th, 2018. The FACTS Application deadline for QND is also Friday, April 6th, 2018. The FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment Application Form can only be completed and submitted online. If you need assistance in completing the FACTS Application Form for the 2018-2019 school year, 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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Tuition & Fees Deadlines for the 2018-2019 School Year

Friday, March 23rd, 2018: Any outstanding amounts owed to your school (tuition, fees, hot lunch, etc.) for the current school year, 2017-2018, must be paid in full. For those parents who have a tuition loan from HOMEBANK for the 2017-2018 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 2017-2018 HOMEBANK loan payments, will not be allowed to enroll their children for the 2018-2019 school year.**

Tuesday, May 1st, 2018: The non-refundable \$190 Instructional Fee and \$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 2018-2019 school year.

Friday, June 29th, 2018: Tuition must be paid in full or you must have made arrangements to make payments for your child's(dren's) tuition through the FACTS TMP. (A 10% late fee will be charged if a family's tuition is not paid in full or verification is not provided that you have will be making payments through the FACTS Tuition-Management Program.)

Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools Tuition & Fees Fact Sheet for 2018-2019

Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools Tuition Rates for 2018-2019

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

The 2018-2019 Instructional Fee for Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools

- The non-refundable Instructional Fee will remain at \$190 per child, if paid in full by **Tuesday, May 1st, 2018**.
- After **Tuesday, May 1st, 2018**, the non-refundable Instructional Fee will increase to \$290 per child.
- **PLEASE NOTE:** The Instructional Fee cannot be included in a **FACTS Tuition Management Program (TMP)** payment plan. Only tuition will be allowed to be paid through the **TMP**. 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 **Tuesday, May 1st, 2018**.

The 2018-2019 Technology Fee for Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools

- The non-refundable Technology Fee will remain at \$50 per child, if paid in full by **Tuesday, May 1st, 2018**.
- After **Tuesday, May 1st, 2018**, the non-refundable Technology Fee will increase to \$100 per child.
- **PLEASE NOTE:** The Technology Fee cannot be included in a **FACTS TMP** payment plan. Only tuition will be allowed to be paid through the **FACTS TMP** payment plan. 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 **Tuesday, May 1st, 2018**.

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

- 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

- We encourage those who are eligible to apply for scholarships through the **Illinois Tax Credit Scholarship Program**. For more information, go to **empowerillinois.org**. **Scholarships for eligible students will be awarded on a first come/first served basis. Therefore, you should plan to apply as soon as possible after the application becomes available at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, February 27th, 2018**
- 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 Grant & Aid Assessment**, as possible.
- 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 \$750. Eligible expenses include tuition, book fees, and lab fees in excess of \$250. Please consult your tax advisor for more information.

St. Peter School K-8th Grade Pre-Enrollment Form

Parent/Guardian _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ Zip Code _____ E-mail _____

My/Our children are (check one) Catholic of another faith _____ (Please list faith)

If Catholic please list parish registered in _____

My/Our children are currently enrolled in _____ School

Student(s) Name	Gender	Grade for 2018/19
1. _____	M or F	_____
2. _____	M or F	_____
3. _____	M or F	_____
4. _____	M or F	_____

Tuition Rates for each family are determined according to the St. Peter Family Agreement (see attached)
(Tuition rates do not include the \$190 instructional fee and \$50 technology fee.)

I/We wish to pay:

1. The full cost to educate. (\$5400/child)
2. The Participating Parishioner tuition rate agreed to in the St. Peter School Family Agreement.
(\$2600/1 child, \$3725/family)
3. The Non- Participating Parishioner/Other Faith tuition rate agreed to in the St. Peter School Family Agreement. (\$3525/1 child, \$5875/family)

I/We will:

1. Pay in full by June 29th, 2018 (*No FACTS fee)
2. Pay the amount of tuition agreed to in the St. Peter School Family Agreement by using FACTS Tuition Payment Plan. (\$50 FACTS fee)

*As a courtesy to our parents/families, St. Peter Church will pay the fee for the usage of the FACTS Management **if tuition is paid in full by June 29th, 2018**. For those families unable to pay in full and need to take advantage of 10 monthly payments a \$50 FACTS usage fee is assessed.

The Pre-Enrollment Form, and St. Peter School Family Agreement, are due by March 23, 2018.
Information about Online Enrollment will be sent out March 19th.

St. Peter School Family Agreement for the 2018-2019 School Year
for
Participating Parishioners

As parents/guardians we ask St. Peter Parish to help us provide our child(ren) with a Catholic education. We understand and agree that our child(ren) will be taught the teachings of the Catholic Church in their fullness. We further accept a commitment to the stewardship way of life as practiced by our parish in order to be considered for the maximum reduced tuition rate. Finally, we understand if we are unable to fulfill these obligations to our parish, we may choose to sign the alternate plan agreement and will be charged the Non-Participating Parishioner/Other Faiths tuition rate.

Please initial each item:

_____ Our family has returned a completed “stewardship renewal form” to the parish office (these are mailed each Fall to parishioners) making a good-faith commitment in the following areas:

_____ Each family member is actively involved in various parish ministries according to his or her time and talents.

_____ Our family tithes a certain amount of our income for the support of our parish.

_____ Each family member who is Catholic attends Mass each Sunday and holy days of obligation.

_____ Our family pledges our full cooperation with the school and parish to prepare our child(ren) to be a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Pastor’s Signature

**St. Peter School Family Agreement for the 2018-2019 School Year
for
Families of Other Faiths or Non-Participating Parishioners**

As parents we ask St. Peter Parish to help us provide our child(ren) with a Catholic education. We understand and agree that our child(ren) will be taught the teachings of the Catholic Church in their fullness. We further understand that we are not paying the full cost to educate our child(ren), but rather, benefitting from the generosity of St. Peter parishioners because of their commitment to passing along the values of the Catholic Faith.

_____ Our family pledges our full cooperation with the school and parish to prepare our child(ren) to be a disciple of Jesus Christ.

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