

Shaping their future to be the best they can be

# February 6, 2023

#### Dear Parents or Guardians:

Faith and education are the greatest gifts we can give to our children. We are thankful your family has chosen one of our Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools, and we value the trust you put in us to provide an academically rigorous education within a nurturing family environment. It is an honor to walk alongside you as we help shape your children's futures and strengthen their faith.

Each day, we see the sacrifices made by our students, families, faculty, staff, and generous donors to ensure our schools remain strong. We appreciate the financial commitment you make to send your child(ren) to one of our schools. As we do each year, the Quincy Catholic Schools Leadership Committee met to review the cost-to-educate and budgets for the upcoming school year. This committee strives to find a balance between maintaining affordability for our families while ensuring the strategic needs of the schools are met. After a careful review, increases to the tuition rates for the 2023-2024 school have been made. Please see the enclosed Tuition Rates document for specific information. We understand that an increase may be difficult for some families; however we continue to strive to provide assistance. As you will see, our parishes continue to subsidize more than 50% of the cost to educate parishioners and more than 35% for non-parishioners. In addition, there are other tuition assistance opportunities available and listed on the enclosed document.

As we look and plan ahead, our four schools continue our commitment to create an environment where students are supported, loved, encouraged, and valued. We hope you will share your family's great experiences with families in our community as we strive to continue to grow our schools, our offerings, and our future leaders both in the Church and in the community.

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 child(ren). Thank you, again, for choosing a Catholic elementary school.

May God bless you and your family,

Fr. Tom Meyer Mrs. Lisa Berhorst Blessed Sacrament (217) 228-1477 Fr. Tom Donovan
Mrs. Carol Frericks
St. Anthony/St. Dominic
(217) 224-0041

Fr. Steven Arisman Mrs. Julie Radel St. Francis (217) 222-4077 Msgr. Leo Enlow Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh St. Peter (217) 223-1120



# 2023-2024 Tuition & Fees Schedule Kindergarten - 8th Grade

## **Tuition**

Families **registered** and **actively participating** in one of the four Quincy Catholic Parishes that sponsor a school (Blessed Sacrament, St. Anthony, St. Francis, or St. Peter):

	Cost to Educate	Parish Subsidy	Cost to Family
One Child	\$6,800	\$3,560	\$3,240
Two Children	\$13,600	\$8,875	\$4,725
Three or more Children	\$20,400 (or more)	\$15,175 (or more)	\$5,225

Catholic families **not actively participating** in their parish or **not registered** in one of the four Quincy Catholic Parishes listed above OR families of another faith:

	Cost to Educate	Parish Subsidy	Cost to Family
One Child	\$6,800	\$2,400	\$4,400
Two Children	\$13,600	\$6,200	\$7,400
Three or more Children	\$20,400 (or more)	\$12000 (or more)	\$8,400

## Resource Fee:

New Families \$265 per student (Early Bird Discount)

\$415 per student (if paid after May 3, 2023)

Returning Families \$250 per student (Early Bird Discount)

\$400 (if paid after May 3, 2023)

In order to guarantee a space for your child(ren) - based on enrollment capacity - at any one of the four Catholic elementary schools, the **non-refundable** Resource Fee must be paid by Wednesday, May 3, 2023. Please note current QCES families who still owe tuition and/or fees for the current school year must pay their past due amount by Friday, May 31, 2023, in order to enroll their child(ren).



# 2023-2024 Important Dates

February 6, 2023 Online Application/Enrollment Begins

**FACTS Application Opens** 

Scholarship Applications Open Newcomer's Scholarship

St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship

Fr. Tolton Scholarship

March 31, 2023 FACTS application due. Required documentation must be

submitted (W-2 forms, tax returns, 1040, etc.)

Scholarship Applications Due

May 3, 2023 Non-refundable Resource Fee Due (to receive Early Bird

Discount)

May 31, 2023 Outstanding balance(s) from the current school year must be

paid in full to school (tuition, fees, lunch, etc.)

June 30, 2023 Tuition must be paid in full or a payment plan must be

established with the school through the FACTS

Tuition-Management Program. (For returning families: a 10% late fee will be charged if a family's tuition is not paid in full or verification is not provided that you will make payments

through Tuition-Management.)



# 2023-2024 Tuition Assistance Opportunities Kindergarten - 8th Grade

Every family receives tuition assistance thanks to the generous support of our parishes and parishioners. However, we understand some families need additional help. It is our desire for your child(ren) to attend one of our four schools. If you have any questions about the opportunities below, please contact Sara Reuschel at <a href="mailto:director@quincycatholicschools.org">director@quincycatholicschools.org</a> or (217) 779-3157 or visit <a href="https://www.quincycatholicschools.org/tuition-assistance">www.quincycatholicschools.org/tuition-assistance</a>.

# **Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools Foundation**

Families who wish to apply for tuition assistance or scholarships must complete and submit the FACTS Grant & Aid Application Form and submit all required supporting documents.

**FACTS Program** - For priority consideration of this application for tuition assistance, it should be submitted by March 31, 2023. Applications will be accepted after that date, but there is no guarantee that tuition assistance funds will still be available.

**Fr. Augustus Tolton Scholarship** - Full-tuition scholarship (K-8) awarded to one family at each of the four Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools.

**Newcomer's Scholarship** - Partially need based, full-tuition scholarship (K-8), either Catholic or non-Catholic, whose family does not currently have any children enrolled in one of Quincy's four Catholic Elementary Schools.

**St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship** - Full-tuition and fees scholarship (K-8) for four students registered at one of the four Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools whose family does not currently have a student enrolled. The scholarship is intended for students of color, non-Catholic students, students below poverty level, or students with disabilities.

All scholarship applications must be submitted to Sara Reuschel by March 31, 2023.

### **Gene Grawe Fund**

Participation in the Gene Grawe Fund can offset tuition by purchasing gift cards offered through many retailers. These businesses donate a percentage of the profits which is then distributed to the tuition accounts of the families participating. To learn more, visit <a href="www.genegrawefund.org">www.genegrawefund.org</a> or stop by the office located in the lobby at St. Peter Church, 2600 Maine Street.

## **Empower Illinois**

Empower Illinois is a Tax Credit Scholarship for K-12 students that covers up to 100% of private school tuition based on need. Applicants must first reserve their place in line by completing a brief online form. A full application will then be required. Visit <a href="https://www.empowerillinois.org">www.empowerillinois.org</a> for more information.