

April 16, 2024

Dear St. Mary School Families:

Thank you for choosing St. Mary School and entrusting us with your child's education. We look forward to partnering with you to maintain the bright future of our school. St Paul VI Parish and St. Mary School are committed to providing a strong faith-based education that will ensure every student has the foundation to excel beyond the doors of our school.

Our education program:

- Invests in the hiring and training of highly qualified faculty and staff
- It is enriched with STEAM principles in all areas of the curriculum
- Incorporates fine arts, physical education, and technology programs
- Provides twenty-first-century technology for our students
- It is designed with good stewardship in mind to ensure sustained financial viability

We are proud of our students' achievements, which we believe truly testify to the value of a St. Mary education.

The excellence of a St Mary School education is funded through tuition, school fundraisers, and strong support from St Paul VI Parish. After consultation with the School Advisory Board, K-8 tuition rates for the 2024-2025 school year will increase by an average of 5.5%, which is approximately an additional \$35 per month per student. Preschool tuition will increase by 6%. The school does not charge separate per-child book fees. Tuition rates do not cover extracurricular activities, including clubs, bands, sports, etc.

2024-2025 St. Mary Tuition Rates:

K-8	Tuition
K – 8, one child rate	\$7,450
Two Children	\$12,800
Three Children	\$16,840
Four Children	\$19,275

Discounted tuition rates are available for families with multiple, full-time enrolled children at St. Mary. At least one child must be registered in grades K – 8 for the multi-child rates to apply.

Preschool	Tuition
PreK – 5 full days	\$8,270
PreK – 5 half days	\$5,210
PreK – 3 half days	\$3,775

2024-2025 Fees:

Registration Fee: \$100 per current family due by February 9, 2024
 \$150 after February 9, 2024
 \$125 New family registration fee

*Registration fees are non-refundable.

New Student Fee: \$25 per new student

FACTS Fees: Credit Card fee (if used) is 2.95% per transaction amount
 \$30 NSF Fee
 \$30 Late Fee

Technology Fee: \$250 per student grades K-8 only

8th Grade Graduation Fee: \$125 will be included in your FACTS account

***Technology Fee:** A technology fee of \$250 per student for grades K-8 will be included in your FACTS tuition account for the coming school year. Depending on which payment plan you choose, the fee will be added accordingly. We believe the benefit of the 1:1 device program is paying dividends for our children in their ability to complete their assignments, engage with content, and build their math and reading i-Ready skills. The technology fee defrays the cost of infrastructure upgrades and maintenance, software, and support/updates to the devices. Parents are still responsible for repair and replacement costs in addition per the technology agreement if your child damages their device. The technology fee will be assessed each school year.

****Sacramental Preparation Fee:** There is a separate Sacramental Preparation Fee per student for grades 1, 2, 7, 8. This fee only applies to students who will be participating in the sacramental preparation program with the intent of receiving sacraments at St. Paul VI Parish. The fee is payable to St Paul VI Parish and will be collected by the Parish.

All families are required to maintain a FACTS account. The FACTS system is in place to alleviate the time and costs incurred by the school to collect and process tuition payments. All families are required to pay their tuition through automatic withdrawal (ACH) from their bank account or by credit card. Families that elect to pay their tuition using a credit card will be charged 2.95% per transaction, which is the amount charged to the school. All families are responsible for any late payment charges incurred on their accounts by FACTS Management.

St. Mary School is committed to making an outstanding Catholic education accessible to all who wish to attend our school. Applications for tuition assistance are made through the FACTS system. Forms must be submitted online by May 1, 2024. Late forms will be accepted, but financial aid assistance is less likely to be awarded when applications are turned in late.

As stated earlier, tuition alone does not fully cover the cost of a St Mary School Catholic education. The gap is bridged primarily through annual school sponsored fundraisers, including but not limited to: Walkathon, the Spring Party, and the Annual Fund. For the 2024-2025 school year, every school family will be expected to meet a \$500 commitment toward our fundraising effort. Outstanding commitment balances will be added to the family's FACTS account in April.

We hope our efforts to make next year's tuition increase manageable for our school families reinforces our continued commitment to you and your choice of St. Mary School for your children's elementary education. We will continue to work hard to keep the school spiritual, viable, vibrant, and academically excellent.

We are truly blessed to have such wonderful families, children, faculty, and staff, and we look forward to our continued partnership with you. We will continue to pray for all of our families as we move forward into the future.

God bless all of you,

Fr. May

Father May
Pastor

Mrs. Nicole Nolzco

Mrs. Nicole Nolzco
Principal

Mrs. Lisa Garza

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Assistant Principal