



ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Finance Committee of the School Board has been working on the 2021-22 school budget. We commend them for their attention to the needs of families in these economically challenging times, as well as for their appreciation of all that the Parish of St. Joseph, through the generosity of our parishioners, does to maintain the high quality of education at St. Joseph School.

The St. Joseph school Operating Budget is comprised of many parts, of which \$140,000.00 is the commitment of our Family Association. We are fortunate to have an exceptionally active Family Association, who invariably exceed their targeted fundraising goal each year. We could not enjoy the high caliber of education and the community spirit that is a hallmark of St. Joseph School without their help and your support to meet the goal. We thank them most sincerely, and we encourage all school families to participate in as many of the Family Association events as possible.

Enclosed is the tuition schedule and student fee for the 2021-2022 school year, along with the Tuition Policy set forth by the Diocese of Rockville Centre. The new rates represent a small increase, which we think is in the best interest of our families as well as our school.

We look forward to educating our children in faith and academics in the upcoming school year 2021-2022.

Sincerely,

Reverend Msgr. James P. Swiader
Pastor

Mr. Brian Colomban
Principal

Diocese of Rockville Centre
Tuition Policy

This policy is being proposed to respect the integrity of parish boundaries and membership, and to encourage both enrollment in our elementary schools and active participation in parish life.

We recognize that parents choose to send their children to Catholic Schools which may not be in their parish, particularly in areas where Catholic schools have closed over the last several years. Additionally, recognizing that all parishes in the Diocese support Catholic education through assessment even if the parish is not associated with a parish school or regional school, the following is proposed:

1. Catholic families are expected to be active, contributing parishioners in their parish.
2. Families should not change their parish when registering in a Catholic school.
3. For families to qualify for Rate 1 – Contributing or Supporting Catholic Tuition, they must be active and need to show evidence that they:
 - o Regularly attend Mass.
 - o Contribute regularly to the parish.
 - and
 - o Pastors or Regional Boards may not require additional contributions to the host parish in order for the family to receive Rate 1 – Contributing or Supporting Catholic Tuition.
4. When the criteria in number 3 are met the family is eligible for Rate 1 – Contributing or Supporting Catholic Tuition, but they must receive approval from the family's pastor.
5. Catholic elementary schools depend very heavily upon significant financial subsidies from the parish and the Diocese. Accordingly, parents, and guardians are required to support their parish through the 31st of the calendar year. The family's pastor should approve those families entitled to Rate 1 – Contributions or Supporting Catholic Tuition based upon both financial support and active participation in the parish. It is the obligation of the family to provide this information to the school. If this obligation is not met, the parish or regional school reserves the right to adjust the tuition rate to Rate 2 – Non-Contributing or Non-Supporting catholic status.
6. If a school requires service/volunteer hours, that requirement may be fulfilled in the family's parish or at the school the child attends. The family may be obliged to complete some portion of the service hours at the school. Having fulfilled school required hours of service at the school, the family may fulfill the additional hours of service at their parish. It is the obligation of the family to obtain verification of the number of hours served from the pastor and to provide this information to the school.
7. Tuition rates for Catholics residing Out-of-diocese and Non-Catholics shall be established by the local Parish or the Regional School Board.

**SAINT JOSEPH SCHOOL
TUITION RATES
2021-2022**

	Supporting *	Non-Supporting
1 Child K-8	\$6,163.	\$7,593.
2 Children K-8	\$9,997.	\$11,899.
3 Children K-8	\$12,854.	\$14,560.
4 Children K-8	\$14,269.	N/A
Pre-K (Full Day)	\$6,224.	\$6,224.
Pre-K-ExtendedDay (9am-2:20pm)	\$5,992.	\$5,992.
Pre-K-MidDay (9am-1:30pm)	\$5,492.	\$5,492.
Nursery 5 Day Ext. (9:10-1:30pm)	\$5,219.	\$5,219.
Nursery 5 Day (9:10-12:30pm)	\$4,869.	\$4,869.
Nursery 4 Day Ext. (9:10-1:30pm)	\$4,656.	\$4,656.
Nursery 4 Day (9:10-12:30pm)	\$4,408.	\$4,408.
Treasure Time: 2 day Separation	\$1,800.	\$1,800.
Treasure Time: Mommy and Me	\$850.	\$850.

- *Supporting Parishioner Rate requires minimum annual parish contribution. The annual minimum contribution for St. Joseph Parish is \$500 (utilizing envelope system). If you are not a parishioner of St. Joseph, please check with your parish for your annual amount (proof will be required in order to receive the supporting parishioner rate).
- Multi-child discount of \$100 per program day annually if siblings are enrolled in K-8.
- Our Annual Student Fee will be \$75.00 per student for the 2021-22 school year. This fee is not included in the annual tuition fee.
- \$500.00 Family Registration Fee. \$400.00 is applied toward the 2021-22 tuition upon attendance.

Please refer to the attached Rockville Centre Diocese Tuition Policy for further information.