

# *St. Ignatius of Antioch School*

## **Tuition Policies and School Fees 2021-2022**

### **Tuition Policies**

- 1) St. Ignatius utilizes FACTS for its tuition management needs. FACTS invoices, collects and processes tuition payments from families. *See separate memo on FACTS* including information regarding enrollment and payment plans.
- 2) In order for a student to enter school in September, ALL prior year financial obligations must be paid in full.
- 3) In order for a student to return to school after Christmas break, tuition payments must be up to date as of December.
- 4) End of year report cards and/or graduation activities will be withheld if tuition is not paid in full at that time.
- 5) The pastor may grant exception to families regarding these policies if the family is experiencing financial hardship, and they have spoken with the pastor.

### **Registration Fee**

There is a **non-refundable** registration fee of \$75 per student. Unless a withdrawal notice is given to the school office by February 1, 2021, students in grades 1-8 will be automatically re-enrolled with the \$75 fee applied to the family's FACTS account in February. For preschool and kindergarten registration, a check must be sent in with the registration form to the school office. Students in these grades are NOT automatically re-enrolled. All *new* families in grades preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade must complete the registration form and submit a \$75 check per student to be considered for enrollment.

For returning families, the registration fee will be accounted for as a tuition installment if the family has registered all students by February 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Multi-student Discount**

For families with two or more students enrolled in school, a tuition discount is applied as follows:

Two students	– 10% of total tuition
Three students	– 15% of total tuition
Four or more	– 25% of total tuition

## **Early Childhood Premium**

Any new student that is enrolled in our 3 & 4 year-old preschool program will be charged a \$200 Early Childhood Fee. It is a one-time fee assessed in FACTS with the family's tuition bill. Payment of this tuition premium will entitle the family to a 10 % discount on the child's tuition when he/she is enrolled in first grade.

## **Technology Fee**

A \$100 fee per family is assessed for the ongoing maintenance and necessary replacement of technology items used in the classroom. It will be billed in FACTS in August. In prior years, the families' financial support of the school's technology program was included in the Home & School Association dues of \$200. These annual dues have been reduced to \$50 and a separate tech fee has been implemented.

## **Non-parishioner Premium**

Tuition payments by families cover only a portion of the cost to educate a child at St. Ignatius School. St. Ignatius Parish provides significant funds to operate the school. Regular Sunday contributions by our parishioners assist in paying the expenditures related to the school. Accordingly, **non-parishioners are charged an additional \$1,100 in tuition *per family*.**

## **Parishioner Church Contribution**

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The church contribution must be paid separately from tuition, preferably through the weekly white envelopes or online Parish Giving.

## **Referral Program**

If a current school family refers a new family to our school, the current family has an opportunity to receive a \$500 tuition discount. The \$500 reduction in tuition is a discount to the total annual tuition. The discount is based on a new *family* enrolling at SIS, and is not dependent on the number of students the new family enrolls.

The following guidelines apply to the referral program:

- 1) **It applies to new students registering for grades 1-8 only.**
- 2) The new student(s) must register and be enrolled by the first day of school for the current school family to receive the full \$500 discount. For any registrations after that date, the current family's tuition discount will be prorated.
- 3) The new student(s) must be enrolled for a minimum of 4 months. The tuition credit owed the current family will be applied in FACTS after that time period. If a referred family enrolls after January 31, the current school family will receive the tuition credit in the following school year.

## **Financial Assistance**

St. Ignatius School strives to provide a quality Catholic education to our students. We do our best to provide financial assistance so that families' financial situations do not impact their decision to attend St. Ignatius School. Financial assistance is available through the BLOCS program, which is funded by local individuals and businesses that support Catholic education. BLOCS utilizes the FACTS financial aid program to determine eligibility for scholarship grants. The application period for the 2021-2022 school year is open. Families apply on-line at [online.factsmgt.com](http://online.factsmgt.com). The login information for FACTS Aid is the same as for FACTS Tuition. More information can be obtained on the BLOCS.org website.

In addition to aid from BLOCS or for families who are not eligible for BLOCS, there may be financial assistance available through the Fr. McCafferty Scholarship Fund. To apply for a scholarship, families must complete a [financial disclosures form](#), which is found on the school website, and request a meeting with our pastor. Please contact the rectory for further information.

## **Tuition Refund Policy**

When a family officially gives notification of a student withdrawal by completing the "Change in Attendance Form", available at the school office, a tuition refund will be processed by the rectory. The refund will: 1) relate to past payments remitted by the family for the current school year; 2) be calculated on the number of months that the student attended school; 3) include all fees and discounts, except for the **school registration fee, which is non-refundable;** and 4) **exclude one month's worth of tuition.** If a student is expelled, no tuition will be refunded.

## **Home and School Association Dues**

The St. Ignatius Home and School Association (H&S) funds numerous school programs including assemblies, various class activities and field day as well as supporting our school faculty throughout the year. In addition, H&S sponsors various family-oriented activities such as Trunk or Treat, Turkey Bingo and the Family Dinner at the start of Catholic Schools Week.

The programs sponsored by H&S are partially funded by **annual dues of \$50 per family**. Also, in conjunction with the vision of the principal and pastor, the Home & School association organizes certain large annual fundraisers. There are no minimum requirements for families to fundraise. Our fundraisers are meant to build community and financially support the needs of the school.

The H&S dues are automatically added to the family's FACTS bill and are due in August before the start of the school year.