



February 13, 2024

Dear Parents or Guardians:

The greatest mission of the Church is to evangelize and share the Word of God. Each day, we strive to fulfill that calling within our Catholic schools. We appreciate the trust you put in us to share God's teachings alongside a high-quality education. It's an honor to partner with you on your child's journey of faith and education.

We appreciate the sacrifices made by those who choose Catholic education and are thankful to our families, faculty, staff, and generous donors for their unwavering support in maintaining the strength of our schools. Annually, the four pastors, in collaboration with their finance councils, assess the financial needs of the schools. We extend our thanks to our parishioners whose generosity allows us to subsidize tuition costs, keeping them as affordable as possible.

Following a thorough review, adjustments to the tuition rates have been made for the 2024-2025 school year. Please refer to the attached Tuition Rates document for specific details. Recognizing that an increase may pose challenges for some families, we have also included information about available tuition assistance opportunities.

As we look and plan ahead, our 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,

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you sincerely for choosing a Catholic education for the spiritual and academic development of your child(ren). Our schools are the primary ministry of the parish. The generosity of our parishioners ensures our schools are a vibrant center of catechesis, faith formation, discipleship, and stewardship. This can only be achieved if our parishes are thriving and healthy.

In our ongoing effort to strengthen our parish communities and encourage active participation, we will introduce an updated Family School Agreement for the 2024-25 school year. This agreement builds upon what has been used in the past with two notable changes.

First, service hour requirements will be updated with emphasis placed on parish participation through ministries at Mass, participation on councils and committees, volunteering at the parish picnic, etc. We want to continue to strengthen the engagement of our school families with our parish.

Second, for our Catholic families, weekly and Holy Day Mass attendance is expected. The Eucharist is the cornerstone of our faith, and we know our families, parishes, schools, and community are strengthened when we spend time in worship together. With that in mind, we will now have a measurable expectation of weekly Mass participation. While we acknowledge that circumstances such as travel, illness, and the complexities of modern schedules may occasionally necessitate attending Mass at different parishes, remember that your parish community is an extension of your own family. Like any family, we feel a sense of absence when members are apart. Therefore, your family's attendance at your registered parish should be maintained at a minimum of 51% of the time.

More information will be shared at a later date on how this attendance will be monitored, as well as information on the required service hours. In the meantime, if you are Catholic and are not currently registered at a parish, any of the four of our parishes would welcome you. If you are a non-Catholic and would like to learn more about becoming Catholic, please reach out to the priest at your parish of choice.

We are excited to share these changes with you and look forward to how this will enliven our parish and school families to further live out their faith and support this mission of the Church. As with any change, we anticipate there will be questions. We plan to offer additional information/Q&A sessions this Spring and will communicate through principals with details once they are available. As a reminder, all families are expected to fulfill the obligations of the Family School Agreement.

We appreciate your continued prayers for our schools and parishes, and we pray for God's blessings upon you and our parish families in the year ahead.

Warm regards,

Rev. Steven Arisman
Pastor, St. Francis Solanus

Rev. Tom Meyer
Pastor, Blessed Sacrament

Rev. Thomas Donovan
Pastor, St. Anthony of Padua

Msgr. Leo Enlow
Pastor, St. Peter





2024-2025 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	\$3,400	\$3,400
Two Children	\$13,600	\$8,625	\$4,975
Three or more Children	\$20,400 (or more)	\$14,900 (or more)	\$5,500

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	\$1,950	\$4,850
Two Children	\$13,600	\$5,450	\$8,150
Three or more Children	\$20,400 (or more)	\$11,150 (or more)	\$9,250

Resource Fee:

New Families \$265 per student (Early Bird Discount)
 \$415 per student (if paid after May 1, 2024)

Returning Families \$250 per student (Early Bird Discount)
 \$400 (if paid after May 1, 2024)

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 1, 2024. 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, 2024, in order to enroll their child(ren).



2024-2025 Important Dates

February 13, 2024	Online Application/Enrollment Begins FACTS Application Opens Scholarship Applications Open Newcomer's Scholarship St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship Fr. Augustus Tolton Scholarship
April 5, 2024	FACTS application due. Required documentation must be submitted (W-2 forms, tax returns, 1040, etc.) Scholarship Applications Due
May 1, 2024	Non-refundable Resource Fee Due (to receive Early Bird Discount)
May 31, 2024	Outstanding balance(s) from the current school year must be paid in full to school (tuition, fees, lunch, etc.)
June 30, 2024	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.)



2024-2025 Tuition Assistance Opportunities Kindergarten - 8th Grade

Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools Foundation

The QCES Foundation offers tuition assistance based on financial need. Applications, including required supporting documents, must be submitted through the FACTS Grant & Aid Program by April 5, 2024 for priority consideration. Applications will be accepted after that date, but there is no guarantee that tuition assistance funds will still be available. While funding is not guaranteed, families who fall within 200% of Federal Poverty Guidelines are encouraged to apply.

Household Members	100% FPL	150% FPL	200% FPL
1	\$15,060	\$22,590	\$30,120
2	\$20,440	\$30,660	\$40,880
3	\$25,820	\$38,730	\$51,640
4	\$31,200	\$46,800	\$62,400
5	\$36,580	\$54,870	\$73,160
6	\$41,960	\$62,940	\$83,920
7	\$47,340	\$71,010	\$94,680
8	\$52,720	\$79,080	\$105,440
9	\$58,100	\$87,150	\$116,200
10	\$63,480	\$95,220	\$126,960

The QCES Foundation also facilitates multiple scholarships.

- 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 director@quincycatholicschools.org April 5, 2024. Applicants must also complete the FACTS application by this date. More information and links to the applications are available at www.quincycatholicschools.org/tuitionassistance.

Gene Grawe Fund

Participation in the Gene Grawe Fund can offset tuition by the purchase of 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 www.genegrawefund.org or stop by the office located in the lobby at St. Peter Church, 2600 Maine Street.