



November 17, 2022

To: St. Anthony of Padua School Families

Re: 2023-2024 Financial Aid

Our mission at St. Anthony of Padua is to make Catholic education available and affordable for all families in our community. If you are in need of assistance, St. Anthony of Padua can help you attain financial support.

All schools in the Diocese of Grand Rapids use Blackbaud Financial Aid. Blackbaud Financial Aid and scholarship aid applications are filed online at <https://studentfinancialaid.blackbaud.school>. Electronic filing is encouraged and preferred. In the event that a computer is not available, you can contact the school office and we can make arrangements for you to use a computer, upon request, in the school office. St. Anthony of Padua Staff is willing to assist families with online applications.

Blackbaud Financial Aid determines eligibility for both Diocesan assistance (The Bishop's Scholarship Fund) and St. Anthony of Padua Parish assistance (for parishioners only). This is available, to families in need, for students in developmental kindergarten through 8th grade. Need is determined by an evaluation of an applicant's tax returns, and information provided on the application form. Applications are available, and can be downloaded, by using the link indicated above.

Families applying for financial aid from either fund will need to:

- 1) Complete the application (<https://studentfinancialaid.blackbaud.school>)
- 2) Submit the necessary supporting documents to Blackbaud Financial Aid by December 1, 2022.

- **Missing this deadline greatly reduces** your chance of receiving financial aid.
- Preschool tuition is not eligible for financial assistance since it is an optional education program.
- The school office can assist in the scanning and uploading of documentation. Completing this task correctly is equally important to the application process. Please contact the school office if you need assistance prior to December 1st.

Please complete the following:

- On-line electronic application (see directions attached to the newsletter)
- Many sections of this application should autofill if you have previously applied
- Please complete the process by **December 1, 2022**
- Payment of a \$30.00 application fee payable to Blackbaud Financial Aid

If you have questions or concerns about the application process, you may speak with Kay Rooney at 453-8229 x200.

Sincerely,

Jenny Pudelko, Principal