

Saint Agnes School 530 Lafond Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55103



Dear Parents,

January 10, 2025

With this letter, we are pleased to communicate to you tuition rates for the 2025-26 school year. We are deeply grateful for the Lord's goodness to Saint Agnes School—especially for our school's financial health—as we operated within a balanced budget each of the past three years. This school year, we've endeavored to serve our students who need some additional help to meet the school's academic standards. And each year as we have grown, we've raised more money to ensure that our families who cannot afford to pay full tuition may continue to attend Saint Agnes School. Ten years ago, we were having to raise \$1.5 Million to off-set tuition discounts and help us still meet budget; that number has risen to well over \$2.3 Million this year. Our Advancement team has done an extraordinary job and we are motivated to raise more and do more to serve all our students. We seek to balance properly the following two areas of our school's finances as we considered the tuition increase for 2025-26.

Cost of Retaining Top-Notch Faculty and Staff. We have prioritized our faculty compensation the past several years, especially in an era of teacher shortages across this country. We have done so, in no small part, due to the faculty's quality and value to the student experience here. Our faculty has become increasingly stable, in no small part because we have worked to offer them a living wage that is competitive in the K-12 Catholic educational marketplace. The Archdiocese has told us to plan for a 10% increase in medical and dental benefits EACH of the next two years—which will take a significant bite out of what increase we will be able to add to our teachers' and staff members' compensation. While they all realize that their reward is in heaven, they need to provide for their own families and pay their bills, like everyone else.

Commitment to Mission-Fit Families Who Deeply Desire the Unique Saint Agnes School Education. The biggest struggle that Fr. Ubel, the Headmaster's Council, and I face as we determine tuition each year is the plight of our large, middle class Catholic families, who are doing their best to sacrifice for the education of their children. We do not want any of you to feel squeezed out of this Catholic education; we know how much you sacrifice already. Additionally, we have expanded our preschool offerings to include 3-day and 2-day/week options. Finally, we want you to see how aggressively we have worked to discount our tuition for families of more modest financial means (see table below).

Gross Income Range	K-6 per student	7-8 per student	9-12 per student	*Approximate Discount
\$40,000 to \$60,000 Variable Tuition Paid	\$2,300	\$3,450	\$5,100	70%
\$60,000 to \$85,000 Variable Tuition Paid	\$3,500	\$5,250	\$7,800	50%
\$85,000 to \$110,000 Variable Tuition Paid	\$4,400	\$6,600	\$9,825	35%
\$110,000 to \$135,000 Variable Tuition Paid	\$5,300	\$7,950	\$11,850	20%
\$135,000 to \$160,000 Variable Tuition Paid	\$5,900	\$8,850	\$13,200	10%
Over \$160,000 Full Tuition Paid	\$6,500	\$9,750	\$14,550	0%
Preschool Full Tuition Paid	1/2 Day 2-Day: NA 3-Day: \$3,275 5-Day: \$4,500		Full Day 2-Day: \$4,150 3-Day: \$5,100 5-Day: \$7,000	No aid available

*After all scholarships, grants, and financial aid have been awarded.

Commitment to Parishioner Families of Saint Agnes:

Saint Agnes School is a ministry of The Church of Saint Agnes. We are truly humbled to be the only parish operated PreK-12 school in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. This requires a significant investment from the parish, including a

monthly Red Envelope collection for the benefit of the school. This generosity has enabled us to **increase the tuition discount** for registered and active Saint Agnes parishioners from \$500 to **\$750 per child** for the 2025-26 school year. If the financial health remains steady, we hope to offer a similar increase for the 2026-2027 school year. We are truly grateful for the support and sacrifices of our parish families.

With all these things in mind, the school's administration, with the full support from both Councils (Headmaster's and Finance Council), has decided to increase tuition approximately 3-4% for Preschool through 12th grades for the 2025-26 school year.

2025-26 Tuition Rates and Responsibilities

Full Tuition for the year will be as follows:

- Preschool: \$7,000 (5 full days); \$5,100 (3 full M/W/F days); \$4,500 (5 half-days); \$4,150 (2 full T/Th days); \$3,275 (3 half-days M/W/F)
- Grades K-6: \$6,500
- Grades 7-8: \$9,750
- Grades 9-12: \$14,550

Annual Fundraising Requirement of \$120 per student, \$480 max per family.

Re-Enrollment Process, Financial Aid, Fees

The two-week Re-Enrollment Period for all returning students in grades Preschool through 12 begins on January 13, 2025 and will run through January 27, 2025.

- Your family should have received an email at your primary household email address with a link unique to your family for re-enrollment. For those families unable to re-enroll online, please contact the Admissions Office for assistance.
- Cost for re-enrollment is \$125 per child with a maximum of \$375 per family (\$375 covers \$125 application fee, if adding another child); these fees are nonrefundable and are not applied as a deposit toward overall tuition.
- Once re-enrollment is completed, tuition agreements will be forthcoming electronically from TADS beginning in the spring. Agreements are time sensitive, and we appreciate your prompt attention and submission once you receive them.

Holding Spots/Waiting Lists/Late Fee

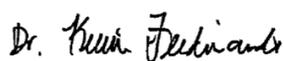
- We already have waiting lists established for several grades. Out of fairness for all, those families who do not re-enroll by January 26, 2025 run the risk of losing a spot for their child(ren).
- Beginning January 27, 2025, we will open available seats to new families and students. Besides the risk of being placed on a waiting list, late re-enrollment will also incur an additional \$100 fee per student.

Financial Aid

- After enrolling your children, those families qualified for variable tuition and financial assistance may click the corresponding online tab within TADS to apply for financial aid. Any family seeking financial aid and/or scholarships must fill out a TADS application. Again this year, students seeking scholarships should refer to our list of scholarships on our website and must submit an application.
- Financial Aid forms must be completed online or postmarked by February 28, 2025. Any forms received after this date will not be eligible for several types of scholarships and will not receive preferential consideration for additional aid. We will assume that your family does not need financial aid if the form is not completed by that date. Please note that only one Financial Aid form is needed per family.
- When the TADS Financial Aid form asks you how much you can afford, we invite you to prayerfully consider how you can do your very best. Be assured that we will do the same on our end as we prepare tuition agreements.

Please know of our deep appreciation for your family's commitment to the mission of our extraordinary school! We ask for your continued prayers for unity in purpose and a spirit of good will at Saint Agnes School—and most especially, please pray for our teachers and staff members. We look forward to continuing our partnership with you for the 2025-26 school year.

Blessings to your family,



Dr. Kevin Ferdinandt
Headmaster



Rev. John L. Ubel
Pastor/Superintendent