

## WE PRAY! WE LEARN! WE ACHIEVE!

February 22, 2021

Dear Parents.

St. Patrick Catholic School has officially opened enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year. We are in year two of implementing continuous enrollment for students in grades 1-12. With continuous enrollment in place, you do not need to do anything to register your child(ren) for the 2021-2022 school year. The \$50 per pupil registration fee will be added to your SMART Tuition account and will be due the first month of your payment plan along with the technology fee. If you choose to pay the registration or technology fee in advance of your first payment, you may login to Smart Tuition and make the payment. Your tuition payment plan from the 2020-2021 school year will roll over to 2021-2022. If you need to make changes, please login to your account, call Smart Tuition, or call the school office for assistance. Likewise, if you have any changes to your children(s) emergency contact information, please email/contact the school office.

We are mindful of the immense financial sacrifices required to provide your child(ren) with a faith based education and we are grateful for your commitment to St. Patrick School. We are also appreciative of St. Patrick Parish, the School Board Finance Subcommittee, the Parish Finance Council, our Advancement and Development team, and the Father Flohe Foundation for their annual support of our parish school. Through the collaborative efforts of these groups, our parish and school administration are working hard to ensure our school is run efficiently and our programs are adequately funded. We will continue to do all that we can to keep tuition costs stable.

This year's tuition rates allow us to maintain and improve upon the quality of all our current course offerings and current programs. It also allows us to give our school staff a salary increase as a small token of our appreciation for their dedication to your children.

The 2021-2022 tuition rates for students attending St. Patrick School are as follows:

Grade	I <sup>st</sup> Child	2 <sup>nd</sup> Child	3 <sup>rd</sup> Child	4 <sup>th</sup> Child
9-12	\$5,500	\$4,440	\$3,700	\$2,800
K-8	\$4,760	\$3,900	\$2,965	\$1,730
Preschool 5-day \$2,565	Preschool 3-day \$1,695		Preschool 2-day \$1,190	

- Any children in the same family in grades K-12, enrolled at the same time, past the 4<sup>th</sup> child will attend St. Patrick School at no charge except the \$50 per pupil enrollment fee.
- Each preschool student will be charged the same per-child rate.

In our pursuit of offering our students an education that will prepare them for the 21<sup>st</sup> century and beyond, we will continue to charge a flat fee of \$75 per family (grades K-12) for technology. While the technology fee does not cover all technology-related expenses, it does go a long way in assisting with the cost of our IT services. This is also extremely helpful toward our implementation of a 1:1 Chromebook program for all students in grades K-12.

Once again, we will be using SMART Tuition Management, as do all other schools in the Diocese of Grand Rapids. Families are required to enroll in this program, and tuition will be paid through an ACH withdrawal. Each family may be assessed an annual fee payable to SMART of \$38 per family depending on the payment plan chosen. Please add <a href="mailto:customerservice@smarttuitionmessages.com">customerservice@smarttuitionmessages.com</a> to your contacts so future emails do not go to your spam. Please contact your school administrator if you need assistance in finding an alternative tuition payment plan option that works for your family or if you need financial assistance and missed the fall application window.

Please note that if you are not enrolling your child(ren) at St. Patrick School for the next school year, your family will need to complete an exit survey as soon as possible for the student(s) to be unenrolled. Exit surveys can be obtained by contacting the school office. If you fail to notify the school about unenrolling a child by June 1, 2021, your SMART Tuition account will be billed for the upcoming school year.

Thank you for your commitment to St. Patrick Catholic School. Please feel free to contact us by email at randyhodge@portlandstpats.org or cortneysmith@portlandstpats.org, or by calling the school office at (517) 647-7551 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Randy Hodge

High School Principal

Sincerely,

Cortney Smith

**Elementary School Principal** 

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