

January 26, 2020

Dear Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic School Parents and Guardians,

For the past several months, through collaborative efforts between the finance committee, administration, and the advisory board, tuition and fees for our next school year have been discussed and researched at great length. While Fr. Ken and I recognize any increase in tuition will impact our school families, such increases are necessary to maintain the quality of our academic programs, our teachers, and to ensure our long-term viability.

When determining tuition, we try to keep a balance between affordability for our families and the strategic needs of the school. After careful review of all considerations, the tuition for the 2020-2021 school year will be increased by 5 % which sets it at \$6168.75(Catholic rate) and \$7,218.75 (Non-Catholic) rate. The annual student administrative fee will be \$200 per child (\$400.00 max per family). There will be a \$100.00 Pre-K snack fee.

We encourage our families to keep in mind that the actual cost to educate a student is much greater than paid tuition and to bridge that financial gap we rely on support from our very generous Parish, our HSA, and other advancement efforts each year.

This tuition increase is necessary to ensure that we have adequate resources to keep pace with the forecasted increase in operational costs that are related to salary increases for all staff, but also allowing us to continue to make the necessary capital and educational investments necessary to maintain the facilities and provide the best possible education for our children. As always, we will continue to prioritize all the necessary investments in our school to ensure we are utilizing all available resources as efficiently and effectively as possible.

Our goal is – and always has been – to provide the highest quality of faith based education for your child. If you have any questions regarding financial assistance and/or tuition programs, please feel free to contact Fr. Ken in the Parish office at your earliest convenience.

Grace and Peace,
Jennifer Thompson, Interim Principal



Our Lady Star of the Sea School

2020-2021 SCHOOL FEES

ANNUAL TUITION		
	<u>Catholic Rate:</u>	<u>Non-Catholic Rate:</u>
One Child:	\$ 6,168.75	\$ 7,218.75
Two Children:	\$11,287.50	\$13,387.50
Three Children:	\$15,356.25	\$20,606.25
Four Children:	\$20,868.75	\$26,118.75
Half Day Pre-K	\$ 4,095.00	\$ 4,200.00

Administrative Fee: \$200/year, per child (\$400/year family max)

Pre-Kindergarten Snack Fee: \$100/year, per child

TUITION INFO:

- Tuition billing is processed through TADS, which allows you to see account information and make payments online.
- Payments may be made over **10 months** (August–May; first payment due August 10th) or **12 months** (June–May; first payment due June 10th of the upcoming school year).
- Tuition payments are due by the 10th of the month.
- Payments may be made electronically through TADS, by cash or check at the School or Parish Office, or by PayPal/credit card through the OLSS Online School Store.
- Tuition Assistance is available from the Archdiocese of Washington Tuition Assistance Program, and through OLSS Parish. Please contact the Parish Office at (410) 326-3535 for more information.

AFTERCARE - available from dismissal to 6pm

FULL TIME (Mon-Fri)

One Child: \$65/week

Two Children: \$105/week

Three Children: \$145/week

PART TIME

Regular school day: \$25/day

12:30pm dismissal day: \$45/day

BEFORE CARE - available 6:45-7:30am

\$3.50 per day, per child

All required State of Maryland forms must be completed and submitted prior to child's participation in the Aftercare or Before Care Program.