



ST. JOHN  
THE BAPTIST  
CATHOLIC PARISH

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February 1, 2021

Dear Parents:

It is time to begin registration for the 2021-2022 school year. We are aligning registration with *Catholic Schools Week*, beginning on **February 1, 2021**. Registrations provided to us by **February 28, 2021** will obtain a lower registration fee. We know that class size is important to you as parents. After registration forms are in on February 28, we will be able to determine the number of students registered in each grade and then determine the number of classes at each grade level. Registering by February 28 is important as there are no guarantees of space availability after that, including for current students. An important note relative to registration:

**2021/22 registration will not be finalized until family is current with 2021/21 tuition as of January 31, 2021**

The Parish Finance Committee has recommended increasing K-8 tuition for next school year by 3.0-5.1%, which ranges from \$115-\$170 per in-parish K-8 student depending on the number of children that are enrolled per family. The increase for preschool and pre-kindergarten will be 3.6-5.3%, again depending on the number of children. These increases are based on a detailed analysis of the future cost of operating our school and targeted levels of the amount the church subsidizes the school. We have kept all registration and processing fees the same as the last few years. Tuition levels will also be contingent on parents reviewing and signing the new Tuition Subsidy Covenant included in the registration material.

As a means to help family's budget for school tuition, tuition can be paid in full or over 10 or 12 months (9 months for preschool). A tuition payment plan form is included with the registration packet that will allow parents to choose their payment option. Tuition payment booklets will be mailed to you if you choose to pay monthly. Paying the tuition in full by February 28, 2021 will waive the registration and processing fees.

We will continue to set aside some of each student's tuition to fund school technology (\$60 in 2021/22). With the continued advancement in technology, we plan to use the funds to better serve our students in the next school year, and for years to come.

If you would like to apply for St. John's financial assistance, you will need to apply online with FACTS Management. Your online application will need to be completed no later than **April 15, 2021**. Please see the enclosed sheet for more information. For additional information about financial aid, please contact Mike Newton in the parish office at [mnewton@stjb.net](mailto:mnewton@stjb.net) or 513-367-9086 ext. 211.

We look forward to the new school year and the opportunity to assist you in the formation of your child in the Catholic Faith.

Sincerely,

Fr. Jeff Kemper  
Pastor

# ST. JOHN the BAPTIST SCHOOL



February 1, 2021

Dear Parents,

St. John's is committed to providing an excellent, faith-based education to our students. Our alumni consist of over 40 high school valedictorians and salutatorians, and, on average, over 90% of St. John students achieve honor status in high school. We offer a program for students identified as being cognitively gifted. St. John students consistently rank in the top 25% in the nation for academic performance on their standardized tests. We also benefit from the Jon Peterson scholarship to better meet the needs of our students with physical, speech, and learning challenges, by staffing two intervention specialists, an occupational therapist, a speech- language pathologist, and a Title I Reading teacher. St. John's is also an EdChoice provider. St. John's offers a Before and After Care Program for families in need of this service. We are continually seeking ways to improve our school programming and instruction. Our students participate in multiple community service activities by living the words of the Gospel.

We offer many after school extra-curriculars for our students to participate in. Our Athletic program has a wide range of sports to choose from. Our Fine Arts program is well established that includes a children's choir, Drama Club, Band, and Art Club. Our students also have the opportunity to participate in Student Council, Math Club, Science Club, Service Club, and the JagWire, our student ran newspaper. No matter your child's interest, there is something here for them at St. John's!

I am also very excited to share with you, St. John the Baptist School's five-year plan- *Vision 2020*! The plan encompasses all aspects of our school community. Please find the plan in its entirety on our school website.

As we prepare to begin registration for the 2021-2022 school year, please refer to Father Jeff's letter regarding registration, tuition, and financial assistance. Below you will find a checklist of items that need to be completed in order for a student's registration to be accepted for the 2021-2022 school year. Registrations will not be accepted until families are current with this year's tuition as of January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

## Registration Checklist

- \_\_\_\_\_ Completed online registration through OptionC for K-8 only.
  - Preschool students (3, 4, and 5 year olds) will complete a registration form, not through OptionC.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Tuition Payment Plan form is completed and returned.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Registration fee is paid.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Drop off and pick up form is signed and returned.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Tuition subsidy form signed and returned.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Copy of birth certificate is received. (NEW students preschool-8<sup>th</sup> grade)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Copy of baptismal certificate is received. (NEW students preschool-8<sup>th</sup> grade, unless baptized at St. John's)

We look forward to the new school year and the opportunity to assist you in the formation of your child in the Catholic Faith. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at [herrmann\\_n@sjbharrison.org](mailto:herrmann_n@sjbharrison.org) or 513-367-6826.

Blessings,

Mrs. Nicole Herrmann

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**SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST SCHOOL  
HARRISON, OHIO**

**TUITION AND FEE SCHEDULE FOR 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR**

**PRESCHOOL - 8 SCHOOL REGISTRATION: February 1 - 28, 2021**

**2021-2022 Registrations will not be finalized until families are current with their tuition as of January 31, 2021**

**K-8 Active Parishioner Rates**

\$3,960 One child  
\$7,525 Two children  
\$10,455 Three or more children

**K-8 Non-Active/Non-Parishioner Rates**

\$6,705 One child  
\$12,740 Two children  
\$17,700 Three or more children

**Pre-Kindergarten Active Parishioner Rates**

\$2,110 One child in Pre-K  
\$5,765 One Pre-K & one child in K-8  
\$8,825 One Pre-K & two or more in K-8

**Pre-Kindergarten Non-Active/Non-Parishioner Rates**

\$2,185 One child in Pre-K  
\$8,445 One Pre-K & one child in K-8  
\$13,725 One Pre-K & two or more in K-8

**Preschool Active Parishioner Rates**

\$1,505 3 year olds (2 days/week)  
\$1,885 4 year olds (3 days/week)

**Preschool Non-Active/Non-Parishioner Rates**

\$1,580 3 year olds (2 days/week)  
\$1,960 4 year olds (3 days/week)

**REGISTRATION FEES:**

February 1 - 28, 2021:	\$75/child; \$225/three or more children
After February 28, 2021:	\$150/child; \$450/three or more children
	New Families Only: \$75/child; \$225/three or more children

*Registration forms without the registration fee payment will not be accepted.*

*Registration fees will be waived if tuition is paid in full by February 28, 2021.*

**PROCESSING FEE FOR MONTHLY PAYMENT OF TUITION:** \$50 (due with first payment)

**REFUND OF THE REGISTRATION FEE:**

The registration fee is non-refundable except in the following instances:

1. A family is moving out of parish.
2. In the case of applicants for financial aid, if the amount of financial aid granted is not adequate, the family will have two weeks after notification of the aid to request a full refund.
3. The class does not have adequate space for student.

Note: If a student is withdrawn and tuition had been paid in full without a registration fee paid, \$75 will be deducted from tuition refund.

**CREDIT CARD USAGE:** A 2% charge will occur on all tuition payments made using a credit or debit card. No fee will be charged for payments from a checking or savings account, nor will a fee be charged if a card is used for registration or processing fees.

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:** St. John the Baptist financial assistance is only available for registered St. John's parishioners enrolled in our school in grades K-8. If you would like to apply for financial assistance, you will need to apply online with **FACTS Management**. Your online application will need to be completed no later than **April 15, 2021**. The link to apply online is <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3XBQ9>. The same application process is used to apply for aid from the Catholic Education Foundation, with the deadline for that program being February 8, 2021. A family who requests aid from St. Johns but does not apply in a timely fashion with the Catholic Education Foundation will risk receiving a lower level of aid from St. Johns. If you do not have access to complete an application online or for more information about financial aid, please contact Mike Newton in the parish office. 513-367-9086 ext. 211.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The number of classes in each grade will be determined by the number of students registered by **February 28, 2021**. Admission of students registered after that time will be determined by the availability of space.

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## 2021-2022 TUITION PAYMENT PLAN

Please complete this form to select your tuition payment option and return it with your registration form. Registration is not complete until this, the Tuition Subsidy Covenant, and the Student Drop-Off & Pick-up Process forms are signed and submitted, birth and baptismal certificates are submitted, and the enrollment intention is completed in Option C.

Parent's Name: (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Student:	Grade for 2021-2022	Student:	Grade for 2021-2022
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

1. **TUITION** - Tuition for the School Year is outlined on the Tuition and Fee Schedule for 2021-2022 School Year. Parent(s) hereby promise(s) and agrees to pay School Tuition.

Tuition will be paid as follows (**MUST CHECK ONE**):

- ☐ **One-Payment Plan** - Parent will pay the Tuition in full with registration. If tuition is paid in full by February 28, 2021, the registration fee will be waived. Note: If a student is withdrawn and tuition had been paid in full without a registration fee paid, \$75 will be deducted from the tuition refund.
- ☐ **Delayed One-Payment Plan** - Parent will pay the Tuition in full by July 1, 2021. No annual processing fee will be incurred with this option but registration fee will need to be paid.
- ☐ **9 Month Payment Plan (Preschool 3 & 4 Only)** - Parent will pay monthly and comply with the monthly tuition payment plan established through St. John the Baptist School. **Payments will be due by the first day** of each month September 1, 2021 through May 1, 2022. You will be charged an annual processing fee of \$50.00 for the use of this option. The annual fee is due with your first payment. Payment books will be mailed to your home prior to the start of your payment plan. **Will you be using WeShare to make payments?** \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No
- ☐ **10 Month Payment Plan (PreK-8 Only)** - Parent will pay monthly and comply with the monthly tuition payment plan established through St. John the Baptist School. **Payments will be due by the first day** of each month July 1, 2021 through April 1, 2022. You will be charged an annual processing fee of \$50.00 for the use of this option. The annual fee is due with your first payment. Payment books will be mailed to your home prior to the start of your payment plan. **Will you be using WeShare to make payments?** \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No
- ☐ **12 Month Payment Plan (PreK-8 Only)** - Parent will pay monthly and comply with the monthly tuition payment plan established through St. John the Baptist School. **Payments will be due by the first day** of each month June 1, 2021 through May 1, 2022. You will be charged an annual processing fee of \$50.00 for the use of this option. The annual fee is due with your first payment. Payment books will be mailed to your home prior to the start of your payment plan. **Will you be using WeShare to make payments?** \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

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2. **LATE FEE** - Tuition which is not paid by the 1st day of each month shall be assessed a late fee per late payment. The monthly late fee will be \$15 for accounts with a delinquent balance of under \$1,500 and \$30 for those accounts delinquent \$1,500 or more. If tuition is still delinquent at the time of registration for the next school year, the registration will not be finalized.

3. **TUITION REDUCTIONS** - If Financial Assistance is awarded by the School or by the Catholic Education Foundation, then the Tuition described above will be adjusted proportionally in accordance with the payment plan chosen.

4. **CREDIT CARD FEE** - A 2% charge will occur on all tuition payments made using a credit or debit card. If a credit card is used to pay the registration or processing fee, there will be no charge for that credit card use.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Name Printed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Name Printed

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## TUITION SUBSIDY COVENANT

The Catholic Church has always recognized that the first teachers of their children in the ways of faith are parents. Statistics show that children who grow up in a family which regularly participates in the life of the parish are significantly more likely to continue to practice the faith as adults.

St. John the Baptist parish school exists first and foremost to assist parents in the holistic formation of their children in the Catholic faith. Integral to life of the Catholic faith is physical attendance and participation in Sunday Mass in which we are drawn into the life of Christ more deeply by hearing the Word of God and sharing in the Eucharist. In fact, St. John the Baptist parish is so committed to assisting parents in the faith development of children that the parish subsidizes 40% of the total tuition expense of each student. It is reasonable for those whose generosity provides this resource to expect that parents take seriously this responsibility to actively live the faith, including regular participation in Sunday Mass as well as growing in the faith through the participation in parish activities.

Parents who wish to receive the active parishioner tuition subsidy are expected to commit themselves to strive to attend Mass every Sunday (unless there is serious reason for missing it) and to participate in the life of the parish in other ways as they are able, in light of the commitment before God that they signed at preparation for marriage, orally promised when they married, and recommitted themselves to when their child was baptized to actively raise their child in the Catholic faith.

Parents who wish to have their children attend St. John's without renewing their commitment to practicing the Catholic faith at home are certainly welcome to send their children to our school, but do not qualify for the subsidy which is intended for families who make the commitment to raise their children in the Catholic faith. We rely on the integrity and honesty of those who apply for the subsidy to be faithful to the commitment they made in the past and renew for this year. We will not be recording attendance. One's commitment in the sight of God should suffice.

To qualify for the subsidy, a baptismal certificate from a Catholic Church (if St. Johns, please check line at bottom of this page) or a certificate of full communion with the Catholic Church is to be submitted with the application for the first year of attendance.

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### COMMITMENT TO THE PRACTICE OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH

In accepting the active parishioner subsidy, I renew the commitment I made when I married and at the time of my/our child's baptism, to raise them in the practice of the faith. I understood that this includes *weekly (physical) attendance at and participation in Sunday Mass* unless there is serious reason to be absent.

I make this commitment before God and for the good of my/our family.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Name Printed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Name Printed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*Please include with your completed registration packet in order to receive the subsidy.*

\_\_\_\_\_ My child was baptized at St. John's, Harrison, Ohio

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## STUDENT DROP-OFF & PICK-UP PROCESS

**REGISTRATION IS NOT COMPLETE UNTIL THIS FORM IS SIGNED AND SUBMITTED**

Parent's Name: (please print) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Morning Drop-Off**

All drivers should enter off Park Street between the maintenance garage and the Geil building between 8:20 and 8:45 AM. Cars should stay between the bold painted lines on the parking lot. A teacher will be on duty to assist students and direct the flow of cars.

### **Afternoon Pickup**

All drivers should enter from Harrison Avenue between the Parish Office and the Junior High building and park diagonally facing the maintenance garage. Drivers should not exit until given direction to do so by the teachers supervising the parking lot at dismissal.

Please be in the parking lot between 3:20 and 3:28 PM. Students are dismissed at 3:30 (Kindergarten 3:25) and go to the staging area, which is located between the Geil building and the Modular Unit. Do not enter the main parking lot prior to 3:20. Cones will block entry after 3:29 until all students are dismissed. If you arrive after 3:29, please park in the auxiliary lot off Park Avenue (by the Maintenance building) and proceed to the staging area.

Students are to be picked up at the staging area by parents. There will be three teachers on afternoon car duty to assist with the flow of traffic. Kindergarten teachers will always bring out Kindergarten students and supervise the students' transfer to an approved adult.

### **Process Acknowledgement**

These formal morning and afternoon drop-off and pickup processes are in place for the safety of the students. Given how busy the streets surrounding the school can be with traffic and pedestrians, dropping off or picking up your student in any way other than through the process defined above can be unsafe. Parents will do so at their own risk.

I acknowledge I have read and I understand the Student Drop-Off & Pick-Up Process:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Name Printed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Name Printed

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: This process could change based on the status of Covid-19.



# ST. JOHN the BAPTIST SCHOOL



Dear Parents,

St. John's has been an EdChoice Scholarship provider for many years.

The EdChoice scholarships have been available since 2005 and expanded in 2013. It provides students from designated public schools who are deemed underperforming, the opportunity to attend participating chartered nonpublic schools. These are referred to EdChoice Traditional Scholarships. The program expansion in 2013 provided low income students the same opportunity. These are referred to EdChoice Expansion Scholarships. The scholarship pays up to \$4,650 for grades K-8 and \$6,000 for grades 9-12. The student's resident public school district funding supports the program. An appropriation in the state budget finances the expansion of the program to low income families.

Since none of the Southwest Local School District schools are currently on the list from ODE of underperforming schools; none of our new or current students are eligible for this scholarship. Although, new and current students are eligible for the EdChoice Expansion scholarship which is based on income.

The EdChoice Expansion scholarships allows for current and new students (Kindergarten-8<sup>th</sup> grade) of St. John's who qualify to apply for a tuition scholarship for the 2021-2022 school year. The income guidelines for 2021-2022 school have not been released yet, but they will be similar 2020-2021 guidelines. Below is the income qualification chart for the 2020-2021 school year. If you believe you qualify and/or have questions about the EdChoice Expansion scholarship for the 2021-2022 school year, please contact me. There is only a certain amount of funds set aside for this scholarship. There is no guarantee that a scholarship will be awarded. The application period begins February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Blessings,

Mrs. Nicole Herrmann

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<b>EdChoice &amp; Cleveland Scholarship Program</b> <b>2020-2021 Income Verification Form</b>		2020 FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES <small>Source: Office of the Asst. Sec. for Planning &amp; Eval/US Dept. of HHS</small>																				
EdChoice families qualify for low income status if income is at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. This chart will help you determine if you may qualify.  Income status determines priority for awarding scholarships. It also determines if your family will be responsible for paying any tuition that is not covered by the scholarship.  Based on the number of people in your household, if your gross annual income is the amount listed on the chart or less, you may qualify for low income status.  Household size is determined by the following: the scholarship student, the birth mother or the legal guardian of the scholarship student, the spouse (also includes birth father of any child in the household), all children under the age of 18 which the legal guardian or spouse also has legal custody.		<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Number in Household</th> <th>Gross Annual Amount (200%)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>1</td><td>\$25,520</td></tr> <tr><td>2</td><td>\$34,480</td></tr> <tr><td>3</td><td>\$43,440</td></tr> <tr><td>4</td><td>\$52,400</td></tr> <tr><td>5</td><td>\$61,360</td></tr> <tr><td>6</td><td>\$70,320</td></tr> <tr><td>7</td><td>\$79,280</td></tr> <tr><td>8</td><td>\$88,240</td></tr> <tr> <td>For each additional person add:</td> <td>\$8,960</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Number in Household	Gross Annual Amount (200%)	1	\$25,520	2	\$34,480	3	\$43,440	4	\$52,400	5	\$61,360	6	\$70,320	7	\$79,280	8	\$88,240	For each additional person add:	\$8,960
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## ACTIVE PARISHIONER TUITION RATE POLICY

The four criteria (all of which must be met) for receiving the active parishioner reduced rate of tuition or financial assistance is:

- 1. Registration as a member of St. John the Baptist Parish in Harrison**
- 2. Submitting baptismal certificate**

*Submitting a baptismal certificate from a Catholic Church or a certificate of full communion with the Catholic Church, with the application for the first year of attendance (unless child was baptized at St. John's, Harrison, Ohio)*

- 3. Committing themselves to strive to attend Mass every Sunday**

*While the determination of active versus non-active status will not be measured by specific attendance at mass, all families are required to make a formal commitment to practice the Catholic faith by signing the Tuition Subsidy Covenant document included with the registration material.*

- 4. Being as active in the life of the parish as possible**

*While this cannot be measured, it is expected that every family participate in parish events, either by offering time as a volunteer for individual or continuous activities and/or by participating in faith formation events in the parish.*

- 5. Financially supporting the parish as best as you can afford.**

*There is not a set amount for this, nor does the parish assess each family; however, each family is expected to support the parish as best they can. The active parishioner tuition rate is dependent upon each family's financial support.*

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Fr. Kemper at 513-367-9086 ext. 215, [jkemper@stjb.net](mailto:jkemper@stjb.net) or Mike Newton at 513-367-9086 ext. 211, [mnewton@stjb.net](mailto:mnewton@stjb.net) .

# Tuition Assistance Application Information

FACTS Tuition Management will be conducting the financial need analysis for St. John the Baptist School families that are applying for tuition assistance for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year. Families applying for financial aid will need to complete an application online and submit the necessary supporting documentation to FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment by **April 15, 2021**. Applications will only be processed when all supporting documents are received by FACTS. The program requires 2020 tax returns. Applicants can apply online with the FACTS link at <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3XBQ9>. If this is your first time applying for tuition assistance with FACTS, you will need to create a new account. There will be a \$30.00 fee to apply for tuition assistance that will need to be paid online to complete your application process. Families will be notified of tuition assistance awards by May 31, 2021.

The same application process is used to apply for aid from the Catholic Education Foundation, with the deadline for that program being February 8, 2021. This program requires only 2019 tax returns. A family who requests aid from St. John the Baptist but does not apply in a timely fashion with the Catholic Education Foundation will risk receiving a lower level of aid from St. Johns.

If you have applied for tuition assistance at one of the high schools in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, you will only need to list your child's name that is attending our school on that application and submit your 2020 tax returns. There will be no additional fee to apply for tuition assistance for our school.

Financial assistance is only available for registered St. John the Baptist parishioners who have signed the Active Parishioner Tuition Subsidy document, with students enrolled in our school in grades K-8. Tuition assistance is not available for preschool or pre-Kindergarten students.

All tuition assistance applications will be handled through an online application. If you do not have access to apply online, please contact our Business Manager, Mike Newton, [mnewton@stjb.net](mailto:mnewton@stjb.net) or 513-367-9086 ext. 211.

Once an online application has been completed, the following information will need to be sent to FACTS to complete the application process:

- Copies of your 2020 Federal tax forms including all supporting tax schedules
- Copies of your 2020 W-2 forms for both you and your spouse
- Copies of supporting documentation for Social Security Income, Welfare, Child Support, Food Stamps, Workers' Compensation, and TANF

All supporting documentation can be uploaded online in pdf format.

If you have questions or concerns about the application process, you may speak with a FACTS Customer Care Representative at 866-315-9262 or contact Mike Newton.

All information contained on the tuition assistance applications is kept strictly confidential.