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Re: 2024-2025 Tuition Rates

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Dear St. Ignatius Families,

We hope this letter finds you and your family well. We are truly blessed that you have chosen St. Ignatius School and Parish as the place for your child(ren)'s religious formation and education. The combined partnership of home, school, and Church is crucial as we help each child reach their fullest potential spiritually, academically, socially, and emotionally. We also understand and appreciate the sacrifices you are making to provide your child(ren) with a Catholic education.

Each year we navigate the rising costs of maintaining and operating a school along with rises in fixed expenses, as well as those that are unexpected. We understand the burden that rising tuition costs put on families, and strive to keep tuition increases to a minimum through diligent financial stewardship and control of expenses. Over the years, the parish has generously helped us subsidize the cost of educating the children of St. Ignatius School, as the school typically operates in a deficit. Parish subsidies cover the difference in the actual cost to educate a student and what the school charges in tuition. This is proving harder and harder for our parish to do, as their costs are rising at a greater rate than their income.

The recent changes to the EdChoice Expansion scholarship program have provided significant assistance to many of our families this year. When the program was expanded back in July, we decided to keep tuition exactly the same, while most other schools took it as an opportunity to raise rates for the current school year. We wanted to do our due diligence and give it some time before we rushed into any decisions about a tuition increase. We now have a much better idea of the number of families who benefit from the EdChoice Expansion program, as well as new expenses we as a school have incurred.

Please know I have given much thought to this and how it will affect those not receiving the full Ed Choice Scholarship, those on other state scholarships who are not eligible for EdChoice, and those who live out of the state of Ohio. I worked diligently to take all of that into account, while also finding ways to be able to meet the needs of our school and parish. The proposal that I presented to the parish finance commission and pastoral council was approved unanimously by both groups. It allows for an increase in school income and eliminates the parish subsidy, while only incurring an increase of \$50 out of pocket for one child for grades K-8. The Loyola Scholarship, a grant of up to \$800 per child, will be available to parishioners who apply and meet the criteria. This grant can be used if any family is still carrying a tuition balance after state scholarships are applied.

An explanation of the restructured tuition schedule as well as opportunities for financial assistance for the 2024-2025 school year, both preschool and K-8, are attached. Our tuition remains significantly less than most elementaries in the Archdiocese. We look forward to the 24-25 school year and the opportunity to assist you in the formation of your child(ren) in the Catholic Faith.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Angie Heisel".

Angie Heisel, Principal

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tom Mannebach".

Fr. Tom Mannebach, Pastor

**St. Ignatius Loyola
2024-2025 Tuition**

K-8 Tuition Schedule Details

- EdChoice scholarship levels are up to \$6166 per K-8 student. If a family does not qualify for full tuition coverage with EdChoice, does not receive any EdChoice funds due to receiving another state scholarship (example: Jon Peterson, Autism), or lives out of state, please see the tuition assistance options below.
- Multi-child discounts have been eliminated due to the changes in the EdChoice scholarship program. Having multi-child discounts in place prevents the school from receiving the full amount it costs to educate each child. If EdChoice does not cover your full tuition and your family has multiple children at St Ignatius, please see the tuition assistance options below and apply for financial assistance.
- St. Ignatius will be moving tuition to FACTS, a fully online payment platform. The link to this platform for tuition and fees will come to you sometime in late spring. More information will come about FACTS, how to create an account, and how it will mainstream tuition billing.

2024-2025 School Year, K-8 Tuition

\$5120 per child

Financial Aid Opportunities for students K-8 who have a remaining 24-25 tuition balance after Ed Choice and are registered St. Ignatius parishioners:

- **The Loyola Scholarship** - a grant for St. Ignatius parishioners, up to \$800 per child, available to those who apply and meet the criteria for being a St. Ignatius parishioner. Please print the application and return to the school office by July 12, 2024. [Loyola Scholarship Application](#)
- **St. Ignatius Tuition Assistance** - these funds are available by applying through our tuition assistance portal through FACTS Management, <https://online.factsmgt.com/grant-aid/inst/3GVVG/landing-page>. Funds are made available by generous donors and through such activities as the Golf Outing, the iWalk, and donations through the SGO (Scholarship Granting Organization). Applications should be completed by July 12, 2024.
- **Catholic Education Foundation (CEF)** - CEF grants are made possible through the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. **The current deadline to apply for a CEF grant was February 25, 2024.** This information was published in the Wildcat Wire back in January and February. Applications for CEF are also done through FACTS Management; <https://online.factsmgt.com/grant-aid/inst/3GVVG/landing-page>.

Preschool Tuition Schedule - Preschool tuition will also be billed through FACTS Management as stated above.

Preschool Student Enrollment	Preschool Tuition
2 day, ½ day (3 yr old)	
Parishioner Rate	\$1440
Private Student Rate	\$1710
3 day, ½ day (4 yr old)	
Parishioner Rate	\$2100
Private Student Rate	\$2345
5 day, full day (5 yr old) Pre-K	
Parishioner Rate	\$5100
Private Student Rate	\$5400

