



January 22, 2020

Dear Annunciation Catholic School Families,

Thank you for the great trust you have placed in Annunciation by your decision to send your children to our parish school. We are committed to providing the best Catholic education for all who attend Annunciation.

We believe that a Catholic education should be available for all families and we work hard to keep tuition rates reasonable. The Parish Finance Council, in collaboration with the Annunciation School Council, has recommended the following tuition rates for the 2020-21 school year, and I have accepted their recommendation.

2020-21 Tuition Schedule	Parish Investment Tuition Rate	Standard Tuition Rate
First Child: K - 8th Grade	\$5,565	\$6,595
Second Child: K - 8th Grade	\$5,150	\$6,180
Third+ Child(ren): K - 8th grade	\$4,645	\$5,675

**The Annunciation Discovery Center preschool tuition is separate. Please visit the Annunciation Discovery Center web site for more information.*

<https://ladcfamilies.org/annunciation-catholic-school-discovery-center-minneapolis/>

The actual cost to educate a child for the 2020-21 school year is \$8,090. Church of the Annunciation parish investment and endowments, and other generous donations help offset that cost. We believe that a flat rate tuition in the future will help create a greater sense of unity in our school, and attract more families to our parish community. Also, it is our intent to continue offering the multi-child discounts.

Continuous Enrollment in TADS

During the 2020-21 school year, Annunciation School will again use a continuous enrollment model. Students will be automatically re-enrolled unless a family contacts Jen Renstrom (jrenstrom@annunciationmsp.org) by January 22, 2020. Tuition payment plans will be set up based on the plan you selected this year. Next week, you will receive an email from TADS with your tuition agreement, and you will be able to log in to your billing account to review your plan. All families MUST complete their tuition agreements in TADS by March 1, 2020.

Middle School 1:1 Chromebook Program for 6th, 7th, 8th grade students

Annunciation's 1:1 middle school technology program launched at the beginning of the 2018-19 school year. Each middle school student received a Chromebook at the beginning of the year. This program

ensures that we continue to develop our students' skills appropriate for the 21st Century and prepare them for future use of technology in high school, college and their vocations. With this rollout, we have instituted an annual technology fee of \$250 for each 6th, 7th and 8th grade student. These fees are collected through TADS.

OTHER FEES: Activity fee, APO dues and Hot Lunch

The student activity fee and APO dues will be automatically applied to your TADS account. Activity fees cover field trips, Christmas and Carnival costumes, etc. APO dues are for our Annunciation Parent Organization to continue to support our teachers and school for special classroom needs throughout the year.

The fees are as follows:

Grade Activity Fee (per student) & APO Dues (per family)

6th - 8th : \$100

1st - 5th: \$80

Kindergarten: \$40

APO dues for all families: \$30

Hot Lunch & milk fees will continue to be billed and paid for separately by submitting a check to the school office to update your lunch balance.

God has been so good to us here at Annunciation throughout our nearly 100 years of providing Catholic education in South Minneapolis. Thank you again for entrusting us with your greatest treasures, your children, and for partnering with us to pass on the gifts of faith and wisdom. Please know of my prayers for you and your families as we all seek to fulfill the mission that Jesus gave us – to build up His Kingdom in the world.

Grace and Peace,

Father Brian Park
Pastor, Church of the Annunciation
612-824-0787 ext. 228

**** Please see next page for information regarding tuition assistance and scholarship information.*

Financial Aid

Tuition Assistance

We want to help your child reach their Potentiality. Tuition should never be a barrier. We will work with you to help your family so that you can give your child the best education possible at Annunciation. We recognize that the cost of Catholic education continues to grow and can be, for some, a source of great concern. Some families are torn between their desire to offer their children a Catholic education and the potential strain it may place on their household income. We understand those concerns and work with families to assist with the financial obligations.

Tuition assistance is offered to new and returning students through our Help-A-Student Fund. We are very pleased to assist you in providing a Catholic education for your children in grades kindergarten-8 by means of need-based tuition grants through our Help-A-Student Fund. Applicants apply online at www.tads.com.

We use the outside service of Tuition Aid Data Services (TADS) to help us to determine financial need. To be considered for aid, each family is required to complete a TADS financial aid application at www.tads.com. Direct links to both the TADS Worksheet (a very helpful tool in organizing your financial information prior to completing the actual application) and the TADS application are included on the Annunciation website, <http://www.annunciationmsp.org/school> under Admissions - Tuition/Financial Aid.

Key Financial Dates

- **January 27, 2020:** Online Enrollment and TADS Financial Aid Applications become available for the 2020-21 school year. We encourage you to begin the Financial Aid process early using your 2018 tax return and your most recent pay stub. However, you will need to update your application in March 2020 using your 2019 tax return. By applying early, our Financial Aid office can provide you with an estimated range of financial aid for which your family qualifies.
- **March 1, 2020:** Online TADS Financial Aid Application Deadline. Include supporting tax and income documentation. (If 2019 taxes are not completed, preliminary application may be completed using 2018 tax information.) Financial Aid Applications will be accepted after this date, but aid will be distributed to these applicants first and then to later applicants, as funds allow.
- **April 17, 2020:** Financial Aid Application Deadline to update with 2019 year-end tax information and documentation (if not provided by March 1 deadline).
- **April 24, 2020:** Financial Aid Awards and Tuition Agreements emailed to families.
- **May 31, 2020:** Online TADS Tuition Agreement Deadline.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: If I have more than one student, do I have to complete a new Financial Aid application for each one?

A: No, the application serves for all students since it determines financial need for the family. We rely on TADS to give us a complete picture of demonstrated need and we award financial aid by student.

Q: What if there are two households? Does each parent have to complete a financial aid application?

A: Yes, since we assess need based on the family financial situation, TADS requires two applications, one from each household.

Q: Is financial aid renewable every year?

A: Since financial situations change from year to year, families must apply for tuition assistance every year. Generally speaking, unless your family financial situation changes significantly, you will likely qualify for similar aid each year.

Q: How can I learn more about tuition assistance?

A: We're here to help! Please contact Tom Konz at 612-760-0950 or email tkonz@annunciationmsp.org.

Scholarships

The Aim Higher Scholarship is awarded to students from families seeking tuition assistance. The scholarship follows students from Kindergarten through 8th grade and to other Catholic schools.

Please see the attached to learn how to apply. Deadline to apply is February 18, 2020.