



January 6, 2021

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 2021-22 school year, and we have accepted their recommendation.

2021-22 Tuition	Parish Investment Tuition Rate	Standard Tuition Rate
First Child: K - 8th Grade	\$5,735	\$6,795
Second Child: K - 8th Grade	\$5,320	\$6,380
Third+ Child(ren): K - 8th grade	\$4,815	\$5,875

*\*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 2021-22 school year is \$7,600. Church of the Annunciation parish investment, endowments, fundraising and other generous donations help offset that cost. We also continue to offer multi-child discounts.

#### **Continuous Enrollment in TADS**

For the 2021-22 school year, Annunciation School will again use a continuous enrollment model. **Current students in grades K-7 will be automatically re-enrolled on January 11, 2021.** You will then receive an email from TADS to log on to complete registration and set up your tuition agreement. **All current families MUST complete registration and their tuition agreements in TADS by February 28, 2021 in order to secure your child's spot for the 2021-22 school year.**

**\*\*\* If your child is not returning to Annunciation next year, you must notify Jennifer Renstrom no later than January 31, 2021.**

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

**To secure your child's spot at Annunciation for 2021-22, you must complete registration and your tuition agreement no later than February 28, 2021.** Due to potentially full classes and a large wait pool for the 2021-22 school year, if you have not completed registration and your tuition agreement by February 28, your child(ren) could lose their spot and be placed in the wait pool, especially if their class is full or if the wait pool is greater than spots available.

### **Annual Registration Fee**

Each family pays an annual non-refundable registration fee each year. For the 2021-22 school year, the registration fee will be charged as follows:

- Complete registration and your tuition agreement between January 11-31: \$150 registration fee per family (discounted rate).
- Complete registration and your tuition agreement after February 1: \$200 registration fee per family.

As of August 1, 2020, TADS charges a processing fee for any bank account payments processed electronically. At maximum, a family's billing account would be charged \$5 for a payment of \$1,666 or above. TADS also charges a fee for processing payments with a credit card (that fee is 3% of your overall payment). Unfortunately, there is a cost TADS is assessed by their banks and credit card processing companies in order to process payments on behalf of schools and families.

### **Kindergarten Incentive Program:**

Receive tuition discount of \$150 on your 2021-22 kindergarten tuition when you register & enroll your Kindergarten by January 31, 2021! Credit will be applied to your tuition in September 2021. Enrollment opens January 11, 2021. Thank you to CSCOE for this special grant.

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

Each middle school student receives a school-issued Chromebook (required) at the beginning of the school year. There is an annual technology fee of \$250 for each 6th, 7th and 8th grade student. These fees are collected through your billing account in TADS.

### **OTHER FEES: Activity fees, APO dues and Hot Lunch**

The student activity fee and APO dues will be automatically applied to your TADS billing account. Activity fees cover field trips (including virtual) along with classroom enrichment programming, Christmas and Carnival costumes, and other special in-school events and celebrations. 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 *per family*: \$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 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 Bill Deziel  
Pastor, Church of the Annunciation

Kari Zobel  
Principal, Annunciation Catholic School

# Financial Aid

## Tuition Assistance

We want to help your child reach their potentiality through a Catholic school education - tuition should never be a barrier. Tuition assistance is offered to new and returning students through our Help-A-Student Fund. To be considered for aid, each family is required to complete a TADS financial aid application EACH YEAR. The application serves for all students in a family, unless there is a split household, in which case, each household must submit their own financial aid application. There is a \$35 fee to process this application.

### **Financial Aid Timeline:**

- **January 11:** TADS financial aid applications become available for the 2021-22 school year. We encourage you to begin the financial aid process early using your 2019 tax return and your most recent pay stub.
- **February 26:** Online TADS financial aid application deadline. Include supporting tax and income documentation. (If 2020 taxes are not completed, a preliminary application may be completed using 2019 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 16:** Financial aid deadline to update with 2020 year-end tax information and documentation (if not provided by the February 26 deadline).
- **April 23:** Financial aid awards emailed to families and applied to TADS billing accounts.

## 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 Jennifer Renstrom at [jrenstrom@annunciationmsp.org](mailto:jrenstrom@annunciationmsp.org) or 612-823-4394 x204.

## Scholarships

The CSAF and Aim Higher Scholarships are awarded to students from families seeking tuition assistance. The scholarship follows students from Kindergarten through 8th grade. For new applicants, the CSAF/Aim Higher Scholarship is awarded to five students from families with the most tuition assistance need per eligible school. Deadline to apply is February 20, 2021. A link to the application is on the financial aid page on our website.