



2020- 2021 TUITION INFORMATION

Section I - Enrollment Policy: Current Good Shepherd School students in grades K-5 will be given priority for enrollment into the next school year’s classes. Applications for new students in grades K-6 will be accepted according to the following prioritized categories in most cases:

1. Siblings of current Good Shepherd School students or children of staff
2. Children of Good Shepherd parish members in good standing
3. Children of Catholic families who are established members of parish communities
4. Children of non-Catholic families

With respect to applications for all grades, **Good Shepherd School reserves the right to refuse any application.**

Section II - Non-Discrimination Policy: Good Shepherd School (GSS), mindful of our mission to be witnesses to the love of Christ for all, admits students of any race, color, national and /or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to the school. GSS does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, age, sex, or disability in administration of their educational policies, scholarship programs, and athletic and other school administered programs. While GSS does not discriminate against students with special needs, a full range of services may not always be available to them.

Because Good Shepherd School is a parish school, admissions priority is given to children from families of registered, active, and contributing members of Good Shepherd Parish. GSS welcomes non-parishioner families on a space-available basis.

Section III - Tuition Policy: No portion of the tuition paid or due will be refunded or canceled in the event of absence, withdrawal, or dismissal from the school. **If the student attends any portion of the year, the full tuition for the year will be charged.**

IMPORTANT: Enrollment will not be guaranteed if initial payment is not paid by July 20, 2020.

Section III – Tuition	Active Parishioner Rate**	\$5,355.00
	Standard Tuition Rate	\$6,895.00
	Family Plan	Third child of a family (youngest) pays 1/2 of tuition cost. Fourth child of a family (youngest) pays no tuition.

** Families who are active and contributing members of the parish community pay the Active Parishioner Rate in recognition of our parish’s mission to support Catholic education for K-6 students. To qualify for the Active Parishioner Rate, Good Shepherd School families must: 1) be registered members of Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 2) regularly attend Sunday Mass at Good Shepherd (two times per month or more), 3) volunteer time and talent in parish ministries or events, and 4) support the work of the parish through traceable, unrestricted financial contributions (e.g., envelope offerings or electronic fund transfers). Families who do not qualify for the Active Parishioner Rate pay the Standard Tuition Rate. We will assess a family’s fulfillment of these expectations throughout the year. If, after being reminded and encouraged to do so, a family does not meet the expectations of the Active Parishioner Rate, that family may be charged the Standard Tuition Rate.

Please note that some area parishes support their parishioners by subsidizing the difference between the Active Parishioner Rate and the Standard Tuition Rate. Currently, Saint Mary of the Lake (Plymouth) and Saint Margaret Mary (Golden Valley) support their families in this way. Check with your parish to see if you are eligible for help. All subsidy arrangements through other parishes are agreements between your family and your parish. You are responsible for any required application and compliance issues.

Section IV - Fee Policy

- A **registration fee** of **\$100** is required at the time of registration for **all new students, including siblings of current students** and is **nonrefundable**. This fee is separate and not included in the student fee.
- A **nonrefundable** individual student fee of **\$200** is charged for students in grades 1-6, (not Kindergarten) to cover field trips, assemblies, and yearbook. The student fee is due by July 20, 2020. This fee does not include special fees such as the 6th grade Long Lake Conservation Center and graduation trips.
- For **Kindergarten** students only, a **nonrefundable** fee of **\$275** is charged to cover all the student fees, as well as classroom supplies, cooking supplies, and daily snacks. This fee is due by July 20, 2020, as well.
- For Kindergarten through 4th grade, a **\$150 Technology fee** is required. This is due by July 20, 2020 or you will have the option to spread payments over three months (July, August, & September). The technology fee is used to offset expenses including iPads, laptops, chrome books, curriculum licensing and subscriptions, etc.
- A **\$250 Technology fee** is charged for students in grades 5 and 6. This is due by July 20, 2020 or you will have the option to spread payments over three months (July, August, & September). The technology fee is used to offset expenses including iPads, laptops, chrome books, curriculum licensing and subscriptions, etc.
- Student fees for all grade levels must be paid by July 20, 2020. Accounts more than 30 days past due from the 15th of the month will be charged 1% per month or \$20, whichever is greater.
- Payments returned for insufficient funds will be charged a \$35.00 NSF fee.
- All tuition and fee payments are currently arranged through TADS.
- **Families experiencing financial hardship are encouraged to complete an online financial aid application through the TADS system.**

Section V - Payment Policy: Families must pay tuition via TADS, our tuition management company, using one of the options listed below. Payments are due on the 1st, 15th, or 20th of the month, beginning in July. Please note that those paying by credit card are responsible for paying the non-refundable convenience fees (or credit card processing fees) assessed by TADS or any other credit card processing firm utilized by Good Shepherd. There is a \$45 annual fee per family for those who elect to use the 10-Month or Quarterly payment plan below.

Option 1: Payment in full

*Cash, check, or credit card (Visa, MasterCard, or American Express) must be made by **July 20, 2020**.*

Active Parishioner Rate: \$5,355.00 Standard Tuition Rate: \$6,895.00

Option 2: Payment by credit card or ACH (automatic withdraw from bank account)

10-Month Plan: Due on the 1st, 15th, or 20th of each month from July through April
Active Parishioner Rate: \$535.50 Standard Tuition Rate: \$689.50

Quarterly Plan: Four payments due on the 1st, 15th, or 20th of July, Oct., Dec., & Feb.
Active Parishioner Rate: \$1,338.75 Standard Tuition Rate: \$1,723.75

Semi-annually Plan: Two payments due July 1st, 15th, or 20th and December 1st, 15th or 20th
Active Parishioner Rate: \$2,677.50 Standard Tuition Rate: \$3,447.50

Section VI - Delinquent Tuition Policies: The School Advisory Board has directed the following delinquent policies. Exceptions can be approved only by the administration. If you cannot pay tuition on time, you must communicate with the school administrator in writing to prevent enforcement of delinquent tuition policies. If tuition is delinquent, enforcement may include any of the following (1) Students may not receive end of year report cards, (2) Students may not participate in graduation activities, (3) Students may not begin a new school year.

A registration fee of \$100 for new students is required at the time of registration and is **nonrefundable**.