



St. Mary's Catholic Parish School Financial Agreement Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) 2021-2022

What options do I have to pay my school bill(s)?

There are *two options* to paying a bill at the school. #1 (preferred method) is by *bank auto draft*. #2 is pay via a credit card. Do know that a 4% fee will be added to all charges paid with a credit card. The fee covers the school's cost for accepting credit cards. You will receive your bill by the 7th of the month and your account will be drafted on the 20th of the month (or the following business day).

What do registration fees cover and how will registration be billed?

- Registration is *non-refundable* and is on/by due July 1st. These fees cover *all* supplies for the students, *all* curriculum materials, birthday book etc. We purchase these supplies based on the number of students registered. The one-time Registration Fee *per child* for K-8th is \$375.00 and for Preschool & Pre-K is \$170.00. Please pay by check or EFT.

Are there any other grade specific fees that are not listed on the financial agreement?

- The fees for the sacraments (Reconciliation and Eucharist) which covers books, materials, reception, etc. will be billed through *St. Mary's Parish Church*.

Are there any other fees or charges?

In addition to the "Additional Fees" as listed on the Financial Agreement Sheet, there are the following fees:

1. Choir and band (before and after school) bills come bi-yearly and they come directly from the Music Director (fall and spring).
2. The school contracts with the Moscow School district for bussing. If your student rides the bus, it will be added to your monthly bill. Cost is set once Moscow School District gives us the contract.
3. For middle grade students choosing to participate in the Father Hallissey Basketball Tournament in Boise, families are charged for *housing, food, and transportation*. The registration for this event is covered by the school.

What is included for those enrolled full-Time in the Preschool & Pre-K programs?

- Childcare 7:00am to 5:30pm (Monday – Friday)
- 2 Snacks daily

What is included in part-Time for Preschool & Pre-K?

- 1 Snack daily

What families are required to participate in the school's fundraisers?

- As of 2021-2022 school year, all families with children in all grades, Preschool through Eighth grade.

If I choose not to buy-out of the Jog-a-Thon, what is my obligation?

- Obtain a minimum of \$200.00 in pledges per child.
- Collect the pledged monies and return it to the office by the deadline.

If I choose not to buy-out of the Christmas Tree Sale, what is my obligation?

- Work three- 2 hour shifts per child at the Christmas tree lot. Sign up times will be available online.
- Work one of the Christmas Tree committees.

If I choose not to buy-out of the Auction, what is my obligation?

- Donate an item (or items) that will generate \$200.00 in revenue. This obligation is per family.
- Work a *minimum of 3 hours* on an Auction committee.

If you choose **NOT to participate in the fundraising events**, your account will be billed in the month following the activity with your regular bill. Costs of buying- out are listed below:

- a. Jog-a-thon (\$200.00 / Child)
- b. Christmas Tree Committee (\$300.00 / Family)
- c. Christmas Tree Sales (\$200.00 / per **Child**)
- d. Auction Committee (\$250.00 / Family)
- e. Auction Item (\$200.00 / per **Child**)

Why does the school have fundraisers?

- To keep tuition low. Tuition covers less than 50% of the operating expenses. Without fundraising and donations, tuition would need to be *significantly higher*.
- Fundraising events are important for students to see their parents involved in activities for the sake of their education.
- Being involved in a common cause is a great way to get to know and bond with other adults, not just for the time their children are together in school. Lifelong friendships are often developed.

Is Tuition Assistance Available?

- For families who qualify a scholarship assistance form must be completed. One can obtain this by requesting it from the business office.

Where can I order uniforms for Mass?

- Mass attire is required for student(s) K-8th. *Schoolbelles* is our uniform company. The school office and website will provide information from *Schoolbelles*. We encourage PS/PK students to also wear uniforms.

Are there ways of donating monies to assist the school in its operation?

- *Yes, there are two very viable ways: **Great Teachers' Fund** and **The Foundation Endowment Fund**.*

A. Great Teachers' Fund was established by the school board in 2009 to help ensure our teachers keep a competitive salary compared to the Moscow School District. Your tax-deductible donation assists us in this cause. For more information, contact the Business Office.

B. Foundation Endowment Fund is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation created in 1982 *exclusively* for the benefit of our school. Investments are made locally with oversight by the Foundation board of directors. Each year, an amount equal to up to five percent of the interest earned is given to St. Mary's School to assist the school in its yearly operation. Such monies are used to provide scholarships for students who would not otherwise have access to a Catholic education. If you or members of your family (grandparents, friends, etc.) would like to consider a gift to St. Mary's School Foundation in their estate plans, they would be greatly appreciated. Some of the options to do this include making a bequest in a will or naming St. Mary's School Foundation as a beneficiary of a life insurance plan or retirement account. Current gifts of cash, stocks, bonds, and real estate are also gladly accepted. For more information contact the Business Office.

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