# 2023-2024 Tuition, Fees, Financial Aid Info

Preschool Tuition Rates  Tuition payments are available in either 1, 2 or 10 installments.  (collected through Gradelink/PaySimple)				
3 Year Old Class	\$138.00/mo.	M, W or Tu, Th – 8:30-11:30		
4 Year Old Class	\$193.00/mo.	M, W, F or Tu, Th, F – 8:30-11:30		
Parent and Child Class	\$100.00 per semester	Fridays – 10:00-11:30		

The members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church offer a large scholarship for each member student due to the value and importance we place on Christian education. The actual operating cost per student is approximately \$7,278. From an earthly viewpoint, you are getting a great value and making an investment in your child's future! From a spiritual viewpoint, your child is receiving a priceless gift!

Kindergarten – 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Annual Tuition Rates Tuition payments are available in either 1, 2 or 10 installments. (collected through Gradelink/PaySimple)					
	First Child	Second Child	Third Child	Fourth Child+	
St. Paul's Parent's Portion	\$2,402	\$2,034	\$1,665	\$560	
WELS Sister Congregation Member	\$3,639	\$3,023	\$2,407	\$560	
Community Families	\$7,278	\$5,934	\$4,591	\$560	

<sup>\*</sup> Financial aid is typically only available to K-8<sup>th</sup> member families. Maybe you have been looking for a church home or have been thinking about learning more about our church family. Please consider talking with one of the Pastors or Principal to see if becoming a member of the St. Paul's church family is right for you.

## K-8<sup>th</sup> Fees

- Enrollment fees \$0-\$95 (personal religious books and misc. fees) due on August invoice
- Hot Lunch \$5/lunch, unless lunch is brought from home
- Piano Lesson fees \$15/lesson (billed monthly through Gradelink)
- Instrument Lesson fees \$15/lesson (billed monthly through Gradelink)
- After School Care fees (\$5/ hour if child is at school after 3:15 pm) billed monthly through Gradelink.

### Cost of Education

We are so blessed at St. Paul's that we have a school that allows the church to partner with parents in carrying out the Lord's instruction! It is the goal of the BoCE and St. Paul's Lutheran Church to make our LES affordable and accessible to all church and community families. As wise stewards of God's blessings, we have a responsibility to continue to evaluate the cost of education and ensure that Parent's Portion (tuition) amounts reflect current costs. Total Cost of Education will be calculated and adjusted annually using a 3-year average cost. This total Cost of Education will be divided by a 3-year average student enrollment (K-8) with the final year being the expected enrollment in the coming school year. The **Cost of Education is currently \$7,278.00 per student**.

# Parent's Portion (Tuition)

Our school is a wonderful blessing God has given us to share his gospel message with his little lambs. As you are aware, there is a cost to operate our school which is why tuition is charged. All community families will start St. Paul's at the full tuition rate. When families complete Bible Information Class and the application for church membership has been approved, then the St. Paul's Parent's Portion rates can be applied the following school year.

# Financial Aid Policy

What is Financial Aid

At St. Paul's Lutheran School, financial aid takes the form of a grant and does not need to be repaid. The reduction in rate is covered by the members of St. Paul's church and the St. Paul's Foundation.

Aid is considered *Need Based* and is only available to members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church with students entering kindergarten through 8th grade.

The Board of Christian Education administers the Financial Aid Policy for St. Paul's Lutheran School. Each year the Board will budget a designated amount of funds to be used for financial aid and will solicit special gifts for the "St. Paul's LES Financial Aid Fund."

The Board of Christian Education uses a financial aid selection process that strives to remove subjectivity to the award. FACTS provides a framework through which households' need can be measured fairly and equitably. Recommendations from FACTS are used by the Board in accordance with its policies to help determine the awarded amount. The process involves assessing the needs of the family, the financial capability of the family, and the spiritual concerns of the family. This is a difficult process and requires the utmost discretion of the Board.

St. Paul's members can be awarded grants up to <u>75%</u> of the total Net Charges (tuition, Parent's Portion, and fees) per student. Any member family needing more than the awarded grant may be considered on a case-by-case basis but will need to meet individually with the Principal, Pastors, and/or Board of Christian Education Chairman.

Financial Aid Application Process

Families wishing to apply for financial aid must complete the application before the deadline (usually May 15). The deadline will be announced each year. Families must apply for financial aid by requesting the FACTS financial aid application link from the school principal. There is a nonrefundable \$45.00 fee to complete the financial aid form, and this fee is collected by our grant and aid analysis company, FACTS. Families are encouraged to complete the financial aid application process online. There is an additional fee for completing a written application.

All financial aid information is kept strictly confidential, and we expect families receiving financial aid to respect the confidentiality of the process.

#### Required Documentation

The following documents are required to support all financial aid requests. Any missing documents will impact the quality of the submission and could impact the amount of financial aid awarded. TADS documentation quality status must be at "Good" in order to proceed with request.

- Most recently filed federal taxes
- Most recent W-2's received by all Parents/Guardians listed on application
- Recent pay stubs of jobs that Parents/Guardians currently hold
- All documentation that establishes how much miscellaneous monthly or yearly income you currently receive (i.e. welfare, food stamps, unemployment, workers' compensation)
- All corporate, partnership and trust tax forms, if a Parent/Guardian owns 20% or more interest in a corporation or partnership or if any member of the household owns 20% or more interest in a trust

Other documentation (recent utility bills, daycare expense, etc.,) may be required.