



St. Francis de Sales Catholic Academy

"A Faith Filled Future"

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Dear Families,

While our students have not even begun summer vacation, we have started meeting to plan for September 2020 school opening. A diocesan task force has been created to begin discussing how to proceed in the fall. While all final determinations will be predicated on New York City, New York State, Federal and CDC mandates, the task force has been researching how countries around the globe have been moving into the next phase of normalcy to open school at 100% and what systems would need to put into place. As we move forward, information will continue to be shared. It is our goal and plan to fully re-open St. Francis de Sales Catholic Academy in September 2020. With that being said the Board of Directors can now release a tuition schedule for the 2020-2021 School Year. For the past several months, through collaborative efforts between the finance committee, administration, and the board of directors, tuition and fees for our next school year have been discussed and researched at great length. While we recognize any increase in tuition will impact our school families, such increases are necessary to maintain the quality of our academic programs, our teachers, invest in the school facility that it meets the CDC regulations and to ensure our long-term viability.

When determining tuition, we try to keep a balance between affordability for our families and the strategic needs of the school. After careful review of all considerations, the tuition for the 2020-2021 school year has been set. In order to maintain the quality of our program and achieve our goals in a financially responsible manner, The Board of Directors has decided it is necessary to implement modest increases (**\$100 per student**) in tuition for the 2020/2021 school year. Please see attached for more information on tuition rates for 2020-2021. The Directors recognize the sacrifices families make to provide a Catholic education. As a result, we wish to provide an education that is both affordable and meets the standards of excellence that the students deserve.

Please also note two major changes in terms of tuition collection.

- Starting with the 2020-2021 School year Tuition will be collected from the months of August-May rather than that months of July-April.
- The Book & Materials Fee, Technology Fee and Security Fee will be bundled with the tuition charges and invoiced in ten equal amounts from August 2020 to May 2021. This will hopefully help families from not having 2 large payments in the Fall.

We will continue to partner with FACTS Management Company to help us manage our tuition payment program and financial aid assessment. FACTS is used by many schools locally and over 6,500 schools nationally. Tuition payments for the 2020-2021 school year can be paid

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online, by phone, or by mail. You may also sign up for auto pay as well. Only in an emergency will payment be accepted in the school building and/or rectory.

You will realize these benefits by using FACTS for your tuition payment plan:

1. **Payment Dates:** Automatic payments can be made from a checking or savings account.
2. **Convenience & Security:** Along with multiple payment plan options, your payments are processed securely through a bank to bank transaction.
3. **Consumer Account:** You may check your personal account or make payments online from the convenience of your home or office anytime.

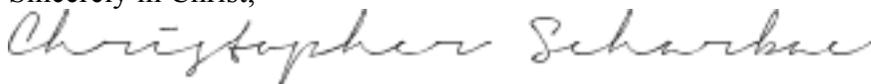
With FACTS, the school maintains decision-making control. As always, we will continue to work with families should special circumstances or "hardship" cases arise during the school year.

Thank you for your continued loyalty and support for St. Francis de Sales. We depend on your support in our efforts to provide the highest quality of education for your children. Your continued support and cooperation is appreciated, as we remain committed to our mission.

The Directors, Principal and Staff of **Saint Francis** welcome the opportunity to educate your children. We believe strongly in the benefits of a Catholic education, but recognize that you have a choice regarding where to send your child. We thank you for choosing **Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Academy** and being so supportive during this uneasy time. If you have friends, neighbors or colleagues with young children, we encourage you to share the gift of our school community with them as well. Supporting future enrollment is one of the most important ways of ensuring an active, vibrant future for St. Francis de Sales Catholic Academy.

As always, thank you for everything you do for the school. St. Francis de Sales Catholic Academy is a great community as a result of all of the individual efforts and talents that each of you brings to the school each and every day this was never more evident over the last three months. Continued prayers for you, your family!

Sincerely in Christ,



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