



# Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) Regarding St. Mary's School Finances

**Why has the school chosen to have only ONE tuition rate?** In order to live out our philosophy as a Catholic School in Idaho, we believe this is what we are called to do at this time in our history. Why? We want to nurture the oneness that holds us together as a *community*. Many have not chosen our school due to the off-putting perception of the two-rate tuition system. Christ is our center and He is the reason we have existed since 1908. Our Mission then and now is to grow *disciples of Christ* as St. Mary's Parish School.

**What options do I have to pay my school bill(s)?** There are *two options* to paying a bill at the school. The first and preferred method is by bank auto draft. The second option is by paying with a credit card. A 4% fee is 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 7<sup>th</sup> of the month and your account will be drafted on the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month (or the following business day).

**What do registration fees cover and how will registration be billed?** Registration is nonrefundable and due July 1<sup>st</sup>. These fees cover supplies, curriculum materials, birthday book etc. for your child. We purchase these supplies in July/August based on the number of students registered. The Registration Fee for K-8<sup>th</sup> is \$350.00 and \$150.00 for Preschool & Pre-K. Please pay this by check or EFT.

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

- Grade 2: The fees for the sacraments (Reconciliation and Eucharist) which covers books, materials, reception, etc. will be billed through the Church
- Grade 6: \$275.00/per child Science Camp Registration
- Grade 8: \$50.00/per child Graduation Fee
- Hot lunch: Grades PS/PK is \$3.00; Grades K through 8<sup>th</sup>, is \$4.00 (which includes a homemade nutritious entrée, fresh fruit, veggies and milk)

**Are there any other fees or charges?**

- There is a charge for after-school care. The cost for after-school (Grades K through 8) until 4:00pm is \$5.00/per child and to 5:30pm the cost is \$7.50/per child.
- Choir and band (before and after school) are billed bi-yearly. Those bills will come directly from the Music Director in the fall and in the spring.
- The school contracts with the Moscow School district for bussing. If your student rides the bus, it will be added to your monthly bill. We set the cost once we have a contract with the Moscow School District.
- For middle grade students choosing to participate in the Father Hallissey Basketball Tournament in Boise there will be a fee for housing, food, and transportation. Only registration will be covered by the school.

**What is included in Full-Time Preschool & Pre-K?**

- Childcare is open daily (Monday – Friday in-school days) from 7:00am to 5:30pm
- Structured activities (curriculum is geared for ages 3 and 4) from 8:15am to 11:30pm daily
- Lunch
- 2 Snacks daily

**What is included in Part-Time Preschool & Pre-K?**

- Structured activities (curriculum is geared for ages 3 and 4) from 8:15am to 11:30pm daily
- 1 Snack daily

**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.
- Collecting the pledged monies and returning it to the office within 10 days of the event.

**If I choose not to buy-out of the Christmas Tree Sale, what is my obligation? There are two:**

- Must work three- 2 hour shifts per child at the Christmas tree lot. Sign up times will be available in the month leading up to the tree sale.
- Work on one of the Christmas Tree committees.

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

- Donating an item (or items) that will generate \$150.00 per family.
- Work a minimum of 4 hours on one of the Auction committees.

**If you are NOT participating in one (or more) of 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 / Child)
- d. Auction Committee (\$400.00 / Family)
- e. Auction Item (\$300.00 / Child)

**Why do we have fundraisers at St. Mary's School?**

- To keep tuition low. Tuition alone only covers about 1/3 of the operating expenses. Without fundraising and donations, tuition would need to be significantly higher. For example, without 2018-2019 fundraisers, tuition for this year would be *\$1300 more per child*.
- 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.

**Where can I order uniform Mass attire?**

- Mass attire is required for student(s) K-8<sup>th</sup>. Visit [www.educationaloutfitters.com/boise](http://www.educationaloutfitters.com/boise) to create an account. Choose St. Mary's Parish School, Moscow, for ease in ordering the required school logo attire. You may also call (208) 713-4157 to order.

**What does a donation to the Great Teacher Fund get used for?**

- This St. Mary's School 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.

**Is Tuition Assistance Available?**

For families seeking tuition assistance, please complete the FACTS Management form (<https://factsmgt.com/>) and contact the office to set a meeting with the principal. (208) 882-2121 or e-mail; [office@stmarysmoscow.com](mailto:office@stmarysmoscow.com) St. Mary's Parish School is an ICCP provider. The purpose of the Idaho Child Care Program is to support families working toward or maintaining employment. Eligibility is based on household income and family size. For more information, contact the Business Office at the school.