



**STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL**  
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Dear Parents,

This has been a remarkable year for Star of the Sea Catholic School as we celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Now we look forward to sharing Catholic Schools Week and have much for which to be grateful. As we move to the season of Lent, we begin to plan and reflect on what we have been called to do and how we can make Star of the Sea School a reflection of God's plan.

With much prayer, we have come up with the attached tuition rate schedule for the 2009 – 2010 school year. I have worked closely with the finance committee of the School Board and after looking at our salary and costs, we have decided on a 3.5% increase in tuition for 2009 – 2010. This is a significantly lower rate than in previous years and will take a commitment on our part to monitor and keep our expenditures low while still meeting all of the educational needs of our students.

You have an important financial decision to make for your family. I offer you some important information about this very important investment in your child's future.

What kinds of returns will my child receive from an education at Star of the Sea Catholic School?

- Most importantly, your child will receive a faith-based education that integrates with your family values to help your child learn more about our rich Catholic faith.
- A commitment by Star of the Sea School to provide quality and experienced teachers that creates a positive and supportive learning environment.
- A commitment by Star of the Sea School to provide a quality educational experience that will include using up-to-date technology to help your child learn in the best way that they can and to be competitive as they move on to challenging high school experiences.
- Having your child supported by the dynamic community that exists here at Star of the Sea School.

The following provides a review of the tuition at Star of the Sea as well as financial options available to you.

- Tuition includes fees for books, materials, FACTS fee and school insurance.
- A technology fee of \$75 per student has been added for the 2009-2010 school year and payable directly to Star of the Sea School on or before August 31, 2009.
- There is a non-refundable re-registration fee of \$100.00 per family due by February 13, 2009. After that date the re-registration fee will be \$200.00 per family.
- Looking at the 2009 – 2010 tuition as it breaks down can show that this is a good financial investment in your child's future:

Tuition Per Year	Per Month	Per Week (42 weeks)	Per Day	Per Hour (7 hours per day)
\$5292 (Catholic rate for 1 child)	\$441.00	\$126.00	\$25.20	\$3.60

Here are some options available to pay your tuition.

**Option #1:** You can pay your tuition in full by July 15, 2009. Families paying in full by July 15, 2009 will be credited \$100 off of their tuition for the year. If this is not possible for you, please consider the following options.

**Option #2:** You may pay your tuition over 12 months through FACTS. This program provides an interest-free monthly payment option.

**Option #3:** Families may apply for tuition assistance and scholarships offered by Star of the Sea School and the Diocese of Richmond. Tuition assistance applications are processed through FACTS Management Grant and Financial Aid at [www.factstuitionaid.com](http://www.factstuitionaid.com) . Completed forms, a \$20 processing fee and all required documentation must be submitted to FACTS by March 1, 2009 in order to be considered for tuition assistance by Star of the Sea School and/or the Diocese of Richmond for the 2009-2010 academic year. Families will be notified of awards by May 1. Financial assistance is based upon family income, number of dependents, and other extenuating circumstances: therefore no specific dollar amount automatically qualifies your family. Awards vary depending on family financial situations and the amount of money the school has to award each year.

Star of the Sea School wants to support you in this process of educating your children. If your financial situation changes during the year, I encourage you to contact me.

Know that it costs more to educate your child than the tuition we charge. To defray the continually rising costs we rely on your support for the special events and fundraising that takes place during the school year. The time that you volunteer and the talent that you share with the school helps to defray the costs we have and enables us to implement new programs for our students.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at school or through email at: [cathryn.whisman@sosschool.org](mailto:cathryn.whisman@sosschool.org)

Know that I keep you in my prayers. It is our working together that makes this the vibrant Catholic school community it is!

God Bless You,

*Cathryn Whisman*

Cathryn Whisman, Ed.D. Principal



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**2009 – 2010 Tuition Rates**  
**Twelve Month Payment Schedule**

**Catholic Tuition Rate (Registration in a Catholic parish will be verified)**

**Grades Kindergarten through 8**

	<u>Total Tuition</u>	<u>Monthly Rate (July-June)</u>
1 Child	\$5292	\$441
2 Children	\$9948	\$829
3 Children	\$14592	\$1216
4 Children	\$19044	\$1587

**Non-Catholic Tuition Rate**

**Grades Kindergarten through 8**

	<u>Total Tuition</u>	<u>Monthly Rate (July-June)</u>
1 Child	\$6468	\$539
2 Children	\$12300	\$1025
3 Children	\$18048	\$1504
4 Children	\$23544	\$1962

**Pre-School Tuition Rate**

	<u>Total Tuition</u>	<u>Monthly Rate (July-June)</u>
½ Day	\$3708	\$309
Full Day	\$5004	\$417

- 1. Technology Fee - \$75.00 per student due on or before August 31, 2009.**
- 2. Those choosing to pay tuition in full by July 15, 2009 will receive a \$100 discount. If paid after July 15, 2009 there will be no discount.**
- 3. Before and After School Care - \$4.00 per hour per student – billed separately.**