

ENROLL NOW

We use an **online TADS enrollment** process; see next page.

To help in your family budget planning:

Enrollment Fee (per student)

		1st Child	2nd Child	3rd Child
Preschool	No date condition	100	100	50
K-8	If paid by Mar 31	250	250	50
	If paid after Mar 31	350	350	50

New Student Fee (apply to enroll fee)

K-8 Application Fee	50 per student
Preschool: No Application Fee	

K-8 Technology Fee

100 per student

K-8 Tuition (annual, per student)

	1st Child	2nd Child	3rd Child
St. John's Church Member	4,584	4,125	3,896
Other LCMS Church Member	4,584	4,125	3,896
Military (full-time active duty)	4,584	4,125	3,896
Community	6,584	5,925	5,596

For K-8, we offer other tuition discounts to eligible families:

- Financial Peace University discount
- 2% tuition discount for annual payment plan (due Aug 20)
- KDG enrollment discount for eligible students
- Financial assistance for eligible families

Preschool Tuition (annual, per student)

		1st Child	2nd Child	3rd Child
2-day	Half Day (8:00-11:30)	1,801	1,621	1,531
	School Day (8:00-3:30)	3,132	2,819	2,662
	Before Care (6:30-8:00)	280	280	280
	After Care (3:30-6:00)	380	380	380
	Lunch Care (11:30-1:00)	280	280	280
3-day	Half Day (8:00-11:30)	2,481	2,233	2,109
	School Day (8:00-3:30)	4,315	3,884	3,668
	Before Care (6:30-8:00)	420	420	420
	After Care (3:30-6:00)	570	570	570
	Lunch Care (11:30-1:00)	420	420	420
5-day	Half Day (8:00-11:30)	3,675	3,308	3,124
	School Day (8:00-3:30)	6,392	5,753	5,433
	Before Care (6:30-8:00)	700	700	700
	After Care (3:30-6:00)	950	950	950
	Lunch Care (11:30-1:00)	700	700	700

For Preschool, we offer other tuition discounts to eligible families:

- 2% tuition discount for annual payment plan (due Aug 20)
- Financial assistance available for eligible families (if family has a K-8 student enrolled)

2019 – 2020 ENROLLMENT INFO

We are pleased to announce some restructuring in our school programs, tuition rates, and school fees to make our school even more affordable for families. We heard from parents ... we listened ... and we made some changes. Please contact us if you have questions or need more information for the 2019-2020 school year.



Preschool 2 Program

Based on input and feedback from preschool parents, we are pleased to offer a Preschool 2 class, effective with the 2019-2020 school year.

Preschool 2 children must be by age 2 by July 31 (and fully toilet-trained). We know that not every child will be "ready" by the start of the school year, so once your child is fully toilet-trained, you can enroll at any time as space permits.

The Preschool 2 program options and fee structures are the same as our other preschool classes.

NOTE: We may arrange preschool classes by age group or combine age groups as needed to maximize class size and staffing ratios.



K-8 Enrollment Fee Reduced to \$250

The K-8 enrollment fee is reduced to \$250 per child (was \$275) if paid before March 31. If paid after the March 31 deadline, the enrollment fee increases to \$350.



Two Enrollment Periods for K-8

We have two enrollment periods for K-8 ... before or after March 31, and each period has a different enrollment fee (previously we had three enrollment periods and each period had a different fee).

Save \$100 per child if you pay the enrollment fee before March 31.

What can you do with \$100?

At first look, \$100 is only \$100. It's so easy to fritter away on eating out, entertainment, or booking a trip online. But you should never underestimate how far \$100 can go, even in this economy. Consider these ten options:

- Open a college savings account. Pay down your debt.
- Stock up on frozen foods. Shop for clothes in the off-season.
- Winterize your home. Purchase Scrip cards for later use.
- Start your rainy day fund. Invest in self-improvement.
- Buy groceries and cook ahead. Give it away.



Thanks for your commitment to our school and for our partnership in education. Working together, we can continue making St. John's Lutheran School a great place for teaching and learning.

What is the tuition rate for the next school year?

The annual base tuition rate for next school year for one K-8 child in a family is **\$6,584**. St. John's Church members, other LCMS church members, and active military members receive a \$2,000 discount with a net tuition base of **\$4,584**.

Our annual preschool tuition base is **\$6,392** for a school-day, 5-day per week child. Different rates apply to other daily scheduling and add-on options.

How does our tuition rate compare to other Lutheran/private/parochial schools?

We do an analysis of area schools each year to be sure our tuition rates are competitive with other schools and preschools. Our tuition fees are ranked in the middle of other area private/parochial tuition fees (we are neither the highest nor lowest).

In assessing our fees, the school tries to balance the operational costs with the family's ability to pay the fees. We want our tuition to be affordable to families (with financial assistance), while maintaining the funding levels necessary to provide a quality education. As such, we need to assess our tuition and fees at appropriate levels to provide the quality Christian education that our families want and deserve.

What do the tuition and fees cover?

- The PS-8 tuition covers most, but not all, of the salaries and benefits of our teachers and support staff.
- The PS-8 enrollment fee provides funding for most of the day-to-day resources and supplies used by teachers and students.

Worried about tuition costs?

Consider this: 97% of our current students in Grades K-8 received a tuition discount, financial assistance, or scholarship in the 2018-2019 school year ... and while the discounts and assistance vary with each family, the average eligible child received \$2,956 in tuition reductions for the current year.

Who is eligible for discounts, financial assistance, and scholarships?

With increasing tuition costs, St. John's offers increasing financial assistance to families. It is our goal that all families desiring a Christian education for their children would have the opportunity to enroll them in St. John's Lutheran School regardless of their income, financial status, or ability to pay tuition.

Tuition discounts are provided to families with eligible students (see page 1). Financial assistance and scholarships are awarded to K-8 students and families on a need-based eligibility (as determined by the completed TADS financial aid application).

How do I enroll? How do I apply for financial aid?

You must complete the TADS enrollment process before our school will determine a financial aid award.

- To re-enroll your child, login to your myTADS account to start the enrollment and financial aid process.
- New students go to stjohnsarnold.org and click on the APPLY button to start the enrollment and financial aid process.

FINANCIAL AID online application is available for any K-8 family. St. John's uses TADS to objectively and confidentially determine a family's financial status and need.

TADS financial aid applications that are submitted by April 1 each year (for the next school year) will have increased likelihood of optimal assistance. Financial aid applications may be submitted at any time, but those applications submitted after April 1 may have limited funds available to meet a family's identified need.

LESA SCHOLARSHIP. The Lutheran Elementary School Association (LESA) offers need-based scholarships to students attending Lutheran schools in the St. Louis metropolitan area.

UPDATE: You must submit a separate application for a LESA scholarship. Applications are due by April 1; go to lesastl.org/tuition-aid for application and information.

The school is a ministry of the church. How does the church support the school?

The church supports the school by funding the facilities, utilities, and other operational costs of the school. In addition, the church provides monetary support to help balance the school budget. In the past three fiscal years, the church has provided \$100,000+ each year to balance the school budget.

Do I need to pay the enrollment fees when I re-enroll?

You can fill out the online enrollment info, save the info, and pay later. Your child's enrollment is "final" upon full payment of the enrollment fee and completion of the Tuition Agreement. For K-8 students, you must make full payment of the enrollment fee by March 31 to receive the \$250.00 Wildcats Special rate (for re-enrolling students).

How can I pay my tuition and school fees?

Tuition fees can be paid in annual, semester, 10-month, or 12-month payments. With the TADS system, you can pay your tuition and school fees by:

- Automated Clearing House (ACH – Automatic Payments)
- Credit Card (online payments only)
- Electronic Checks
- Checks
- Cash
- Other

The logo for TADS (Tuition and Aid Determination System) features the letters "TADS" in a bold, green, sans-serif font. A small green plus sign is positioned above the letter "A".

Questions? Need more info?

Contact our school office at 636-464-7303 or school@sjlsarnold.org to get answers and information.