

TUITION and FEES 2021 2022

We are pleased to announce some restructuring in our 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 info for the 2021-2022 school year.

ENROLLMENT FEES

Continuous Enrollment Fee (current student, per student)

	1st Child	2nd Child
Preschool	100	100
Grades K-8	250	250

NOTE: There is no continuous enrollment fee for 3rd child

New Student Enrollment Fee (per student)

Preschool-Grade 8 Application Fee	50
Preschool Enrollment Fee	100
Grades K-8 Enrollment Fee	250

NOTE: There is no enrollment fee for 3rd child

PRESCHOOL TUITION

Annual or monthly payments, per student

		Annual	10 Month Payments Aug-May
5-day	Half Day (8:00am-11:30am)	3,958	396
	School Day (8:00am-3:30pm)	6,884	689
	Before Care (6:30am-8:00am)	867	87
	After Care (3:30pm-6:00pm)	1,155	116
	Lunch Care (11:30am-1:00pm)	867	87
3-day	Half Day (8:00am-11:30am)	2,672	268
	School Day (8:00am-3:30pm)	4,647	465
	Before Care (6:30am-8:00am)	520	52
	After Care (3:30pm-6:00pm)	693	70
	Lunch Care (11:30am-1:00pm)	520	52
2-day	Half Day (8:00am-11:30am)	1,940	194
	School Day (8:00am-3:30pm)	3,373	338
	Before Care (6:30am-8:00am)	347	35
	After Care (3:30pm-6:00pm)	462	47
	Lunch Care (11:30am-1:00pm)	347	35

For Preschool, we offer payment plans and tuition discounts to eligible families:

- 10, 11, and 12-month payment plans (all plans end in May)
- Tuition rates are the same for 2, 3, 4, 5-year-old programs
- Multi-child. 2nd child: 10% discount, 3rd child: 15% discount
- 2% tuition discount for annual payment plan (due by Aug 20)
- Financial assistance available for eligible families (if family has a K-8 student enrolled)

GRADES K-8 VARIABLE TUITION

See page 2 for Variable Tuition info

Annual or monthly payments, per student

	Annual Min Max	10 Month Payments Aug-May
St. John's Church Member	1,557 - 5,191	156 - 520
Other LCMS Church Member	1,557 - 5,191	156 - 520
Military (full-time active duty)	1,557 - 5,191	156 - 520
Community	2,157 - 7,191	216 - 720

For Grades K-8, we offer payment plans and tuition discounts to eligible families:

- 10, 11, and 12-month payment plans (all plans end in May)
- Multi-child. 2nd child: 10% discount, 3rd child: 15% discount
- 2% tuition discount for annual payment plan (due by Aug 20)
- KDG enrollment discount for eligible students
- Financial assistance for eligible families (see page 2)



NO SEPARATE TECHNOLOGY FEE

We simply added the annual tech fee to the tuition rate. In doing so, we have only ONE fee, making it easier for you and our finance office to manage the tuition and school fees.

FYI. The technology fee (now included in tuition) provides funding for Chromebooks, iPads, wireless network, and other technology resources used by children and teachers.



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

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

Worried about tuition costs?

Tuition is an investment into the life of your child. And you know that the quality education you want for your child at St. John's relies on your tuition support. That's why we offer needs-based financial aid through our application process.

Don't let questions about finances stand in the way of your student receiving a quality, faith-based education. St. John's awards more than \$300,000 in financial aid and tuition discounts each year to qualifying families. We strive to keep our school affordable for families who desire a quality Christian education; it is our goal that money will not deter qualified families from joining our St. John's family.

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. The church also provides monetary support to help balance the school budget. In the past three fiscal years, the church has provided \$150,000+ each year for school financial support.

VARIABLE TUITION

GRADES K-8



To reach students and families who desire a quality Christian education, St. John's offers Variable Tuition for children enrolled in Grades K-8. In our Variable Tuition model, we set a maximum and minimum tuition

rate to cover educational costs. Some families may pay the maximum tuition, others may pay a reduced tuition.

This program allows families to apply for reduced tuition that is right for their family's financial situation. Any family may apply for Variable Tuition if they are concerned about affording the full tuition rate at St. John's and they think they may qualify for the program.

What is Variable Tuition?

Variable Tuition is a needs-based reduced tuition program.

This program allows families to apply for reduced tuition based on their families' unique financial situations. This makes St. John's Lutheran School affordable to many students who could not otherwise join our school. And these students contribute to our school community, enhancing the experience for all.

How do you apply for Variable Tuition?

Families may apply for Variable Tuition if they are concerned about affording the full tuition rate and if they think they may qualify for the program.

Families apply for Variable Tuition through TADS. Many things are evaluated when determining the tuition rate a family can pay, including income, assets, investments, expenses, debt, household size, etc. The resources available to a family are also considered.

Should every family apply for Variable Tuition?

No. Only those families that feel unable to pay full tuition should complete the financial aid application.

Are some families awarded \$0 tuition?

No. Everyone is required to make a financial investment to their child's education. Every family will contribute to their child's education costs.

Do I need to apply for Variable Tuition every year?

Yes. A new application is needed each year.

Will Variable Tuition lead to larger classes?

No. St. John's has established maximum class sizes in Grades K-8. Within each class size limit, St. John's may accept qualified students that add to the culture of learning at St. John's based on merit and seat availability.

Do I need to enroll my child at St. John's before applying for Variable Tuition?

Yes, St. John's must accept your child's enrollment before you start the Variable Tuition application. Please talk to our administrative staff with questions.

FINANCIAL AID, OTHER INFO

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. 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 apply for financial aid?

NEW FAMILIES: You must complete the TADS enrollment process before our school will determine a financial aid award. 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 determine a family's financial status and need objectively and confidentially.

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.

How can I pay my tuition and school fees?

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

- ACH (Automatic Payments)
- Credit Card
- Electronic Checks
- Checks
- Cash

Contact the school office to get info on payment plans and payment options.



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