



St. Austin Catholic School

Is **committed** to preparing life-long learners in the Catholic tradition.
We develop spiritual, intellectual, social, and physical **excellence** in each individual.
Our school creates responsible contributing, moral **leaders** in the Church and
community.

Rev. Jim Wiesner, CSP
Pastor

Barbara Kennedy
Principal

2009-2010 Re-Registration Information

Registration is now open for the 2009-2010 school year. We are inviting our current families to register first to secure their seats for the upcoming year. It is important for our current families to re-register in a timely manner as several classes do already have waiting lists. Siblings wishing to register for Kindergarten can request an application in the office.

The attached re-registration form is due on **Friday, January 30** to avoid the \$50 late fee. All re-registration fees will be billed on your March ancillary FACTS bill.

If your tuition account or monthly ancillary billing account is over 30 days past due, your registration for the upcoming year will be placed on hold until written alternative arrangements have been made with Mrs. Woodard. Please make arrangements to assure all of your accounts are up to date so that you do not lose your spot to a child on our waiting list!

TUITION AND FEES

We believe that your tuition payments are an important investment in your child's education and religious formation. During the 2009-2010 school year, the projected cost to educate a child will be over \$6,500. In addition to tuition, this cost is covered through a generous donation by St. Austin parish and donations from some area parishes, fundraising and our endowment.

FINANCIAL INVESTMENT

As the parent or guardian of a child at St. Austin Catholic School, you are required to provide financial support for your child's education in the following manner:

| | Amount | Notes | Due Date |
|----------------------------------|----------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Parishioner Tuition | \$ 4,950 | Annually or 10 payments | 1 st payment due May |
| Non Parish Tuition | \$ 5,950 | Annually or 10 payments | 1 st payment due May |
| Application Fee | \$ 50 | New Students | Upon Application |
| New Student Fee | \$ 150 | New Students | Upon Acceptance |
| Non Refundable Registration Fee | \$ 250 | All Students | Upon Registration |
| Non Refund Late Registration Fee | \$ 50 | Returning Students | After January 30 |
| FACTS Annual Fee | \$ 45 | Per Family to FACTS | May w/ 1 st payment |
| Technology Fee | \$ 50 | Annually per student | August |
| Late Tuition Fee | \$ 10 | Late fee assessed | With payment |
| FACTS NSF Fee | \$ 25 | NSF fee assessed | With payment |
| Eagle's Nest | \$ 150 | Monthly x 10 months | September - May |

Fundraisers – There is one fundraiser that is required for all families. It is the Grand Tour in the spring. Each family is asked to raise \$300 per child through the solicitation of pledges. The funds raised from this event are part of our general budget and are vital to the financial stability of the school. There may be other fundraisers throughout the school year but participation is optional.

Total Cost - Some families may feel that they are able and willing to pay the full cost of educating their child. If you are interested in paying the full cost of educating your child, or wish to make a donation to St. Austin towards the difference, please contact Mrs. Woodard. We will issue a tax-deductible receipt to you for your gift to St. Austin.

Financial Aid - Each year we solicit funds from generous benefactors to build up a Scholarship Fund. The purpose of this fund is to support families who need financial assistance in paying tuition. Please contact Mrs. Woodard if you are interest in finding out more about our financial assistance program. The initial deadline for applications is April 1st. It is our goal that every family that would like to send their child to St. Austin is able to do so.

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VOLUNTEER INVESTMENT

St. Austin does not require parents to volunteer a specific number of hours, recognizing that the desire to volunteer comes from your heart, not from a contract. However, our need for volunteers is just as great as other schools, therefore we ask you to prayerfully consider where you can best serve our school community.

Each parent's time and talent is needed in order for the school to best serve our children. The school administration and faculty are deeply indebted to parents who are willing to be a positive example to their children by volunteering their time and talent to serve the school. We recognize that there are many opportunities to volunteer from small commitments to larger ones and each gift of service is needed and valued. No one of us can do everything but, together, each of us can do something. Please sign up to serve on one of the many committees or contact your room parent to find out where you are most needed.

TUITION PAYMENT POLICY

Parents will receive a statement through a tuition management program, at which time they may pay tuition in full or choose from 2 dates to begin installments through monthly tuition payments. All payments are due on the 5th or the 20th of each month and a \$ 10.00 late charge per scheduled installment will be applied to payments not received by the agreed upon dates, or their respective following business days should the due dates fall on the weekend or banking holidays. In addition, a \$25.00 returned payment fee will also be automatically accessed to your account should payment be returned.

Payments shall be received by four methods: 1) automatic bank payment; 2) credit card; 3) electronic check or 4) regular check. Payments not received by elected dates will be reattempted in 15 days. In the event that funds are still not available at that time, an additional \$25 returned payment fee will be applied and a double payment will be attempted at the next scheduled payment date. In the event that parents fall 2 months behind on their financial obligation to the school they are required to contact the Principal and make arrangements for meeting the tuition balance by the following methods: 1) adding 2 additional months to the 10 month tuition payment period or 2) recalculating the balance of the missed payments and penalties to the remaining scheduled payments.

Payments must have been made in full in order for student records, including report cards, to be released at the end of the school term or upon withdrawal. A student may not return to St. Austin if tuition is in arrears.