



## St. Peter's Catholic School

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# St. Peter's School 2026-27 Registration Packet

We need to start the 2026-27 enrollment process for us to calculate our budget for next year. Please review/update the enclosed forms and return them to the St. Peter's School office with a \$50 non-refundable payment. **This payment will be applied to your 2026-27 tuition if the payment is made before Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>.** Registration forms received after this date still require \$50 payment, but it won't be applied to your 2026-27 tuition. Please call the school office at 507-894-4375 if you have any questions.

Additional children may be added to the registration form. Families that already have children at St. Peter's School are given priority when assigning new children to classrooms as long as forms are handed in by the deadline.

Paying for a Catholic education is a shared investment in your child's future. The true cost for educating each student averages \$11,600 per year. Every student attending St. Peter's School receives financial assistance for the remaining portion of actual costs through the generous contributions of St. Peter's Catholic Church. Due to our fundraising efforts, tuition for 2026-27 will only be increased by \$50.00 per child. Every family is asked to support Scrip, continue volunteer service to the school, and support our fundraisers to keep our tuition to a minimum. We will be adding a \$45 per student technology fee in grades 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade to upgrade teacher laptops, repair Chromebooks, replace Chromebooks, and update technology as needed.

St. Peter's School will send a monthly tuition statement via email during the last week of each month. Families can confirm their account balance, review transaction history, and make payments accordingly. Families electing not to pay via ACH will need to submit cash or check payment monthly, quarterly, or annually, on a pre-payment basis. To assist with paying bills, we can no longer accept payment in full at the very end of the school year.

We remind you that this agreement is a spiritual one as well as an economic document. All families have an obligation to keep up to date with your payment plan. Please notify me if there are any issues. Please contact me if you need financial assistance so we can determine if Parish Aid is available.

Thank you again for enrolling your children at St. Peter's Catholic School. We look forward to partnering with you for many more years, so your children receive the Catholic education they deserve.

Yours in Christ,

Doug Harpenau  
St. Peter's Catholic School Principal

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# What Makes St. Peter's School Special

**Respecting Others and Manners**.....our school's philosophy calls for the spirit of mutual respect, order and responsibility on the part of all who comprise St. Peter's School, i.e. faculty, staff, students and parents. We strive to be more like Jesus in our hearts and in our actions. Manners are taught on a continual basis and expected to be followed outside of the school setting.

**High Standardized Test Scores**.....the Diocese of Winona-Rochester (DOW-R) reported that **St. Peter's School ranked in the top 3 with other DOW-R schools for math and reading 11 out of 18 times** when analyzing NWEA scores!

**Religion**.....our mission of "*A family of learners trying to live like Jesus in our school, homes, and community*" can be seen in our service projects, daily prayers, and actively participating in liturgy and sacraments. We have a special family atmosphere that can't be matched. All faiths are welcome as we help children know they are a beloved child of God.

**Chromebooks**.....are similar to a laptop with the exception that students may only go to websites that are approved by the principal. Students are trained on Gmail, Google Docs, Google Sheets, folder management, and much more. We have 1:1 computers for 1st – 8<sup>th</sup> grade!

**Extracurricular Activities**.....the following is a list of all our current extracurricular activities....

Band	grades 5-8	KC Free-throw Contest	ages 9-12
Bible Bowl	grades 3-6	Lego Robotics	grades 4-6
Chess Club	grades 2-8	Track	grades 5-6
Dance Team	grades 3-6	HS Sports	grades 7-8
Drama Club	grades 3-8	Volleyball	grades 2-6

**WCEA Accreditation**.....Western Catholic Education Association (WCEA) is our accrediting association. Our 7-year strategic plan can be located on our website at [www.stpetershokah.org](http://www.stpetershokah.org) under School/Documents. Thanks to all the hard work by the teachers and school board to make this happen. We will start our next accreditation in May, 2027.

**Future**.....**is definitely bright!** Curriculum is constantly being updated, new textbooks match our new curriculum, new whiteboards installed, and technology is being updated, and we will continue to make improvements.

# Tuition Billing and Payment Policies

## **Billing and Payment Options**

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## **Late Entry / Early Withdrawal:**

Students who begin attendance at St. Peter's School will be billed the full annual tuition rate. After the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of classes, late enrollees will be billed on a prorated basis. Tuition for early withdrawals will be prorated on the same basis. If a family has overpaid, a refund check will be issued.

## **How are delinquent payments handled?**

St. Peter's School relies on tuition collection for 35% of the budget to provide quality Catholic education to our students. Therefore, when tuition payments become delinquent, it affects the successful operation of the school system. If family financial circumstances change to such a degree that it warrants re-evaluation of the tuition and fees commitment, it is the responsibility of the family to contact St. Peter's School principal to make alternate payment arrangements. When tuition payments are not made as scheduled, the following steps will be taken.

1. **30 days past due** – The family account is considered past due when the account is 30 days beyond the scheduled payment due date under the agreement established with St. Peter's School. It is the responsibility of the family to contact the St. Peter's School Principal to correct the situation or make an acceptable alternate plan for payment.
2. **60 days past due** – When the family account is 60 days beyond the scheduled payment due date under the agreement established with St. Peter's School, the following steps will be taken:
  - a. Family shall receive written notification that their account is past due with a copy of this policy.
  - b. If the family has not made a payment or contacted the St. Peter's School Principal to make alternate payment arrangements, a \$25.00 late fee will be added to the family account balance.
3. **90 days past due** – When the family account is 90 days beyond the scheduled payment due date under the agreement established with St. Peter's School, the following steps will be taken in addition to the above steps.
  - a. Report cards will be withheld until payment in full is received or an acceptable alternate payment plan is implemented.
  - b. Students will not be permitted to pre-register or to return for the following academic year until balance is paid in full or an acceptable alternate payment plan is in place.

## **End of School Year Balances Policy**

All tuition bills must be paid in full by June 1<sup>st</sup>, or the family must have an alternate plan for payment approved by the St. Peter's School Principal. The following steps will be taken for families with unpaid balances that do not have an acceptable payment plan in place with St. Peter's School.

1. Families shall receive written notification that their account is past due along with a copy of this policy.
2. Report cards and transcripts will be withheld until payment in full is received, or an acceptable alternate payment plan is implemented.
3. Students will not be permitted to pre-register or to return for the following academic year until the balance is paid in full or an acceptable alternate payment plan is in place.
4. Families not re-enrolling in St. Peter's School for the following year will have their delinquent balance turned over to a collection agency.

# St. Peter's School Financial Considerations

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We recognize that even these significantly reduced tuition levels may be a strain on some families' finances. Therefore, St. Peter's School has tuition assistance to help qualifying families with financing their child's education. Families must apply for financial aid by contacting the school office.

The following are the 2026-27 tuition rates.

K-8th Grade	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Annual
1 <sup>st</sup> child	\$ 6.10	\$ 42.79	\$ 185.42	\$ 2,225
2 <sup>nd</sup> child	\$ 5.82	\$ 40.87	\$ 177.08	\$ 2,125
3 <sup>rd</sup> child	\$ 5.55	\$ 38.94	\$ 168.75	\$ 2,025
4+ children	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE

4 year old (8:15 am - 11:00 am)			
Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Annual
\$ 4.52	\$ 31.73	\$ 137.50	\$ 1,650

3 year old schooling is provided by Little Saints  
Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 10:45 am

Note: Monthly rate based on 12 months, weekly rate based on 52 weeks, daily rate based on 365 days.

## Fees:

\$50.00 per family is required at the time of registration. This fee is non-refundable. Registration fee will be credited towards your tuition if paid before registration deadline for returning families.

Note.....we assume a monthly payment unless you specify otherwise. ACH form is enclosed with the registration packet. Most ACH monthly payments, however, are based on 10 payments from September 1 – June 1<sup>st</sup> (not 12 payments). If you are currently using ACH, please fill out the new form in the registration packet. We do not need a voided check if the same bank account is being used.

## How can I reduce my tuition?

Scrip profit is split after the first \$100 of scrip profit is generated. The scrip year runs from March 16th to March 15th of a given school year. **Scrip costs \$0.00 to participate.**

1. If you generate **less than \$100 of profit**, the difference is added to your tuition account.
2. If you generate **between \$100 - \$200 of scrip profit**, the profit is split 50/50. Example....if you produce \$150 of scrip profit, then \$75 goes toward your tuition and \$75 goes to the school.
3. If you generate **between \$200 - \$600 of scrip profit**, the profit is split 60/40. Example....if you produce \$400 of scrip profit, then \$240 goes toward your tuition ( $\$400 * 60\%$ ) and \$160 goes to the school ( $\$400 * 40\%$ ).
4. If you generate **more than \$600 of scrip profit**, the profit is split 75/25! Example....if you produce \$800 of scrip profit, then \$600 goes toward your tuition and \$200 goes to the school.

**Can you get scrip from your phone? Yes.** There is an app called Raise Right that allows you to purchase gift cards on-line for major companies. Sadly, local companies are not eligible for on-line gift cards (ex: Quillins, Kaddy's, etc.). Please email Carolyn Horihan at [clhorihan@gmail.com](mailto:clhorihan@gmail.com) to get more information.

**Can family members and friends purchase scrip and direct their profits to my account? Yes.** This is a great way to grow your scrip profit quickly! Family members can use the Raise Right app to purchase scrip anywhere they are living. They can also purchase physical gift cards at school or at weekend masses. The more people purchasing scrip, the more profit you generate for your tuition! Please email Carolyn Horihan at [clhorihan@gmail.com](mailto:clhorihan@gmail.com) if you have further questions.