

# The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Day School & Early Childhood Center

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#### Dear Parents/Guardians:

Tomorrow is the big day! The Parental Choice website (<a href="www.parentalchoice.ok.gov">www.parentalchoice.ok.gov</a>) will go live at 2:00 pm for families to request their portion of the Oklahoma Parental Tax Credit. As you may already know, the Oklahoma Legislature passed a new law that allows parents to enroll their children in a school of their choice, and the state will provide up to \$7,500 a year towards tuition.

**EVERYONE** will need to apply for this tax credit online **TOMORROW**, even if you have received tuition assistance from other methods in the past. After January 1, 2024, there will be only two ways to pay for tuition: Parent Payment or the Parental Choice Tax Credit. You must apply tomorrow since the amount of funds available is limited. The funds will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis!

The process will be as follows:

#### Part 1 December 6<sup>th</sup>

Go to the Parental Choice website (<u>www.parentalchoice.ok.gov</u>). On the Home Page, navigate to "*TAXPAYERS – Are you eligible*?" And click the Button.

#### TAXPAYERS

## Are you eligible?

Learn more about program requirements, see if you qualify, and start your application.

Complete the application. They will check your 2022 tax return electronically, and you should have received an email from "help@merits.com" with your **ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION FORM**. Please check your JUNK or SPAM folder if you cannot locate the email. Contact the school office at (405) 732-0070 if you have not received the form through the email and let us know.

### Part 2 About two weeks from application

You will receive another email from merits.com notifying you of your approval for the program and instructions to set up an account.

It is a straightforward process; however, I cannot emphasize the importance of making your application tomorrow at 2:00 PM. Again, if you have not received an email with your Enrollment Verification Form, please get in touch with the school office. Go to our website, <a href="https://www.MyLutheran.School">www.MyLutheran.School</a>, for additional information.

Thank you,

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