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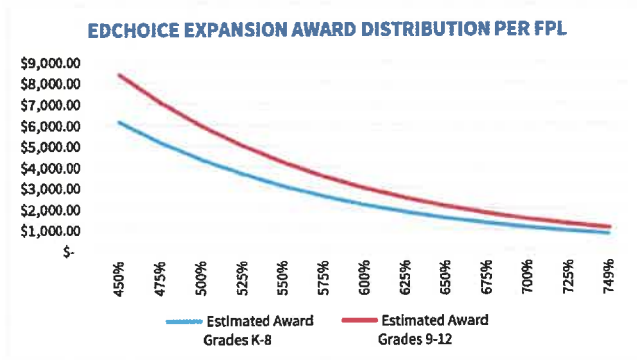
Dear Prospective Families,

Thank you for considering SJS for the 2025-2026 school year! Our open enrollment period begins on January 26th. We look forward to being part of your child's elementary education.

The full tuition rate for 2025-2026 is \$6600. St. Joseph Parish is committed to providing a Catholic education to all who desire it and we know that our families contribute to the best of their abilities. Below are some of the financial aid options we have in place to help families with tuition costs.

State Scholarship Options:

- **EdChoice** - This is a state scholarship that is based on your school district of residency. Most students living in the Lorain City School district or the Elyria City School district are eligible. The application period opens on 2/1/25. Applications can be obtained from the school office or the Ohio EdChoice website..
- **EdChoice Expansion Scholarship**- This is a state scholarship that is based on family income. ALL STUDENTS that aren't already receiving the traditional scholarship listed above may apply for an EC Expansion scholarship. Maximum amount scholarships are awarded for income up to 450% of the federal poverty guidelines (approx. \$135,000 for a family of 4). After that, scholarships are awarded on a sliding scale. EVERYONE who applies will get something, with the lowest award amount being about \$616. The application period opens on 2/1/25. Applications can be obtained from the school office or the Ohio EdChoice website.



- **Saint Joseph School Angel Scholarship Fund** - Must complete a simple application requesting to be considered for ASF. All applications must be completed by March 15th for consideration. Awards from the Angel Scholarship Fund will be made no later than June 1, 2025. Applications are available in the school office.
- **Parish Life Scholarship** - Award Amount up to \$2000: Based upon the remaining tuition balance - This scholarship is available to those families who are registered at Saint Joseph Parish, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, or any area Catholic parish that is not already associated with a Catholic school and who regularly participate in the life of the Parish.
- **School Funded Tuition Assistance**- Must complete a simple application to indicate your interest in school funded tuition assistance. All applications must be completed by March 15th for consideration. Awards for needs-based financial assistance will be made no later than June 1, 2025.
- **DTA (Diocesan Tuition Assistance)** - Separate needs-based assistance may be available through the Diocese of Cleveland through the Diocese of Cleveland application process. Please fill out a Grant & Aid application through the FACTS Management system to indicate your interest in Diocesan Tuition Assistance. Families applying by March 15th of the current year will receive priority.

In order to apply for the 25/26 school year, please:

- complete the attached registration form
- fill in the blank tuition agreement form with pertinent information at the top
- Mark on the form if you will be applying for a Traditional EdChoice Scholarship (Lorain or Elyria schools) or an EdChoice Expansion Scholarship (everyone else)
- Check any additional forms of assistance for which you would like to be considered- if you mark none of the additional options we will assume that you will be paying out of pocket for any additional tuition due after EdChoice scholarships are applied. WE HIGHLY ENCOURAGE ALL FAMILIES TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID. WE HAVE MONEY EARMARKED FOR THIS AND WANT TO HELP EACH FAMILY AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.

Return the registration form, preliminary tuition agreement, and \$100 registration fee to the school/school office. Only registrations with a paid registration fee will be accepted.

If you have any questions, I am happy to help you! You can contact me via email at amy.makruski@sis-amherst.org, via phone at 440-988-4244 x215, or just stop by the office and see me!

Sincerely,

Amy Makruski
Principal



SAINT JOSEPH PARISH SCHOOL

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APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION

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ENROLLMENT AGREEMENT

Required for K - 8th Grade

APPLICANT (STUDENT) INFORMATION

Full Name :

First Name

Middle Name

Last Name

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Date of Birth :

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With whom does the student primarily reside:

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Mother

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Father

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Legal Guardian

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Other

Gender :

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Male

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Female

Grade Level

Race/Ethnicity:

☐

African American/Black

☐

Asian

☐

Caucasian/White

☐

Hispanic/Latino

☐

Native American

☐

Pacific Islander

☐

Multiracial

☐

Other

Student's Religion:

☐

Catholic

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Non-Catholic

Public School District:

Public School Building:

FAMILY INFORMATION

MOTHER:

Full Name :

First Name

Last Name

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Mrs.

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Ms.

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Dr.

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Phone Number:

Email:

Occupation:

Title:

Employer:

FATHER:

Full Name :

First Name

Last Name

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Mrs.

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Ms.

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Dr.

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Phone Number:

Email:

Occupation:

Title:

Employer:

PARENTS ARE:

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Married and Living Together

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Unmarried, Living Together

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Divorced *Copy of decree must be provided.

(Check all that apply)

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Married, but Separated

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Single Parent

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Mother is Remarried

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Father is Remarried

GUARDIAN: (if applicable)

Full Name :

First Name

Last Name

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Mrs.

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Ms.

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Dr.

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Phone:

Email:

Relationship to Applicant:

PARISHIONER STATUS

(PLEASE SELECT ONE)

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ACTIVE PARISHIONER OF SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

Registering with the parish is the first step to becoming an active and participating parishioner of Saint Joseph Parish. Being active includes worshipping at Sunday Mass and a healthy participation in parish and parish school activities.

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NON-ACTIVE PARISHIONER OF SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

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ACTIVE PARISHIONER OF ANOTHER CATHOLIC PARISH

NAME:

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NON-PARISHIONER

As a non-active parishioner, parishioner of another parish, or as a non-parishioner, you are agreeing to support the school by teaching your child Christian values and the importance of belonging to a Christian community. You also agree to be active in the parish/parish school.

TUITION

Class	Days/Times	Tuition Rate	Scholarship/Tuition Assistance Opportunities
Grades K-8	Monday - Friday 7:30 am - 2:15 pm	\$6600 per student Payable in: 11 payments (July through May) 2 payments between July and April 1 payment by July 31st ***ALL TUITION PAYMENTS ARE MADE THROUGH AN ONLINE PAYMENT SYSTEM CALLED FACTS MANAGEMENT.	Scholarship and tuition assistance information is available in the school office.

THERE IS A \$100 NON-REFUNDABLE REGISTRATION FEE PER STUDENT DUE AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION.

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY- Admission to St. Joseph School in Amherst is in accordance with the laws of Ohio as well as the Cleveland Catholic Diocese. A student will be admitted to our school as determined by the age of the child, appropriate evaluation, screening, and availability of space in the classroom, as well as the discretion of the principal. No discrimination is made due to race, religion, or nationality.

Parent/Guardian

Signature: _____

Date:

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OFFICE USE ONLY

FEES	DUE	AMOUNT RECEIVED	CHECK #	CASH	OTHER
Registration Fee	\$100				

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH SCHOOL

175 St. Joseph Drive Amherst, OH
44001

440-988-4244 (p)

440-988-5249 (f)

www.sjsamherst.org

EdChoice Request Form 2025-2026

STUDENT INFORMATION

This application is for (select one):

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Traditional EdChoice Scholarship

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EdChoice Expansion Scholarship (income based)

**Student data MUST match birth certificate.*

NAME: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ LAST FOUR DIGITS OF SSN: _____ GENDER: ☐ FEMALE ☐ MALE

MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME: _____ NATIVE LANGUAGE: _____

ETHNICITY: _____ CITY OF BIRTH: _____

GRADE LEVEL FOR 2024-2025: _____ GRADE LEVEL FOR 2025-2026: _____

IS THE STUDENT AN INCOMING KINDERGARTNER? ☐ YES ☐ NO

IS THE STUDENT AN INCOMING HIGH SCHOOLER? ☐ YES ☐ NO

HAS THE STUDENT EVER ATTENDED ANY OHIO PUBLIC SCHOOL? ☐ YES ☐ NO

IF YES, WHERE?

DISTRICT: _____ Building: _____ Year: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

FOR THE PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNING CHECKS, I AM THE (CHECK ONE):

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Natural Parent

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Residential Parent

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Adoptive Parent

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Student who is at least 18 years old

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Legal Guardian of student applying for scholarship funds (court documents or Affidavit of Eligibility are required)

PRIMARY PARENT/GUARDIAN

NAME: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ LAST FOUR DIGITS OF SSN: _____

PHYSICAL ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIPCODE: _____ COUNTY: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT: _____

SECONDARY PARENT/GUARDIAN

NAME: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ LAST FOUR DIGITS OF SSN: _____

PHYSICAL ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIPCODE: _____ COUNTY: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT: _____

SCHOOL INFORMATION

**Information must be completed to determine eligibility.*

My student is currently attending (check only one box):

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Attending a public school

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Attending a charter/community school

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Attending a private school

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Homeschooled (Never attended an Ohio School)

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New to Ohio

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Attending Pre-school

Other: _____

Name of school the student is currently attending: _____

Name of public school district you live in: _____

Name of public school the student would be assigned to for the 2025-26 school year: _____

INCOME VERIFICATION

Income verification is required for new Expansion Scholarship applicants. Income verification is not required to apply for a Traditional EdChoice Scholarship. Families may qualify for low-income status if they choose to have their income verified for the Traditional EdChoice Scholarship. To complete the Income Verification process,

parents may submit online using the [secure Income Verification system](#) or complete and mail the paper form. Emailing documents is not permitted.

ADDRESS VERIFICATION

Proof of residency is required of all renewal applicants and must be submitted to the school with the application.

Parents/Guardians must document residency by providing the school with a current (less than 90 days old) utility bill. The utility (electric, gas, water, sewer, cable/internet) bill must show matching service address and mailing address in the name of the parent/guardian. Post office boxes (except in rural areas where residents only have a PO Box) and cell phone bills have no service address and therefore are not accepted.

Other Acceptable Documents: A monthly mortgage statement (less than 90 days old) **or** lease/rental agreement (signed by lessee and lessor) **and** a piece of current business mail (examples: pay stub, bank statement, insurance statement, car payment statement, etc.) with parent/guardian's name and address. Additional information can be found on the [scholarship webpage](#).

2025-2026 EDCHOICE PARENT AGREEMENT

I _____ AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING:
(Parent Name)

- The information provided in this application is true and correct.
- I have supplied the chartered nonpublic school with a certified copy of the student's birth certificate, copies of all custody/guardianship documentation for the student, and proof of my address.
- I have submitted only one EdChoice application for this student.
- The scholarship amount shall only be applied to the tuition of the enrolling school, and I may be required to pay other fees and costs as prescribed by the policies of the school.
- I will sign all scholarship checks received by the private school for my student in a timely manner. I understand that if I fail to endorse the scholarship checks to the school, I will be responsible for paying the student's tuition.
- If I transfer my scholarship to another participating chartered nonpublic school, I will notify the school of my intent to withdraw and I will return to the original school to sign any remaining checks.
- I will apply for any and all financial aid or tuition discounts and adjustments made regularly available to the students attending the school in which the student is accepted for enrollment.
- I will abide by the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce (DEW) dispute resolution process outlined in Ohio Administrative Code Section 3301-11-14.
- If I am not a low-income parent or did not complete the income verification process, I will be responsible for paying any difference between the scholarship amount and the tuition of the chartered nonpublic school.
- I must inform DEW and the chartered nonpublic school of any change in the student's residential address or custody status.
- I will not be able to renew my child's scholarship if: 1) my family moves to another public school district unless my child would be assigned to an EdChoice designated public school in the new district (applicable only to students who were initially awarded a scholarship based on an EdChoice designated

building); 2) my child does not complete all required assessments; 3) my child has more than 20 unexcused absences for the school year; or 4) I fail to complete the renewal process. If my child received an EdChoice Expansion scholarship, I must maintain Ohio residency.

- I have received and understand the policy handbook of the chartered nonpublic school and will abide by its provisions.
- I understand that if my child's scholarship has been awarded in error, it will be terminated immediately, and I would then be responsible for paying the tuition if I decide to keep my child at the private school.

I designate _____ (Private School Name) to submit an application on my behalf for the Scholarship Program through the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce's electronic application system. By signing below, I agree to the above statements.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN THAT WILL BE SIGNING CHECK

DATE

Return to the private school with a copy of current utility bill showing matching service and mailing addresses.

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View the Department's [Disability Discrimination Policy](#) and [Discrimination Policy Grievance Procedure](#). For further information on notice of non-discrimination, visit ocrcas.ed.gov/contact-ocr for the address and phone number of the office that serves your area, or call 1-800-421-3481.

St. Joseph Parish School

PRESCHOOL & K-8

WELCOME TO SJS!



The mission of Saint Joseph Parish School is to provide a Christ-centered environment where dignity, leadership, excellence, and collaboration guide us to become the best versions of ourselves.



CATHOLIC IDENTITY

- Daily religion class
- Weekly Mass and group worship
- Sacramental preparation
- Focus on Catholic morals and values
- Service Learning



ACADEMICS

- Standards-based learning
- Rigorous curriculum
- MAP tests to measure student growth and drive instruction
- Inquiry-based experiences
- Fully Accredited through OCSAA
- Blend of traditional academics with 21st century skills

STEM PROGRAM

- Problem and Project-based Learning
- Design Cycle Thinking
- Student-centered environment
- Focus on "soft skills"
- Career exposure

FAMILY ATMOSPHERE

- K-8 in one building
- Older/Younger Buddy Program
- Strong student/teacher rapport
- Family Events
- Social/Emotional Focus

Saint Joseph Parish School Preliminary Tuition Agreement
2025-2026 School Year

Parent/Guardian 1: _____ Parent/Guardian 2: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____
Address: _____
Student Name (1): _____ Student Name (3): _____
Student Name (2): _____ Student Name (4): _____

Per Pupil Tuition Rate: \$6,600
Additional Fees

Registration (\$ 100.00) per student, due at the time of registration

STATE SCHOLARSHIP OPTIONS

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Our family will be applying for an EdChoice Scholarship- applications available from the school office or on the ODE website
Our family will be applying for an EdChoice Expansion Scholarship- applications available from the school office or on the ODE website

TUITION ASSISTANCE OPTIONS

Saint Joseph Parish School ENCOURAGES ALL FAMILIES to apply for tuition assistance provided by the school/diocese. These awards are based upon various eligibilities (listed below). Please indicate which scholarships and/or financial aid options you are applying for by placing a checkmark in front of the appropriate option(s):

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Parish Life Scholarship Award Amount up to \$2000: Based upon the remaining tuition balance - This scholarship is available to those families who are registered at Saint Joseph Parish, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, or any area Catholic parish that is not already associated with a Catholic school and who regularly participate in the life of the Parish.

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School Funded Tuition Assistance Award amounts based on funds available. Must fill out a simple application provided by the school. All applications must be completed by March 15th for consideration. Awards for needs-based financial assistance will be made to eligible families no later than June 1, 2025.

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Angel Scholarship Fund Award amounts based on funds available. Must fill out a simple application provided by the school. All applications must be completed by March 15th for consideration. Awards from the Angel Scholarship Fund will be made no later than June 1, 2025.

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Diocesan Tuition Assistance Separate needs-based assistance may be available through the Diocese of Cleveland through the Diocese of Cleveland application process. Please fill out a Grant & Aid application through the FACTS Management system to indicate your interest in Diocesan Tuition Assistance. Families applying by March 15th of the current year will receive priority.

Please note final scholarship and financial aid award announcements will be made by June 1, 2025 and your financial aid / tuition package will be communicated to you. At this time you will receive a final tuition agreement and that is the amount that will be entered in FACTS Mgt (if any) to be paid for the 2025-2026 school year.

EdChoice Renewal Form 2025-2026

STUDENT INFORMATION

**Student data MUST match birth certificate.*

NAME: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ GENDER: ☐ FEMALE ☐ MALE

GRADE STUDENT WAS IN ON JANUARY 1, 2025: _____

SCHOOL CURRENTLY ATTENDING: _____

WHAT SCHOOL DISTRICT DO YOU LIVE IN? _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

FOR THE PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNING CHECKS, I AM THE (CHECK ONE):

- ☐ Natural Parent ☐ Residential Parent ☐ Adoptive Parent ☐ Student who is at least 18 years old
☐ Legal Guardian of student applying for scholarship funds (court documents or Affidavit of Eligibility are required)

PRIMARY PARENT/GUARDIAN

NAME: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ LAST FOUR DIGITS OF SSN: _____

PHYSICAL ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIPCODE: _____ COUNTY: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT: _____

SECONDARY PARENT/GUARDIAN

NAME: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ LAST FOUR DIGITS OF SSN: _____

PHYSICAL ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIPCODE: _____ COUNTY: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT: _____

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Other Acceptable Documents: A monthly mortgage statement (less than 90 days old) **or** lease/rental agreement (signed by lessee and lessor) **and** a piece of current business mail (examples: pay stub, bank statement, insurance statement, car payment statement, etc.) with parent/guardian's name and address. Additional information can be found on the [scholarship webpage](#).

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(Parent Name)

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