



2011/2012



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# Parishioner Tuition Rates & Good Faith Contract (for non-parish rates, see reverse)

Grand Traverse Area Catholic Schools (GTACS) is a partnership-oriented educational system. We partner with our parishes, families, and faculty/ staff in order to provide the best possible education. As you reflect upon this year's tuition, please consider the true value of our Schools. We pledge to do everything possible to manage costs and maintain quality, and we need everyone to support the Schools financially to their utmost ability. The chart below depicts the actual cost of educating each child versus the required rate. If it's possible for you to pay the actual cost (or any additional amount), please do so. Any incremental amount paid between parishioner rates and the actual cost per student is tax-deductible.

| Grade Level | Average cost to educate (requested tuition) | Minus parishes' investment | Minus fundraising's contribution | Average parishioner tuition rate |
|-------------|---|----------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| K-12        | \$6,600                                     | (\$1,200)                  | (\$900)                          | \$4,500                          |

## REQUIRED PARISHIONER RATES

|                          | K-2*    | 3-5     | 6-8     | 9-12†   |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1st child                | \$4,950 | \$4,950 | \$5,175 | \$5,975 |
| 2nd child (80% of first) | \$4,010 | \$4,010 | \$4,140 | \$4,780 |
| 3rd child (70% of first) | \$3,515 | \$3,515 | \$3,635 | \$4,185 |
| 4th/5th child            | \$1,300 | \$800   | \$800   | \$800   |
| Additional child         | \$500   | \$0     | \$0     | \$0     |

\* Lunch is included (K-2 only) in this rate for all full school days. If you qualify for free or reduced lunch, you may deduct a credit of \$500 (free) or \$423 (reduced). You must complete an application in the fall and meet federal income guidelines to qualify. There is no refund for snow days, absences or days on which your student brings cold lunch.

† High school students will need to purchase textbooks based on course selection; the average cost is \$250.

**PAYMENT SECTION**

TOTAL TUITION DUE (Use separate worksheet) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL TAX-DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTION \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE PAID \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**I intend to pay the above tuition amount by:**

Payment in full by cash or check by 7/01/2011

Monthly payment plan (select one below)

Loan from Traverse City State Bank (TCSB)

Tuition Management System Plan (TMS), \$150 fee (10 month, 12 month, or quarterly payments)

Partial through a payment plan & partial by cash/check

I also plan to apply for Private School Aid Service Tuition Assistance and understand the deadline is 5/2/11. Reduced financial aid will be available after this date.

## Parish Participation Form (required)

To qualify for the parishioner rate, the parent(s)/ guardian(s) must be registered and active members of a participating parish, including:

- **Regular (Sundays and Holy Days) participation in the Eucharist**
- **Active engagement in parish ministries, each according to his/her talents**
- **Consistent use of offertory envelopes**

I have indicated my parish below. I have read and understand the parish commitment requirements. I understand that the Schools receive verification of membership from each parish and that I will be contacted if my parish membership does not remain active. I have completed the payment section and agree to the terms and understand the payment refund policy (see reverse side).

TODAY'S DATE \_\_\_\_\_

PARISH OF REGISTRATION \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT OR GUARDIAN NAME (PLEASE PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

The Grand Traverse Area Catholic Schools accepts your request for a quality Catholic education, and acknowledges your commitment to the Stewardship Way of Life. We acknowledge our obligation to assist you in your task of nurturing your child in the practice of the faith.

MICHAEL R. BUELL, SUPERINTENDENT

**LATE FEE/REFUND POLICY** (See reverse side)