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January 2025 Please Review This Entire Packet Carefully!

Greetings to St. Stephen Parish School current and prospective School families!

We here at St. Stephen Parish are very proud of our campus and our excellent school. We strive to continually offer as many features for our families as possible, features that you may not find in other schools!

2025 – 2026 TUITION PACKAGE: Our tuition package is all inclusive!

One Contract Specifically for Kn.–8th Gr (Yellow) All Contracts designate

One Contract Specifically for PreK4 (Green) }

Active Registered Parishioner, Inactive Registered OR Non-Parishioner

Please request a PreK4 Contract directly from the school office to enroll your PreK age child.

REGISTRATION FEE: The Registration Fee not only secures your place on the 25-26 Student Roster, but is also a component of our supply and operating budget. It helps to ensure that we have all the supplies necessary to jump start each school year. Early Registration is \$200.00 per child if paid by Wednesday, February 15, 2025. If you are a current school family and choose to register after February 15, 2025, that fee increases to \$225.00 per child.

It is imperative that you please REGISTER promptly to avoid disappointment and to secure your spot. We generally do have waiting lists for multiple grades.

TUITION PAYMENT OPTIONS:

We have established multiple payment options that are available for your family to choose from. One option is to pay annually by August 15, 2025 and with that option, comes a 2% cash discount OR you may pay in 10 or 12 equal payments.

For all payment plans we utilize the FACTS Tuition Management Program linked securely to the bank account of your choice OR your Credit Card for your method of payment, including Annual payments. Through FACTS you can choose to pay Annually or in 10 or 12 installments so that you can select the program that works best for you. The standard options are the 5th or the 20th of each month as your payment selection dates. There is an annual fee of \$50.00 paid to FACTS.

TUITION CALENDAR FUNDRAISING OPTION:

This is a new part of our official tuition package. This Fundraiser is critically important to our school, so much so, that it has now become a part of the tuition agreement. Families may choose to totally opt out of this and select to pay the \$500 all at once, or spread the payments out over 10 or 12 months thru their FACTS account. The beautiful part of this is that you may also choose to fulfill this by seeking donations from family and friends to fill the days of the October Calendar which could end up costing your immediate family nothing out of pocket! It is fully in your control! The values equate to the days of the month with the 1st being \$1, the 5th is \$5, etc. There are prizes awarded each and every day and the Children earn great incentives!

SSSTAP 2025-2026 (Kn – 8th Grade): APPLICATION Deadline 5/31/2025

A tuition assistance form is included in each registration packet. If you feel your family needs assistance in order to be able to provide this opportunity for your K-8 child(ren), please do not hesitate to apply! Please Apply by May 31, 2025. This program is offered to our registered active parishioners.

URGENT STRICT DEADLINES FOR BISON FUND – PLEASE DO NOT MISS OUT!

BISON FUND 2025-2026 (Kn – 8th Grade): APPLICATION DEADLINE 3/31/25

The Bison Fund is a private scholarship fund that you may also apply for. They too have income requirement for awards. If you are chosen for this award, it remains with your child(ren) from Kn – 8th Grade for all of your children. It is a blessing! Go to WWW.BISON FUND and you can register on line for this drawing. You must register with a pre-application on line by February 28, 2025 to be eligible. If you are in the BISON Fund, you do not need to re-apply, just complete the requalification papers.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE & BEFORE SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM:

We have an after-school care program available at a reasonable daily fee for your child(ren), pre-registration is required. It is staffed by our very own teachers. Price remains the same as 24-25!

BEFORE SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM is available as well. This service itself is provided by our school at no daily cost to you beginning at 6:30A.M. and the value is Priceless! This requires pre-registration & a \$100.00 registration fee, per family, for the Entire School Year!

VOLUNTEERISM & FUNDRAISING: All Families Are a Part of This!

As a family in our school we require every family volunteer to work on our seven annual Lenten Fish Fry dinners. This tradition is over 50 years old and is one of the largest community builders and one of the largest fundraisers for our school. We would also ask that each family donate a Basket or items for our Gala which is held Annually. These Two Events are two of our biggest fundraisers for our school. Each year there are a multitude of other events that we hope you will join in on and support. Our Fundraising is essential to our existence and the responsibility rests with each family to sustain these fundraisers!

SERVICE ON OUR BOARDS:

We are currently accepting letters of interest from the community to take a leadership role on our School Board or for our Home School Fundraising Board. If you have expertise or background in some of these areas or any other areas that you would like to share for example: business ownership, accounting, education, marketing, fundraising, or grant writing etc. Please contact our Principal at Principal@ststephensgi.org , please join us! 😊

GENERAL INFORMATION

Please NEVER hesitate to contact our business office if you need financial assistance or have questions of any kind. We will be more than happy to work with you!
Our business office is located in the Rectory which is connected to the new church.

We certainly know that providing your child with a Catholic School Education is a choice, and a big choice! We do not ever take that decision lightly and always know we will help you in any way possible.

If necessary we can further customize your tuition payment options, and if help is needed during the course of the school year to change a payment date that better coincides with your pay cycle, we can work with you, please contact us! Help is only a phone call or e-mail away! SSS

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