

February 2012

Dear Ohio EdChoice Families,

It's time to register your children for the 2012-2013 school year. All registration materials are being sent home through the home-school envelope. Junior high and high school students without younger siblings here at St. Peter's will receive their forms in the mail. The ability to accurately determine our enrollment prior to Open House serves everyone well if we can admit students with certainty that we have room for them. Thus, we require a \$100 per child registration fee, not to exceed \$200 per family, for enrollment in Montessori through grade twelve. This fee will be returned to you at the end of September 2012, provided your child is attending St. Peter's at that time. This fee serves as a place holder for your child for the 2012-2013 school year. **If this fee poses a hardship for any family at this time, a conversation with the building principal is necessary to discuss options.**

Since junior high and high school course fees are not covered by the EdChoice voucher, they are the responsibility of the parent. You may opt to put the \$100 per child registration fee (maximum of \$200 per family) toward those course fees rather than have it returned to you. The only course fee that applies to elementary students is a \$50 band fee for those who take this class in grades five and six.

It is important for **current EdChoice families to enroll before the March 4 Open House.** At that time new registrations will be accepted, filling remaining class openings. Registrations returned after March 4 will not guarantee a position for your child and will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis. For those current families who do not meet that March 4 deadline, and if class openings remain, the window for registration closes Friday, March 30. **After March 30, any current family who wishes to enroll will incur a late fee equal to 5% of the published 2012-2013 tuition rates as they apply to your specific tuition charge.** All of the following forms and **payment of or arrangements for deposit** must be completed and turned in prior to enrollment.

- Registration form – one per child
- Emergency Medical form – one per child
- Tuition Worksheet – one per family
- Registration fee of \$100 per child, not to exceed \$200 per family
- Active Parishioner Participation Guideline Sheet, if applicable – one per family

This packet, including registration and emergency medical forms, is also available online at www.mansfieldstpeters.org in each school's forms section. It is possible to fill out these forms using your computer but they may not be submitted electronically. If you use the online forms, you will need to print them, provide your signature, and then have your child bring those signed documents to the appropriate school office.

Along with the necessary St. Peter's paperwork (registration form, emergency medical form, tuition worksheet, and registration fee), the Ohio Department of Education also requires

- 2012-2013 Ohio EdChoice Scholarship Renewal Form – return to school
- EdChoice Parent Agreement Form – return to school
- Copy of current (2012) utility bill showing current address – return to school
- Income Verification Form (required if requesting low income priority and can be found in this packet) – **to be mailed** per instructions

The EdChoice program for the 2012-2013 school year allows us to request payment of the difference between the voucher amount and St. Peter's School tuition. This, of course, applies only at those grade levels for which the tuition exceeds what is paid by the voucher. See attached table. In an effort to help families who cannot afford to pay the difference, parent volunteer opportunities will be made available at a rate of ten tuition dollars per hour. For example, a parent who volunteers in the cafeteria one day a week for the entire school year may earn enough to pay the difference between our non-Catholic tuition and the EdChoice voucher amount. Volunteer hours earned during the 2011-2012 school year apply only to 2011-2012. Current year volunteer hours cannot be used to pay the 2012-2013 registration fee because this annual payment indicates your intention for your child to return to St. Peter's. Our acceptance of that fee indicates our commitment to hold a place for your child.

You will also find enclosed an Active Parishioner Participation Guideline sheet outlining eligibility for the Catholic tuition rate. St. Peter's and other Catholic parishes subsidize the tuition of the students they send to us. Families earn that subsidy by being active, contributing members of their parishes. The Parishioner Participation Guideline document will help you determine whether you are eligible for the Catholic rate. Sign and include it with the other registration paperwork if applicable.

Some families may prefer to pay the difference instead of volunteering. For students in grades K–8, the EdChoice program pays up to \$4,250 per student. Where tuition is less than \$4,250, the voucher is for the exact amount. If your child's tuition amount exceeds this, you will be responsible to pay the difference to St. Peter's in lieu of volunteering. The same concept holds true for high school students. Their maximum EdChoice voucher amount is \$5,000. Where tuition is less than \$5,000, the voucher is for the exact tuition amount. Where tuition is more than \$5,000, you are responsible to pay St. Peter's any tuition amount due in excess of the voucher payment or volunteer at a rate of ten tuition dollars per hour to make up the difference.

If you have any questions regarding enrollment, the registration fee, and/or the parent volunteer program, please call 419-524-3351 for Mr. Smith. Call 419-524-0979 for Mrs. Reith. We are grateful that the Ohio EdChoice program has joined your family with the St. Peter's School community. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Mr. James Smith
Montessori/Elementary School Principal

Mrs. Tressa Reith
Junior High/High School Principal

**ST. PETER'S SCHOOL
TUITION SCHEDULE
2012-2013**

| Grade Level | St. Peter's Tuition | EdChoice Voucher | Difference owed in dollars or volunteer hours |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| High School Non-Catholic | \$6675 | \$5000 | \$1675 Plus applicable fees |
| High School Catholic | \$4695 | \$4695 | \$0 Plus applicable fees |
| Junior High Non-Catholic | \$5375 | \$4250 | \$1125 Plus applicable fees |
| Junior High Catholic | \$3395 | \$3395 | \$0 Plus applicable fees |
| Elementary Non-Catholic | \$4775 | \$4250 | \$525 Plus applicable fees |
| Elementary Catholic | \$2995 | \$2995 | \$0 Plus applicable fees |

St Peter's Parish subsidizes the difference between tuition charged and the actual cost of educating each student enrolled in our school system.

Family Discounts (Preschool/Kindergarten through Grade 12)

The **second and third Catholic child** will be charged the designated tuition less a \$220 discount (\$110 discount if attending one half-day program).

The **second and third Non-Catholic child** will be charged the designated tuition less a \$250 discount (\$125 discount if attending one half-day program).

The **fourth and fifth child** will be charged the designated tuition less 50%.

QUESTIONS CONCERNING TUITION, PLEASE CONTACT TRACEY WILLIAMSON AT 419-524-2572.