

**St. Croix Catholic School  
Tuition and Scholarship Assistance Overview for 2010 – 2011**

**\$3,695 per child is the Regular Family tuition contribution.  
(\$2,800 for ½ day Kindergarten)**

**Our school and parish communities are committed to keeping tuition affordable and to helping families by offering the following Scholarship options:**

**Program 1: Multiple Student Scholarship Assistance**

Families with two or more students in Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade may elect to take advantage of the following scholarship amounts; providing they are willing to perform Parent Participation Service Hours between May 1, 2010 and April 30, 2011. The requirement is 30 hours for one scholarship student or 50 hours for 2 or more scholarship students. This program *does not require a formal application* - only a signed Tuition and Family Commitment Agreement – Multiple Student Scholarship Assistance (green form) specifying acceptance of this scholarship. Families who do not wish to participate with service hours may choose to pay the full family tuition contribution of \$3,695 per student for all of their children and should complete a Tuition and Family Commitment Agreement – Regular Tuition (yellow form).

First Student:	\$ 3,695
Second Student:	\$ 3,595 (\$100 Scholarship)
Third Student:	\$ 3,395 (\$300 Scholarship)
Fourth, Fifth, Sixth Students:	\$ 3,195 each (\$500 Scholarship each)

*Current SCCS families must complete 2010 – 2011 registration paperwork, including a Tuition and Family Commitment Agreement – Multiple Student Scholarship Assistance (green form), and pay a \$100 per student, non-refundable Registration Fee by **March 31, 2010** to qualify for the Multiple Student Scholarship Plan.*

**Program 2: Financial Need Scholarship Assistance** - Families with one or more child(ren) may apply. This program is for families needing more financial assistance than is provided by the Multiple Student Scholarship Plan. This program requires completion of a Scholarship Assistance Application.

The Financial Need Scholarship Assistance Application requires a verification of annual income by submitting tax records, a detailed list of expenses, and a letter to Father Michael Miller (St. Michael's and St. Mary's families) or Father Randal Kasel (St. Charles families) explaining the financial need and describing how the family is active within the tri-parish and school community.

**It is beneficial for currently enrolled families seeking Financial Need Scholarship Assistance to apply as soon as possible. The deadline for current families to apply for Financial Need Scholarship Assistance is April 30, 2010. However, we ask that if you are applying for Scholarship Assistance, please let us know of your desire to enroll your child(ren) by returning your Family Registration Form marked “applying for Scholarship” with a \$100 per child Registration Fee, if you are able, by the March 31, 2010 Registration deadline.**

Families will be notified of the amount awarded no later than May 15, 2010.

The ACTUAL COST of providing your child a Catholic education at St. Croix Catholic School is approximately \$5,300 a year. Our tri-parish community shares in meeting this cost by providing a subsidy of \$1,200 for each student attending SCCS. Participation by families and parishioners in programs such as the *Marathon for Non-Public Education*, *SCRIP*, the *Technology Booster Club* and other fundraising events also contributes to cover the cost of educating each child. **It is important to the future of our school that each family: (1) continue your stewardship gifts to the parish and (2) consider paying the full actual cost (\$5,300), or a higher percentage of the actual cost, of your child's tuition if you are financially able to do so.**

## School Community Volunteer and Fundraising Expectations for SCCS Families

Being a part of the St. Croix Catholic School community brings with it certain expectations of **ALL FAMILIES**, regardless of their tuition arrangements. Support of the school community by participation in volunteer and fundraising programs and events is *an expectation for all families*. In some cases, your fundraising expectation may be fulfilled by making a tax deductible donation over and above your tuition commitment.

### Volunteering

As members of the SCCS community, parents are asked to commit to volunteering for at least one activity each trimester to assist the school. Archdiocesan Virtus training, a general background check, and a signed Volunteer Code of Conduct are requirements for all volunteers working around our children. Additionally, a financial background check is required for all activities that involve handling cash and SCRIP gift cards.

***Participating Parent Service Hours are REQUIRED for families taking advantage of the Multi-Student Scholarship Plan or Financial Need Scholarship Assistance. Participating Parent Scholarship Service Hours must be performed by a parent.*** This restriction is necessary to establish the program as an earned scholarship and comply with IRS Wage and Tax Regulations.

### **Mandatory SCRIP Gift Card Program**

**Every family is required to generate \$225 in SCRIP revenue between May 1, 2010 and April 30, 2011 to support school operations.** SCRIP revenue to the school depends on each merchant but averaged 3% this year. This equates to \$7,500 in gross purchases of SCRIP cards per family, easily reached with regular family purchases. Families purchasing higher return SCRIP cards from local merchants may achieve the \$225 required revenue with less than \$7,500 in gross purchases.

The family's goal can be achieved both by what the SCCS family purchases and by encouraging friends and neighbors to purchase SCRIP Gift Cards designated toward the school family's total. This program has the full support of the tri-parishes and is intended to support the funding of school operations.

**Families desiring to "opt out" of SCRIP purchases may simply pay an additional \$225 in total family tuition instead of making SCRIP purchases.**

### Marathon for Non-Public Education

SCCS families are expected to participate in collecting pledges and/or making a contribution to the Annual Marathon for Non-Public Education taking place in September and October. The expectation for each family is \$250 per student or a maximum of \$750 per family. **Marathon donations are tax deductible.** This Marathon expectation can also be met by matching funds from an employer.

### Fundraising Policy

In order to keep tuition as reasonable as possible, SCCS will sponsor or co-sponsor two major fundraisers each year; one in the fall and one in the spring. All families will be expected to participate in BOTH fundraisers by raising money and/or volunteering to work. The financial objectives and time expectations will be advertised well in advance of each event.

### Technology Booster Club

Started in 2008-2009, this fund is used to enhance the technology environment at SCCS. Currently the fund is designated to replace computers and purchase updated applications for each grade level. Plans for 2010-2011 are to replace the 7 to 8 year old computers in the classrooms. The estimated cost of this project is \$10,000. Each family is asked to contribute a minimum of \$100 to this fund each year to facilitate our ability to maintain a first class technology environment. ***As a voluntary donation, contributions to this fund are tax deductible. Many companies offer matching funds for technology investment, please check with your company to see if this is a possibility.***