



St. Dominic Parish

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Dear St. Dominic Parishioners,

As you may know, the Ohio Legislature recently passed, and Governor Dewine signed, what he calls “School Choice” within the 2023-2025 two-year budget for the State of Ohio.

Here are the facts of this new state funding: Ohio School Choice offers scholarships of up to \$6,165 for each student. A substantial number of our St. Dominic families will qualify for a full scholarship, and all others will qualify for a partial scholarship based on family income. With this funding we can move from a family-paid tuition model to an enhanced tuition model where the State of Ohio and your taxes pay the lion’s share. This program creates an opportunity for an increase in funding for the school while substantially reducing tuition paid by almost all parents.

The new School Choice program is currently funded for two years. Of course, the expectation by state leadership is that this will be a long-term funding program. Each school chooses annually if they want to participate in this program. We will certainly participate, and our school families have been notified. We will continue to help families with the Fr. Walsh Scholarship as needed.

We hope to benefit from increased demand from public school students. For those Catholic families who have chosen public schools purely for financial reasons, they can now afford to send their kids to a Catholic school.

School Choice Tuition Facts

Families with an Adjusted Gross Income at or below 450% of the Federal Poverty Level are eligible for a full student scholarship. Families with an AGI above 450% are eligible for a tiered, reduced scholarship.

Please see the chart to find the per student scholarship amount.

This table reflects changes to the EdChoice Expansion program with the FY24 budget.

It shows family income amounts for the **estimated** full scholarship (at or below 450% FPL), and includes the partial **estimated** scholarship amounts for families with income above 450% FPL:

Scholarship Values Grades K-8	\$6165	\$5200	\$3650	\$2600	\$1850	\$1300	\$900	\$650
Number in Household	Gross income at or below 450% FPL	Gross income between 451-500%	Gross income between 501-550%	Gross income between 551-600%	Gross income between 601-650%	Gross income between 651-700%	Gross income between 701-750%	Gross income above 750%
1	\$65,610	\$72,900	\$80,190	\$87,480	\$94,770	\$102,060	\$109,350	Above \$109,350
2	\$88,740	\$98,600	\$108,450	\$118,320	\$128,180	\$138,040	\$147,900	Above \$147,900
3	\$111,870	\$124,300	\$136,730	\$149,160	\$161,590	\$174,020	\$186,450	Above \$186,450
4	\$135,000	\$150,000	\$165,000	\$180,000	\$195,000	\$210,000	\$225,000	Above \$225,000
5	\$158,130	\$175,700	\$193,270	\$210,840	\$228,410	\$245,980	\$263,550	Above \$263,550
6	\$181,260	\$201,400	\$221,540	\$241,680	\$261,820	\$281,950	\$302,100	Above \$302,100
7	\$204,390	\$227,100	\$249,810	\$272,520	\$295,230	\$317,940	\$340,650	Above \$340,650
8	\$227,520	\$252,800	\$278,080	\$303,360	\$328,640	\$353,920	\$379,200	Above \$379,200
Each Additional Person	\$23,130	Add \$25,700	Add \$28,270	Add \$30,840	Add \$33,410	Add \$35,980	Add \$38,550	Add \$38,535
Notes	Full Scholarship	Partial Scholarship	Partial Scholarship	Partial Scholarship	Partial Scholarship	Partial Scholarship	Partial Scholarship	Partial Scholarship

Clarification: Look for your ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME - **do not** look at your GROSS INCOME. If you look at your 2022 federal tax return, you can see your Adjusted Gross Income.

We have been accepting the Ed Choice Scholarship and our parents have benefitted for a number of years. This expanded program will increase the monies from the state and decrease the burden on our families' tuition payments and the subsidies from our Sunday collection.

Fr. Jim