



# Tuition Assistance Information Meeting

December 3, 2020

# Welcome & Opening Prayer



# We Are Here to Help

- Jason Schiffli, *Principal*
- Tom Tidwell, *Business Manager*
- Kim Cochran, *School Choice Coordinator*
- Susan Schenkel, *Accounts Receivable*
- Katie Burns, *Development Director*



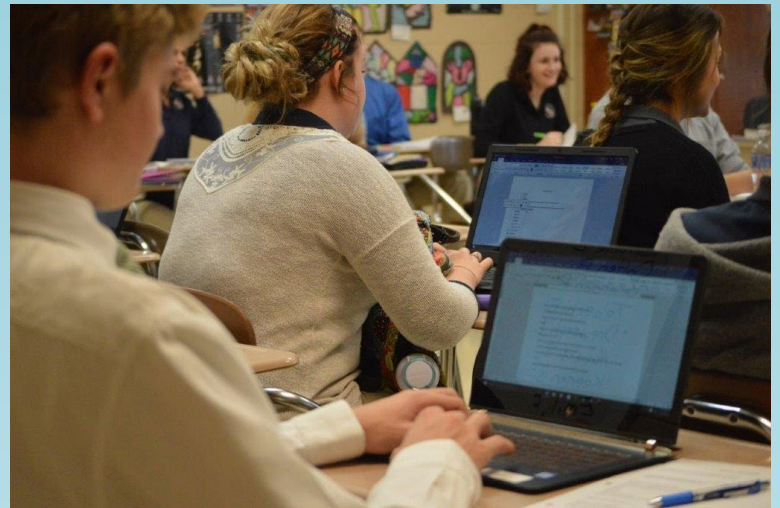
# 2020-2021 Actual Tuition Costs

• **Parish Rate = \$8,298**

• **Non-Parish Rate = \$9,798**

*Note: Pastor determines if a family is an active parishioner*

Each student is required to have a laptop for the 2021-2022 school year, please do not purchase your laptop, until the system requirements have been finalized and communicated.



# Tuition Assistance Basics

- Approximately, 60% of our families receive some form of tuition assistance
- Over \$2.5 million is awarded each year
  - Merit-based Scholarships
  - Need-based Scholarships
  - School Choice Scholarships
  - Tuition Assistance
  - SGO Award



**Our Goal:  
Make Catholic  
Education  
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# What is Tuition Assistance?

*Our Goal: Make Catholic Education Affordable for Everyone!*

- *BDHS Scholarship*
- *Tuition Assistance Grants through BDHS*
- *School Choice Scholarship*
- *Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) Award*



# How Much Assistance Will I Receive?

- FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment calculates need
- Bishop Dwenger receives a confidential report outlining your current financial status, based on the information obtained from your FACTS application
- Once the applications are processed, assistance is awarded based on need and availability of funds
- Tuition assistance grants are awarded based on individual family need in direct proportion to other families applying for aid that year
- A family can still receive additional assistance even if a scholarship is awarded, including School Choice Scholarship and SGO Award

# How to Apply

1. FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment application
  - On-line:** Go to the link at the Bishop Dwenger website under “Admissions” and “Tuition & Assistance”
2. Recommended Deadline: April 15<sup>th</sup>
3. Fee: \$35 non-refundable application fee per family
4. Families with children attending multiple schools complete one application, include all students and all schools for which parents are paying tuition
  - Diocese can follow the status of an application through an online tracking system
  - Analysis and financial reports by FACTS are provided online to the Diocese
5. FACTS application is required for:
  - Tuition Assistance Grants
  - Bishop Dwenger Scholarships (not School Choice)
  - SGO Award



# How Will I Know if My Family Receives Tuition Assistance?

FACTS Grant & Aid applications are reviewed by the Principal and Business Manager

- You may be contacted by the Business Office or Principal for additional information or an interview
- Tuition bills will be sent in July, preliminary scholarship award notices will be sent before, or will be available on Verification Day; amounts will be finalized in September and accounts will be adjusted at the time



\* *Tuition Assistance may be adjusted based on scholarships received*

# Paying Your Tuition

ALL families are required to enroll in a FACTS Payment Plan during enrollment & application

- FACTS Payment Plan Options:
  - *Full Amount - due August 1<sup>st</sup>*
  - *Semi-Annual - due August & February*
  - *Ten (10) monthly payments (August-May)*
- Payment Types available through FACTS:
  - *Auto-Debit from checking or savings account on the 5<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> of each month*
  - *Credit or Debit Card, plus convenience fee*

# Option I: Full Amount

Payment due on or before August 1<sup>st</sup>  
(no fee)



## Option 2: Semi-Annual

Pay one-half of tuition and fees by August 1<sup>st</sup> and pay the remaining balance by February (\$30 fee)

or

Pay in full at school by December 1<sup>st</sup> (no fee)



## Option 3: Monthly

Ten (10) monthly automatic payments,  
August through May  
(\$80 Fee)

Choose payment date:  
5<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> of each month



# Free or Reduced-Price Meals

- To apply for free or reduced-price meals, complete the form on BD website under “Policy/Forms” tab at the top of the web page; 2021-2022 application will be available after July 1<sup>st</sup>
- Applications should be sent to the attention of Tom Tidwell, Business Manager, by August 1<sup>st</sup> to be in effect the first day of school
- Families with children attending multiple schools will need to complete an application with each school



# Scholarship 101

- Dwenger scholarships are based on financial need and scholastic ability
- The Bishop Dwenger Merit Scholarship is the only merit-based scholarship; awards are allocated solely on scholarship test results



# Scholarship 101

- To be eligible for a Dwenger scholarship award, you must also complete the FACTS Management Grant & Aid form (FACTS not needed for Choice Scholarship)
- A wide variety of scholarships are available with each having their own criteria
- Online Application is available at [www.bishopdwenger.com](http://www.bishopdwenger.com), under “Admissions” and “Tuition and Tuition Assistance”





# Scholarship Application – Online

- Online applications are due by April 15<sup>th</sup>
- Application must be completed in its entirety by the student
- Be sure to attach a Power School print out of grades or a copy of your child's report card
  - \*Include grades from 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade*
- One letter of recommendation by a teacher, priest, coach, or administrator (non-family), may be mailed independently
- Essay required



# Scholarship Application Process

- Applications are reviewed by the scholarship committee
- Committee recommendations are made based on quality of application
- Award is then allocated based on FACTS information and quality of application
- Notification of award to the family will be finalized in September, preliminary awards may be available on Verification Day

# Future Scholarships



- A new FACTS and scholarship application must be completed each year by the parent
- A new essay is required annually
- Some scholarships renew based on performance - see each individual scholarship for details on the BD website under “Admissions” and “Tuition and Tuition Assistance”



# Indiana Choice Scholarship

Pathways for a Choice Scholarship:

1. Continuing Choice Scholarship Student
2. Previous Choice Scholarship or SGO Student
3. Special Education Student
4. Sibling received School Choice or SGO
5. Enrolled in an Indiana Public School previous 2 semesters
6. Student would be required to attend an Indiana Public School rated as an "F" school

To renew or apply for the 2021-2022 school year, contact Kim Cochran at 496-4705 or [kcochran@bishopdwenger.com](mailto:kcochran@bishopdwenger.com)

**Are you currently receiving a School Choice scholarship?**

You will need to apply directly to BDHS, it does not automatically transfer or renew!

# Indiana Choice Scholarship 2020-2021 Income Eligibility

Annual Household Income Limits based on 2019 Adjusted Gross Income

Household Size	Full Choice Scholarship	70% Partial Choice Scholarship	50% Partial Choice Scholarship	50% Partial Choice Scholarship
	(90% school corp. funding) (100% of fed. free/reduced lunch)	(70% school corp. funding) (125% of fed. free/reduced lunch)	(50% school corp. funding) (150% of fed. free/reduced lunch)	Renewal or existing IEP (50% school corp. funding) (200% of fed. free/reduced lunch)
1	\$23,606	\$29,508	\$35,409	\$47,212
2	\$31,894	\$39,868	\$47,841	\$63,788
3	\$40,182	\$50,228	\$60,273	\$80,364
4	\$48,470	\$60,588	\$72,705	\$96,940
5	\$56,758	\$70,948	\$85,137	\$113,516
6	\$65,046	\$81,308	\$97,569	\$130,092
7	\$73,334	\$91,668	\$110,001	\$146,668
8	\$81,622	\$102,028	\$122,433	\$163,244
9	\$89,910	\$112,388	\$134,865	\$179,820
10	\$98,198	\$122,748	\$147,297	\$196,396
Each Additional Person	\$8,288	\$10,360	\$12,432	\$16,576

## 2020-2021 ESTIMATED Award Amounts

School District	Full	Partial +	Partial	Partial
FWCS	\$6,048.82	\$4,704.64	\$3,360.45	\$3,360.45
EACS	\$5,740.09	\$4,464.52	\$3,188.94	\$3,188.94
NWAC	\$5,146.81	\$4,003.07	\$2,859.34	\$2,859.34
SWAC	\$5,190.56	\$4,037.10	\$2,883.65	\$2,883.65

# SGO

## (Scholarship Granting Organization)

The SGO award is granted by a school to students whose families meet the required income guidelines.

1. Applications for an SGO award are processed through FACTS. Once your application is verified, you are then considered for an SGO award
2. Receipt of an SGO award in a school year, opens up the possibility of a Choice Scholarship for each child in the family each subsequent year
3. A student may receive one SGO award each year
4. Awards are determined in October, with a second round of determinations in January
5. Award amounts vary in size based upon available funds; minimum award is \$500

# Contact Information

## Business Office:

Tom Tidwell – *Business Manager*

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## Scholarship Information:

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Thank You!



Be the Saint you were called to be!