



# **Financial Assistance Information Meeting**

**December 9, 2025**

# Welcome & Opening Prayer



# We Are Here to Help

- Jason Schiffli, *Principal*
- Susan Schenkel, *Business Manager*
- Molly Schreck, *Tuition & Scholarship Coordinator*
- Sharon Roberts, *School Choice Coordinator*



# 2025-2026 Actual Tuition Costs

## **Tuition/Fees:**

**Parish Rate = \$10,453**

*\* Pastor determines if a family is an active parishioner*

**Non-Parish Rate = \$11,953**

**Fees:** Above tuition rates include a registration fee of \$125 and one-time technology fee of \$130

## **Laptop:**

Each student is required to have a laptop.

Please wait to purchase a laptop until the final system requirements are communicated.

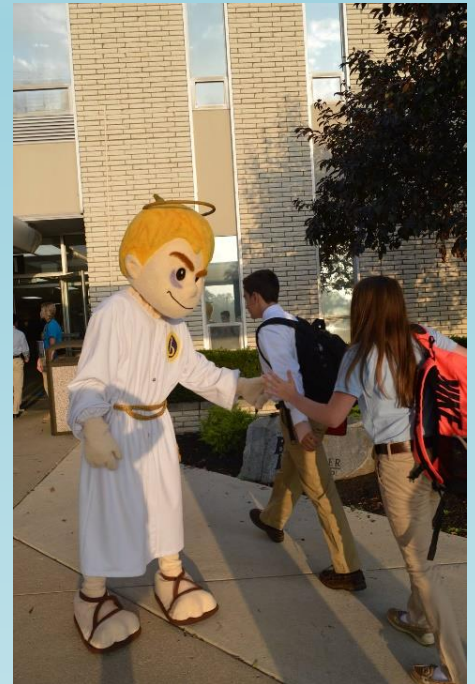


# Available Financial Assistance

**Approximately 80% of our families receive some form of financial assistance with over \$6.0 million is awarded each year:**

- Indiana School Choice Scholarships
- Bishop Dwenger Tuition Assistance
- Need-based BDHS Scholarships
- Merit-based BDHS Scholarships
- SGO Awards

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







# Indiana Choice Scholarship

For the 2026–2027 school year, it is anticipated that ALL students will be eligible to participate in the program.

However, the state has not yet released information regarding its implementation.

## **2025-2026** ESTIMATED Award Amounts

School District	Estimated Award Amount
FWCS	\$7,029.98
EACS	\$6,809.39
NWAC	\$6,195.24
SWAC	\$6,252.72

To apply for the 2026-2027 school year contact:  
Sharon Roberts at 496-4705 or [sroberts@bishopdwenger.com](mailto:sroberts@bishopdwenger.com)

# 2025-2026 Tuition & Fees Example

	PARISH	NON-PARISH
TUITION	\$ 8,880.00	\$10,380.00
REGISTRATION FEE	\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00
CLASS FEES	\$ 543.00	\$ 543.00
BOOK FEES	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00
SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT FEE	\$ 425.00	\$ 425.00
ONE-TIME TECHNOLOGY FEE	<u>\$ 130.00</u>	<u>\$ 130.00</u>
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,453.00</b>	<b>\$ 11,953.00</b>
LESS: SCHOOL CHOICE-FWCS	<u>\$ (7,029.98)</u>	<u>\$ (7,029.98)</u>
<b>NET TUITION &amp; FEES</b>	<b><u>\$ 3,423.02</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 4,923.02</u></b>
<i>10 Monthly payments</i> <i>*includes \$80 FACTS Fee</i>	\$ 350.30	\$ 500.30

# Available Financial Assistance



**The FACTS Grant & Aid Application is required to be eligible for the following:**

## **BDHS Tuition Assistance**

**Amounts vary**

## **BDHS Scholarship**

**Needs Based - Amounts vary but generally range from \$250-\$1,000**

## **SGO Award**

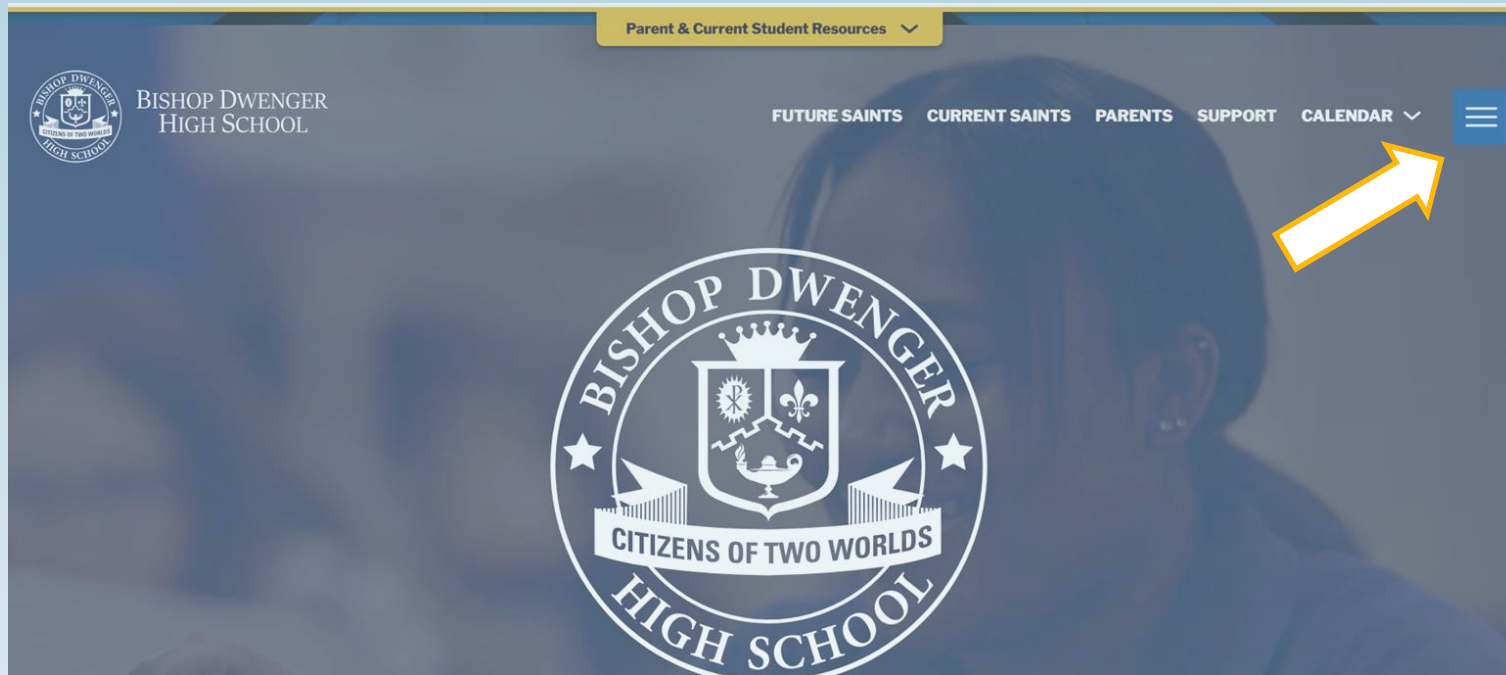
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# How to Apply: FACTS



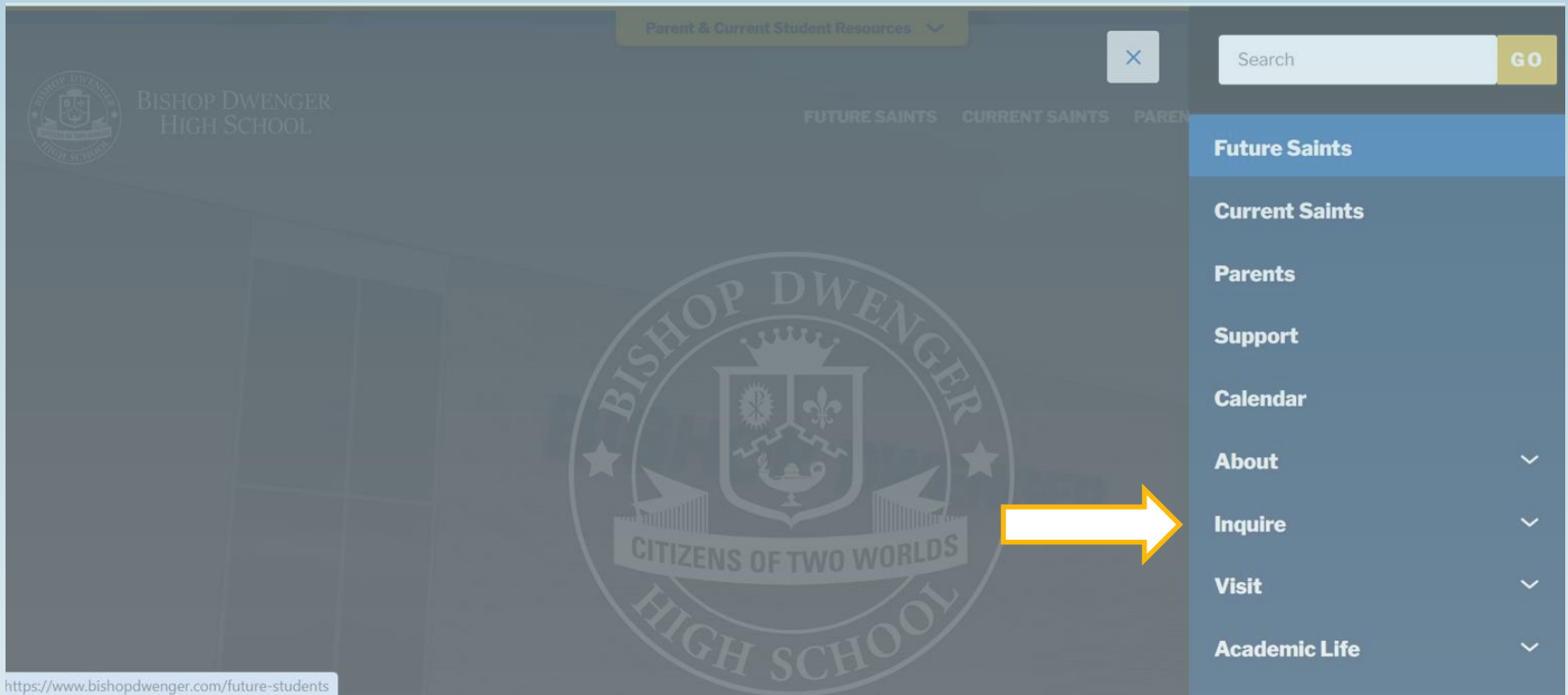
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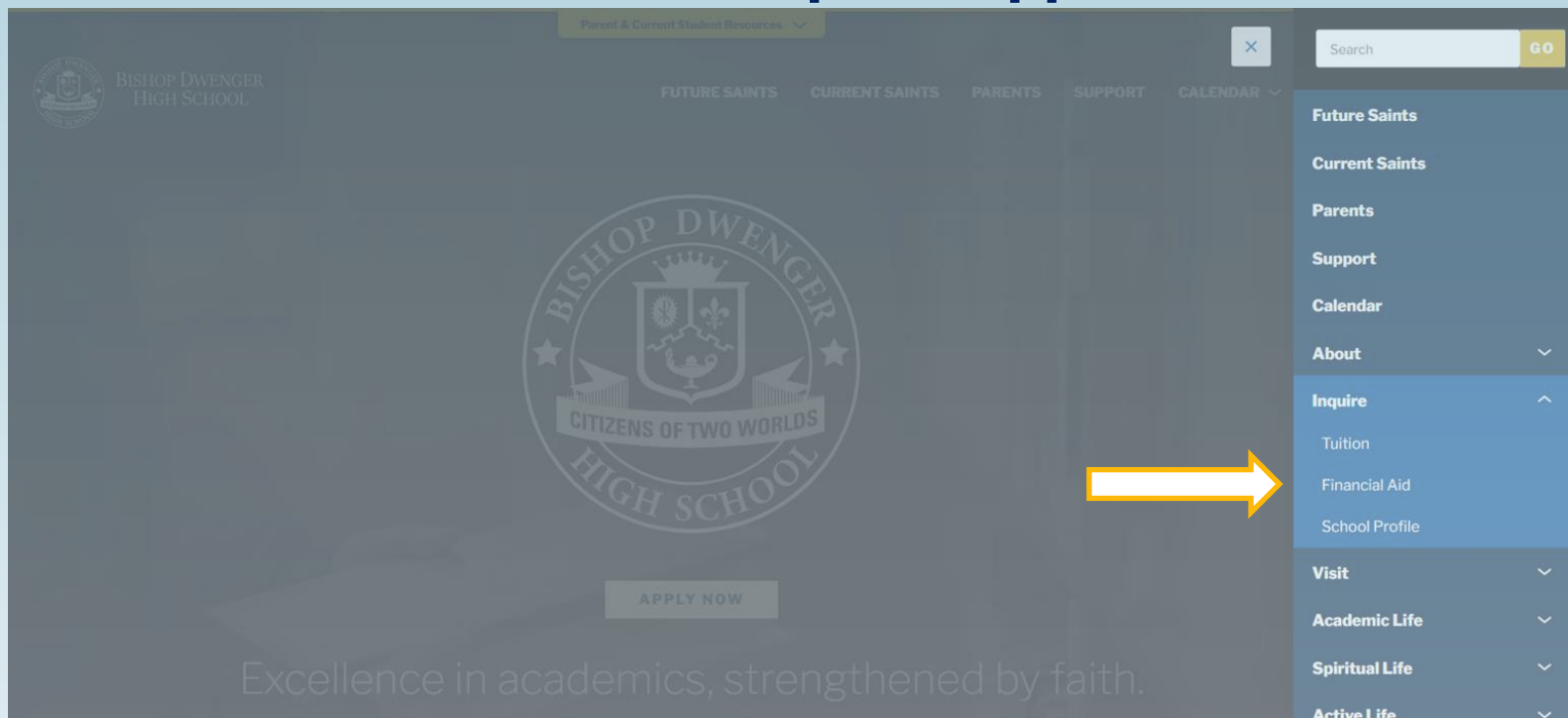
## Select Inquire



# How to Apply: FACTS

## Select Financial Aid

- Scroll to Applying for Tuition Assistance
- Click “FACTS Website” link to complete application



<https://online.factsmgt.com/grant-aid/inst/3GMHF/landing-page>

# How to Apply: FACTS

1. Recommended Deadline: April 15<sup>th</sup>
2. Fee: \$45 non-refundable application fee per family
3. 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
4. FACTS application is required for:
  - Tuition Assistance from Bishop Dwenger
  - Bishop Dwenger Scholarships (**not** School Choice)
  - SGO Award



# **What to Expect After a FACTS Grant & Aid Application is Submitted**

- 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 Grant & Aid application
- Once the applications are processed and reviewed over the summer, scholarships and/or tuition assistance is awarded based on individual family need in direct proportion to other families applying for aid that year

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

All 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
- Tuition bills will be emailed in July





# Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO)



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

1. Applications for an SGO award are processed through FACTS Grant & Aid. Once your application is verified, you are then considered for an SGO award.
2. A student may receive one SGO award each year.
3. Awards are approved in October, with a second round of determinations in January.
4. Award amounts vary in size based upon available funds; minimum award is \$500.

# BDHS Scholarships

- A wide variety of Dwenger scholarships are available, each with its own criteria
- To be eligible for a Dwenger scholarship award, students **must** complete the online application by April 15<sup>th</sup>
- Available at [bishopdwenger.com](http://bishopdwenger.com), under “Inquire” then “Financial Aid” and then “Bishop Dwenger Scholarships”
- Parents **must** also complete the FACTS Grant & Aid application



# BDHS Merit Scholarship

- The Bishop Dwenger Merit Scholarship is the only merit-based scholarship; awards are allocated solely on results of Merit Exam, administered in December of 8<sup>th</sup> grade year
- All other Dwenger Scholarships are based on financial need and scholastic ability



# Scholarship Application Checklist

## **PARENT/GUARDIAN:**

- ☐ FACTS Grant & Aid applications are due by April 15<sup>th</sup>
- ☐ Be sure to upload a PowerSchool printout of current grades or a copy of your child's report card

## **STUDENT:**

- ☐ Application must be completed in its entirety by the student and submitted by April 15<sup>th</sup>
- ☐ Original essay required; must reflect student's own ideas and voice
- ☐ One signed recommendation form by a teacher, priest, coach, or administrator (non-family) is required. Form should be printed from the scholarship application, then uploaded to the application once signed

# BDHS Scholarship Application Review Process

- Applications are reviewed by the Scholarship Committee in the summer
- Committee recommendations are made based on FACTS information and quality of scholarship application
- Award is then allocated
- Notification of award will be included on the tuition invoice emailed in July



# Future BDHS Scholarships



- A new FACTS Grant & Aid application must be completed each year by the parent/guardian
- A new scholarship application and essay must be completed each year by the student



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# 2025 – 2026 Tuition & Fees Example

## Reflecting Financial Aid & Scholarship

	PARISH	NON-PARISH
NET TUITION & FEES	\$ 3,423.02	\$ 4,923.02
LESS: FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE	\$ (500.00)	\$ (500.00)
LESS: BDHS SCHOLARSHIP	\$ (500.00)	\$ (500.00)
LESS: SGO AWARD	\$ (0.00)	\$ (0.00)
<b>NET TUITION &amp; FEES – ESTIMATED</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,423.02</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 3,923.02</u></b>
<i>10 Monthly payments</i> <i>*includes \$80 FACTS Fee</i>	\$ 250.30	\$ 400.30

# How to Pay Your Tuition



**ALL families are required to set up a FACTS Payment Plan during enrollment.**

## **FACTS Payment Plan Options:**

### **Option 1 - Payment(s) at school by check or cash (no fee)**

- Full Payment by August 1st **or**
- Pay half by August 1st and remaining half by December 1<sup>st</sup>

### **Option 2 - Semi-Annual Automatic Payments (\$30 fee)**

- Two (2) semi-annual payments through FACTS Management by August 1st and remaining half by February 20<sup>th</sup>

### **Option 3 - Monthly Automatic Payments (\$80 fee)**

- Ten (10) monthly payments through FACTS Management, or a partial payment at school by August 1st and the remaining balance in ten (10) monthly payments through FACTS Management

## **Payment Types available through FACTS:**

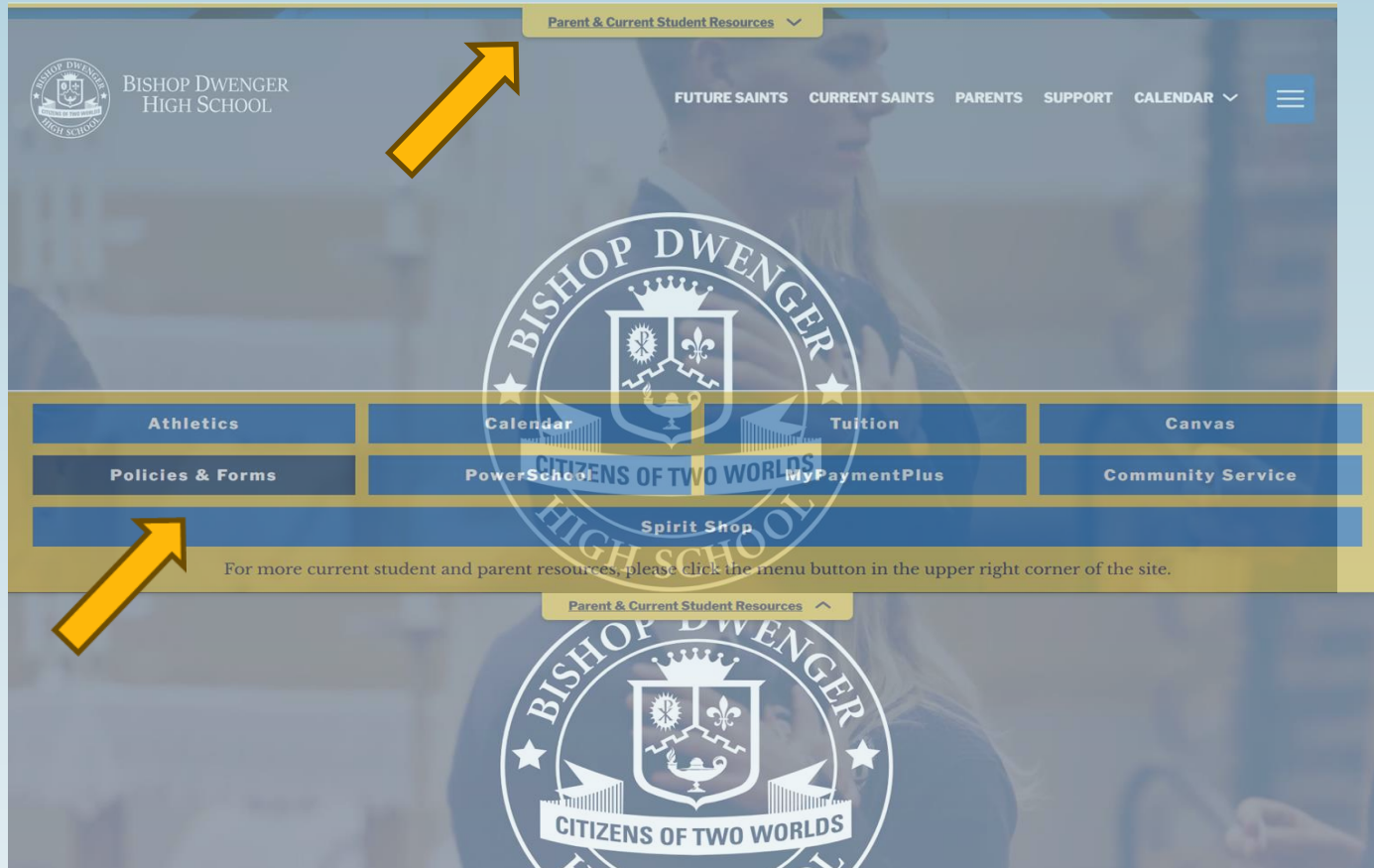
- *Auto-Debit from checking or savings account on the 5<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> of each month*
- *Credit or Debit Card, plus convenience fee*

<https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3GMHF>

# Free or Reduced-Price Meals

To apply for free or reduced-price meals, complete the form on BD website under “Policy/Forms” located in the Parent & Current Student Resources section of the website

2026-2027 application will be available after July 1st



# Free or Reduced-Price Meals

- Applications should be sent to the attention of Susan Schenkel, 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



# Business Office Timeline



**JANUARY 15, 2026**

Application Deadline



**MARCH/APRIL 2026**

Choice Scholarship Application window opens  
for 2026-2027



**APRIL 15, 2026**

Financial Aid (FACTS) Application due  
BDHS Scholarship Application due



**JULY 2026**

Tuition Statements emailed through FACTS



**AUGUST 2026**

First Tuition Payment Due





# Contact Information

## Business Office:

Susan Schenkel – *Business Manager*  
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Molly Schreck – *Tuition, Scholarships & Payment Plans*  
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Sharon Roberts – *School Choice*  
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We look forward welcoming  
your student to the  
Bishop Dwenger Family

