



St. Aloysius
Gonzaga

Expansion of Ed Choice

August 5, 2023

Dear Parents of St. Aloysius,

St. Aloysius has a long history of offering a solid Catholic-based education. We are striving to continue that tradition.

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. School Choice is a subset of the Ed Choice Program from the State of Ohio. School Choice, also known as Ed Choice Expansion, is different than Traditional Ed Choice. Traditional Ed Choice and Ed Choice Expansion offer scholarships of up to \$6,165 for all families.

Participating Catholic schools may 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.

For Parents Who Qualified for EdChoice Traditional in 2022-2023 School Year

If your family qualified and received Traditional EdChoice in 2022-2023, the only difference you will see is that tuition has been raised to \$6,165. EdChoice will pay the full amount.

If you find that Ed Choice Expansion suits your family, you may choose that program.

IF YOU HAVE ALREADY APPLIED FOR EITHER SCHOLARSHIP – NOTHING ELSE NEEDS TO BE DONE. THIS ONLY PERTAINS TO NEW APPLICANTS!

For All Other Parents – Please read this communique in its entirety.

Ed Choice Expansion offers scholarships of up to \$6,165 for all families. A substantial number of our St. Aloysius families will qualify for a full scholarship, and all others will qualify for a partial scholarship based on family income.

School Choice/EdChoice Expansion 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 below chart to find your per student scholarship amount.*



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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
Grades 9-12	\$8407	\$7050	\$5000	\$3550	\$2500	\$1750	\$1250	\$950
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							Above \$109,350
2	\$ 88,740	\$72,900	\$80,190	\$87,480	\$94,770	\$102,060	\$109,350	Above \$147,900
3	\$ 111,870	\$98,600	\$108,450	\$118,320	\$128,180	\$138,040	\$147,900	Above \$186,450
4	\$ 135,000	\$124,300	\$136,730	\$149,160	\$161,590	\$174,020	\$186,450	Above \$225,000
5	\$ 158,130	\$150,000	\$165,000	\$180,000	\$195,000	\$210,000	\$225,000	Above \$263,550
6	\$ 181,260	\$175,700	\$193,270	\$210,840	\$228,410	\$245,980	\$263,550	Above \$302,100
7	\$ 204,390	\$201,400	\$221,540	\$241,680	\$261,820	\$281,960	\$302,100	Above \$340,650
8	\$ 227,520	\$227,100	\$249,810	\$272,520	\$295,230	\$317,940	\$340,650	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.

How will tuition at St. Aloysius work for the 2023-2024 School Year?

Due to this change in funding from the State of Ohio, St. Aloysius is changing our tuition model. St. Aloysius will adjust tuition to \$6,165.

Parents can still apply for the St. Aloysius Parish Grant Scholarship (non-refundable) for \$2,000 per student. That scholarship reduces the amount owed by the St. Aloysius family, but it also reduces the amount received from the State of Ohio.



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EdChoice	Family qualifies for:	Active Family Scholarship	Additional owed by family	Amount to be paid by EdChoice	Total Amount received
	\$ 6,165	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,165	\$ 6,165
	\$ 5,200	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ 4,165	\$ 4,165
	\$ 3,650	\$ 2,000	\$ 515	\$ 3,650	\$ 4,165
	\$ 2,600	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,565	\$ 2,600	\$ 4,165
	\$ 1,850	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,315	\$ 1,850	\$ 4,165
	\$ 1,300	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,865	\$ 1,300	\$ 4,165
	\$ 900	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,265	\$ 900	\$ 4,165
	\$ 650	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,515	\$ 650	\$ 4,165

Tuition will still need to be collected.

As you probably know, the school and parish work on a fiscal year from July 1 to June 30. Expenses for the upcoming school year started July 1 which is why we start collecting tuition in July. These expenses include salaries (which are paid through the summer), facility maintenance, utilities, summer projects, etc. We will continue to collect tuition as scheduled until EdChoice Expansion checks are received and any kinks are worked out. We need to be sure our bills are being paid from the income being collected before we stop collecting tuition.

Due to the program being implemented by the State quickly, we are conservatively planning for initial checks to be later than September.

Stopping Tuition Collection

We appreciate your tuition payments, keeping cash flowing to pay expenses while this program kicks in. Once EdChoice checks are received and kinks are worked out, we will compare what you have already paid to your new tuition amount, if any.

At that point, St. Aloysius will refund you the difference. Those refunds will likely come in late fall 2023.



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Next Steps

The Ohio Board of Education is still coming out with details. Parish and School leadership are working with Archdiocese Schools Office specialists working directly with Ohio Board of Education personnel.

Application instructions are still being worked out by the Ohio Department of Education, and details of the application process will be shared when they are available.

What should parents be doing now?

Please review the attached information to calculate the amount of scholarship your family qualifies.

Please look for additional communication from St. Aloysius School next week. There will be subsequent communications as well.

If you would prefer to email questions prior to the next communication on Monday, please send educational and admissions questions to Sandy Ortman-Tomlin, Principal, at ortmantomlin_s@saintals.org and financial questions to Ken Schultz, Business Manager, at ken.schultz@stalsbridgetown.org.

Thank you for your patience as we work through this quickly changing process.

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