



# PROVIDENCE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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## TUITION & FEES FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2020-2021

There's a feeling here that is hard to miss if you spend any time here. . .a tremendous rapport between students and faculty. The faculty is extremely concerned about the kids, not only academically. A number of people are involved in other areas nobody even knows about. I think at any one time probably the whole faculty is involved in something, for somebody.

*Catholic Schools and the Common Good*

Anthony S. Bryk, Valerie E. Lee and Peter B. Holland

Dear Parents,

You feel it when you walk in the door; it is commonly described as "family." That is what the authors of the above opening paragraph are trying to articulate, and we sure have it here. Being a part of the Providence Catholic family is truly something special.

Your tuition is an investment in your child's future. We are pleased to report that 99% of the Class of 2019 furthered their high school education at colleges and universities. They were offered more than \$45 million in scholarships. These positive results underscore the benefits of the financial sacrifice you make on behalf of your child/ren. Our graduates are known throughout the Midwest for being well-rounded young individuals who are well-prepared to succeed in the challenging academic atmosphere of colleges and universities.

Each year, it is our goal to make every effort to ensure the cost to our families for a Providence Catholic education remains manageable. We estimate next year's actual cost to educate a student at Providence Catholic High School to be approximately \$17,056 per student. The gap between this cost and the amount of tuition and fees received from our families continues to increase. However, through the continued support of our families, alumni, friends, and other stakeholders who believe in our mission, we are trying to close the gap.

After discussion among the Providence Catholic Finance Committee, we have established tuition and fees for the 2020-2021 school year: **tuition will be raised \$400 from \$13,300 to \$13,700.** The discounts for multiple siblings continue to be 10% for the second child and 25% for the third child. **Busing fees will increase \$50 per route.**

In the coming school year, Providence Catholic will provide more than \$1.9 million dollars to our families in scholarships, discounts and need-based aid. This includes approximately \$1.4 million dollars in direct aid and an additional half million dollars in discounts for families with multiple children, Catholic elementary discounts, and faculty/staff discounts. Additional programs which help provide assistance include our summer work program and appeals to the Financial Aid Committee. **If paying tuition is a struggle for your family, please complete the financial aid form online which is due on March 1, 2020 to the FACTS Company.**

**DISCOUNT OFFERED FOR 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR:** If you pay tuition in full by August 1, 2020, you will receive a \$250.00 discount per student. This discount applies only to tuition and is given only if you have not received any financial aid.

**Fees:**

**Parking:** Main Campus parking fee will be \$325.00 for next year.

**Activity/Technology Fee:** A \$200.00 activity/technology fee is charged for each family. The activity fee covers accident insurance, student admission to all home games (except for state tournaments), drama and choral productions, the yearbook, the underclass retreat fee, network access and licensing, and the school newspaper for each student.

**Classroom Fees:** Classroom fees depend on the courses your child is taking in the academic program.

<b>AP Courses &amp; Fees:</b>		<b>Additional Information:</b>	
AP Calculus AB	\$100	SE/ED	\$100
AP Calculus BC	\$100	Biology & Biology Honors	\$100
AP Computer Science	\$100	Chemistry & Chemistry Honors	\$100
AP English 3 Lang & Comp	\$100	Human Physiology	\$100
AP English 4 Lit & Comp	\$100	Physics & Physics Honors	\$100
AP European History	\$100	Band (All Courses)	\$130
AP Micro-Economics	\$100	Choir (All courses- per semester)	\$55
AP Music Theory	\$100	Colorguard (billed in Fall)	\$80
AP Psychology	\$100	Graphic Design	\$80
AP Statistics	\$100	Digital Media	\$80
AP US Gov. & Politics	\$100	English Online License	\$8
AP US History	\$100	World Languages Online License	\$50
AP French & Online License	\$150	PE Lock Fee	\$16
AP Spanish & Online License	\$150		
AP Art	\$180		
AP Chemistry (lab fees & test)	\$200	Art fees are billed per semester. The total fee amount will vary by course. This fee is in lieu of a textbook. PCHS orders all art supplies for students.	
AP Biology (lab fees & test)	\$200		
AP Physics (lab fees & test)	\$200		

**Harvest Drive:** The only required fundraising obligation for all PCHS families is the annual Harvest Drive. This fundraiser is an opportunity to invite others to support Catholic education. More information will be provided over the summer.

**Senior Fees:** There is a \$175.00 fee for all seniors to cover the cost of graduation expenses. The Kairos retreat fee is \$265.00: this fee includes three nights food and lodging. Kairos is held at the Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House in Barrington, IL.

**TUITION STATEMENTS & AUTO DEBIT:**

**New for the 2020-2021 School Year:** Tuition statements will be emailed and no longer mailed through the Post Office. Please expect this email to arrive the second week of each month. With this exciting change, we encourage families to enroll in our convenient and free auto-debit program. The Tuition Office will be sending you more information regarding this change.

## PROVIDENCE CATHOLIC SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION

Links to the 2020-2021 transportation brochure and contract are below. All bus contracts must be received by the transportation company no later than June 15, 2020 so that students may be routed. Providence Catholic cannot guarantee a bus route for contracts received after June 15, 2020.

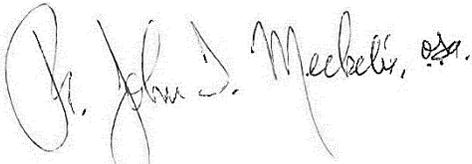
**Please remember that the bus contract is for one full year; once turned in to us it cannot be cancelled.** The bus contract deadline allows us to be better prepared to provide bus service at the beginning of the school year. We try to schedule bus pick ups after 6:30 a.m., but this depends on the distance from Providence Catholic. Please read the brochure governing the bus program and bus routes. Providence Transportation has the final authority on the time and location of bus pick-ups and drop-offs.

[Transportation Brochure](#)

[Transportation Contract](#)

I look forward to continuing on an educational journey together while we grow as a community in *Truth, Unity and Love*. Thank you for being part of our family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. John D. Merkelis, OSA". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "M".

Fr. John Merkelis, OSA  
President

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