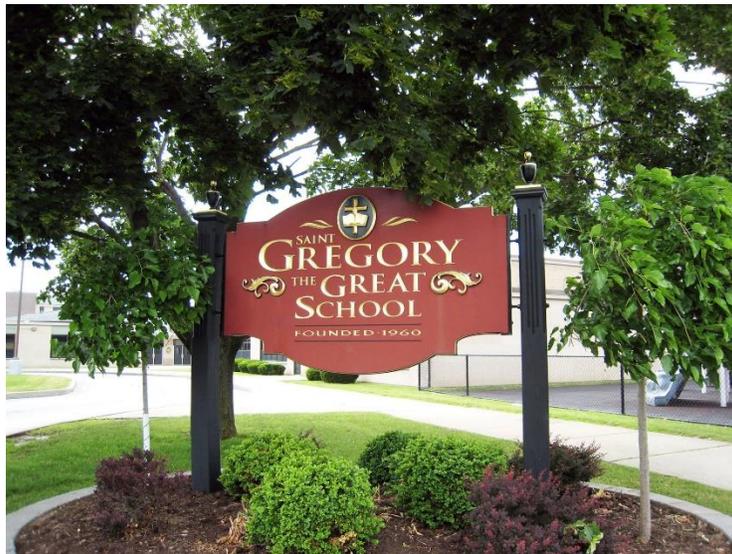


St. Gregory the Great School
Williamsville, New York

Tuition Guide

2023-24



Our school is a Christ-centered, private, Catholic school that is focused on nurturing academic excellence, Christian character and service to others.

It is our goal to educate your child(ren) to reach their full potential in an atmosphere rooted in Catholic tradition and Gospel values of faith, hope, love, and reconciliation.

Welcome to St. Gregory the Great School!

School Mission Statement

St. Gregory the Great Catholic School, a ministry of St. Gregory the Great Roman Catholic Parish, invites students to discipleship through a quality education in harmony with the Gospel values and teachings of Jesus Christ.

This Tuition Guide is designed to be used as a resource tool for our parents. There is great information inside that we would like you to know.

Please take your time and thoroughly read the Guide to better understand (i) the full scope of resources and expenses that go into educating your child(ren) at St. Gregory the Great School (SGS), and (ii) the philosophy and approach to setting tuition rates to help ensure both the short-term success and long-term sustainability of the SGS educational experience for your child(ren). Thank you.

Please review the Tuition Rates pages below (pages 8 & 9). They must be signed, dated and returned by a parent in order to register your child/children for the 2023-2024 school year.

Tuition FAQs

How is tuition determined?

- Tuition is determined by the cost and expenditures that go into educating our students. These costs include but are not limited to: teacher salaries, support staff salaries, educational tools of software, textbooks, classroom supplies, Chromebooks and computers, student testing fees, building maintenance staff, utilities, student field trips/activities, and teacher continuing education.

What does it cost to educate a student at SGS?

- At SGS, the full cost to educate a student for the 2023-2024 school year is approximately \$9,500.

Why are there two tuition rates?

- There are two tuition rates – a Subsidized Tuition Rate and an Unsubsidized / Full Tuition Rate.
- The Parish provides a subsidy to SGS for the benefit of families who actively support the mission of the school, to partially off-set the full cost of educating a student. Families need to be registered with St. Gregory the Great Parish and contribute to the parish with their time, talent and treasure. Parishioner families regularly worship at weekend liturgies and contribute a family envelope to the collection to support the work of the entire parish. It is important to note that your weekly offering to the parish is not a tuition payment.
- Please see the attached “St. Gregory the Great School Tuition Policy” for additional details.

What is a Parish subsidy?

- A Parish subsidy is a financial contribution given by the Parish to the school. This allows a registered family who actively supports the mission of the school to pay a tuition rate that is below the school’s actual cost of educating a student.

How do I pay my tuition?

- St. Gregory the Great School utilizes the FACTS Management system for tuition collection and collection of all other payments such as sports, band, and late payments among others. Once you have enrolled your child/children at SGS, please register for a FACTS account: online.factsmgt.com/signin/3MG06.
- Enrollment in FACTS is mandatory.

Why does tuition increase each year?

- As the cost of living increases each year, so too, do the costs to operate SGS.
- We are committed to providing the best education for your child to foster their development of faith, knowledge, skills, and well-being.

Is financial aid available?

- Yes! SGS is proud to offer the following forms of tuition assistance for families who demonstrate a financial need for children in K - 8:
 - St. Gregory the Great Tuition Assistance Program
 - Angel Wings Scholarship Program
 - BISON Children's Scholarship Fund
 - St. Thomas More Guild Scholarship
- Please visit the "Financial Aid & Tuition Assistance" page at stgregsschool.org for information to review programs and apply

Why does St. Greg's cost more than other Catholic schools? What is the value of a St. Gregory the Great education?

- St. Gregory the Great is an excellent investment in your child's academic, spiritual, social, and emotional growth.
- There are many services and opportunities SGS offers each student. While not everything on the following list has an additional monetary cost, all add to the value of a SGS education:
 - Two full-time Guidance Counselors
 - Full-time Math Intervention Teacher
 - Full-time Reading Intervention Teacher
 - Full-time Special Education Case Coordinator
 - Full-time Special Education Teacher
 - Gross Motor Play and Therapy Classroom
 - Certified and Trained Therapy Dog
 - Chromebooks for all Students
 - Full-time Computer, Art, and Music Teachers
 - Spanish & Latin Classes Offered: 5 - 8
 - Advanced Math and Sciences Classes Offered: 6 - 8
 - Regents Level Classes Offered: 8
 - House System for All Students and Teachers: PK - 8
 - Walk-A-Thon & Field Day
 - Prayer Partners
 - Morning Star Adoration Program: K - 8
 - Sacrament Celebrations (First Reconciliation & First Communion)
 - Class Bonding Days (Fall)
 - Class Retreats (Spring)

- Monthly Birthday Blessing at Mass
- Bookfair Events and St. Greg's Family Fun Nights
- Band and School Choir
- Outdoor Playground Recess: PK – 4
- Outdoor Track, Field & Playground Recess: 5- 8
- Art Show Events
- Band and Learn to Play an Instrument Program
- Science Olympiad Team
- LE3 Afterschool Childcare Program
- Many Afterschool Clubs, Sports and Other Activities:
 - *Intramurals
 - *Ceramics
 - *Cardboard Club
 - *Crafts with Teachers
 - *Lego Robotics
 - *Tennis
 - *Science Olympiad
 - *Chess
 - *Brownies and Cub Scouts
 - *Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts
 - *Ski Club
 - *E-Sports

Tuition Policy

Please carefully read the updated Tuition Policy found below.

Please sign that you have read and understand the Tuition Policy on the lines provided. This will need to be returned to school.

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT SCHOOL TUITION POLICY

Parish Commitment

The success of St. Gregory the Great School is directly correlated with the commitment of our parishioners and school families, who continuously and generously give of their time, talent, and treasure to support our parish and school. Examples of this commitment include parishioner contributions to the annual Great Dinner Auction, the Angel Wings Scholarship program and volunteer support to the operation of the Annual Great Race.

Purpose

St. Gregory the Great School, sponsored by St. Gregory the Great Parish, exists primarily for the benefit of families seeking a Catholic faith-based education for their child(ren) – a characteristic that distinguishes it from a typical private school. Like most Catholic elementary schools in the Diocese of Buffalo, the Parish subsidizes a large portion of the school's operations. This is done through direct

financial contribution and by permitting parishioners to pay a tuition rate that is below the school's actual cost of educating a child (i.e., the Subsidized Tuition Rate).

Subsidized Tuition Rates:

In order to qualify for a subsidized tuition rate or to qualify for receipt of scholarship awards or tuition assistance, the following criteria needs to be met:

- The student's parishioner parent(s) must be registered at St. Gregory the Great Parish for 3 months. The Unsubsidized/Full Tuition Rate must be paid until the 3-month requirement is completed. The 3-month requirement may be waived with a letter of good standing from the parishioner family's former pastor.
- Parishioner parent(s) must be of the Roman Catholic faith.
- Parishioner parent(s) are expected to give of their time, talent, and treasure to the Parish as shown by their willingness to volunteer for school activities and/or parish ministries.
- Parishioner parent(s) participate in parish life and show evidence of regular worship at weekend Mass through the use of offertory envelopes. If families contribute online for their offertory, an empty envelope delivered in person at Mass is required as evidence of Mass worship.

IMPORTANT: The criteria for subsidized tuition for each family will be evaluated on a continual basis, inclusive of Mass worship. This tuition status will be communicated each April for the upcoming school year.

Families not qualifying for subsidized tuition rates:

- Families not registered at St. Gregory the Great Parish
 - Families registered at another parish, may ask their parish pastor to provide payment of a subsidy to St. Greg's to reduce the tuition rate for their student(s).
- Registered families who do not worship regularly at St. Gregory the Great parish or contribute of their time, talent and treasure.
- A non-parishioner family will be expected to pay the Unsubsidized or Full Tuition Rate.

The School Board or its delegate(s), in consultation with the Principal and the Priest Moderator of the School, will be the arbiter of determining qualification for a particular tuition rate.

Tuition and Other Payments:

St. Gregory the Great School utilizes the FACTS Management system for tuition collection and collection of all other payments such as school lunch, band, late payment fees among others. After you have enrolled your child(ren) at St. Greg's please go online and register for an account with FACTS at online.factsmtg.com/signin/3MG06 – you must use this link with St. Greg's code. Enrollment in FACTS is mandatory.

Late Payments:

Tuition is due at the close of business on the 1st or 15th of each month commencing in July with the final payment due on June 15th. When tuition payments are not received on time, a late fee of \$25 will be assessed at the close of business on the 11th or 25th of each month. All late fees and tuition must be paid to bring the account current.

Delinquent Status:

An account is deemed delinquent when any portion of the outstanding tuition including the late fee has reached 60 days past due. In this case, students will not receive report cards that quarter and families will not be permitted to re-register their child(ren) for the following school year and / or their child(ren) will

not be permitted to attend school the following school year until the account, representing the past due tuition and all late fees, is paid up.

Tuition Assistance:

Any family experiencing financial difficulty may apply for tuition assistance. Tuition assistance is available for students in grades K through 8 only. Applications must be made each year to maintain eligibility as tuition assistance awards do not automatically renew. Tuition assistance awards result in a direct reduction of tuition expenses, vary in size and are awarded to families based on financial need. Information for applying for tuition assistance is available on the school website.

Tuition Rates for the 2023 – 2024 School Year

****With prayerful consideration and honesty, please select the tuition rate that best applies to your family:**

Choose one of the following Tuition Rate Categories based on your family's adherence to the defined criteria and circle the tuition rate based on the number of children attending St. Greg's.

1)

___ My family is active in the school and parish and meets the criteria for subsidized tuition.

- My family has been registered at St. Gregory the Great Parish for at least 3 months.
- My family is Roman Catholic and regularly worships at weekend Mass and shows evidence of this through the use of offertory envelopes.
- My family understands the expectation to give of our time, talent, and treasure to the Parish as shown by our willingness to volunteer for school activities and/or parish ministries.
- I understand that this tuition rate is made possible because of the generosity of the parishioners of St. Gregory the Great parish and my family is committed to supporting the mission of St. Gregory the Great School by modeling the Gospel values and teachings of Jesus Christ.

My family's subsidized Tuition Rate is (please circle):

One Child	\$5,995
Two Children	\$11,182
Three Children	\$15,537
Four Children	\$17,480

I understand and agree to the Tuition Policy.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

2)

____ My family does not meet ALL of the criteria for subsidized tuition.

- My family is not registered at either St. Gregory the Great Parish or at another Roman Catholic parish

OR

- My family is registered at St. Gregory the Great Parish but does not meet ALL of the criteria for subsidized tuition.

My family's Unsubsidized / Full Tuition Rate is (please circle):

One Child	\$9,423
Two Children	\$18,844
Three Children	\$28,267
Four Children	\$37,689

I understand and agree to the Tuition Policy.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

3)

____ We are parishioners of St. Gregory the Great Parish and qualify for the subsidized tuition. We are blessed to have means to pay the full cost of educating our child/children. We understand that these rates are the same as the Unsubsidized / Full Tuition Rates. Please use the church subsidy for my family to bring about improvements for the school.

My family's Tuition Rate is (please circle):

One Child	\$9,423
Two Children	\$18,844
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I understand and agree to the Tuition Policy.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date