

# East Catholic



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June 14, 2010

Dear Parents/Guardians:

It has come to my attention that a significant change in our tuition & deposit structure was not adequately communicated to our parent community for the 2010-2011 academic year. I have considered open communication to be a hallmark of my time at East Catholic and I do not intend to lower that standard even in the closing hours of my time here as Principal & Chief Administrator. Allow me to clarify our policy change:

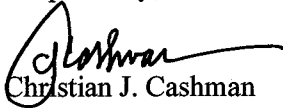
During our annual budget review with the East Catholic School Board and Finance Committee a strategic decision was made to adjust our policy on pre-paid tuition versus non-refundable registration fees. In keeping with many of our Catholic and private high school peers, **we have adopted a non-refundable registration fee of \$250.** That fee is \$200 less than in prior years and it is still paid during the spring semester, however it is no longer applied to the following year's tuition balance. Our deposit and fee structure is very much in line with our competitor schools and in some cases is absolutely a lower tuition and fee balance in total.

I apologize for any confusion we have caused our families as that was certainly not our intention. **While we are still offering a pre-payment discount on tuition received by the early payment deadline, the non-refundable registration fee is not part of the pre-payment plan.** Our non-refundable registration fee will apply directly to the significant amount of labor that is involved in scheduling and registering a new family in the spring semester of each year. Additionally, like any non-profit business, we must be able to project a timely enrollment of new and returning families so that we can solidify an operating budget that supports the excellent Catholic high school program your family has come to expect.

The 2010-2011 East Catholic High School Tuition & Fee Schedule is available through our business office and it will be posted on the East Catholic website under the Admissions and Parent tabs. Our tuition increase of approximately 2% reflects a sincere effort by East Catholic to maintain its 50 year tradition of excellence in our academic and co-curricular programs. In these difficult economic times, I thank every family for sacrificing and stretching to provide a truly priceless Catholic education to your sons and daughters. I firmly believe it is the single greatest investment you can make in your children aside from the time and love you show them in your family.

Please do not hesitate to contact our business office with any questions you may have about our fee and tuition structures. Thank you and may our good God continue to bless you and your family.

Respectfully,



Christian J. Cashman  
Principal & Chief Administrator



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**HOW YOUR BILL IS CALCULATED:**

Tuition	\$10,725.00
Activity Fee	<u>300.00</u>
	\$11,025.00

**DEDUCTIONS:**

\***Financial Aid** is credited to tuition accounts prior to transmittal of account balances to FACTS and prior to the billing for those who are paying in full.

\*The \$300.00 **sibling discount** is credited to tuition accounts prior to transmittal of account balances to FACTS and prior to the billing for those who are paying in full. A \$300.00 credit will be posted to each older child's account.

\*The 1.5% **early payment discount** is credited to accounts prior to the billing of those who are paying in full.

\***Church Scholarships** are credited to the account only after the Business Office receives the actual check from the church. Some checks are not received until as late as the following March.

\***SCRIPS** credits are applied to the account after the Business Office receives notification of the amount from the Parents Association.

**ADDITIONS:**

The following fees are possible additions to a student's tuition bill. Additional detail for these charges is provided on the school website.

\***Parish/non-parish assessment fee** - \$250.00 for those who are not active members of any Catholic parish, \$150 for active members of Norwich parishes, \$0 for active members of Hartford parishes.

\***Testing fees** – freshmen \$12.00, sophomores/juniors \$23.00

\***Retreat fees** – freshmen/sophomores \$35.00, juniors/seniors \$45.00

\***Non-refundable registration fee** - \$250.00

\***Graduation fee** – seniors only \$300.00

\***International student fee** - \$1,000.00

\***Course Fees** are applied after the start of the school year, typically early October and again in early February for some second semester courses. Courses which incur extra fees are: geometry, lab sciences, music classes, art classes, and digital photography. Course fees range from \$4.50 to \$50.00, depending on the cost of supplies utilized. *Because these fees are billed after the start of the school year, they are **not** included in the balances being paid via FACTS accounts.*

**If you are paying in full, payment MUST be made by July 15, 2010. The early pay discount is 1.5% of the total net amount due (tuition *and* fees minus aid/scholarship) as of July 1 for the 2010-2011 academic year.**

## Tuition Announcement

April 2010

Dear Parents & Guardians:

As I write to you this Easter season, I know that East Catholic is ripe with the gifts of the Holy Spirit! Gifts of community, of faith and of deep personal and intellectual learning are hallmarks of an East Catholic education. Moreover, I think no one doubts that the way we teach and form the whole person at East Catholic is essential, but it is not easy to achieve in our times. It is with a spirit of stewardship and commitment to excellence that the leadership of East Catholic, in consultation with our School Board and with the approval of the East Catholic Corporation, has proposed a budget which continues to focus on our core Catholic high school mission:

**Academic Excellence:** As you know, East Catholic High School is a fully accredited, college preparatory school where 98% of our graduates go on to higher education. Our SAT scores continue to rank among the highest of the Archdiocesan high schools and consistently exceed state and local averages. For students needing additional academic support, we offer daily tutoring in our St. Julie Center and in our Writing and Media Centers. 73% of our dedicated faculty currently holds an advanced degree in their subject areas. After a year of tremendous self-sacrifice through wage freezes, our faculty will be granted a modest 2% increase in their salaries for the outstanding service that they already perform at a significant discount over their public school colleagues. The faculty, staff and administration care deeply for your students and are honored to educate them in the East Catholic tradition.

**Educating the Whole Person: Co-curricular Activities & Interscholastic athletics:** East Catholic offers over twenty five clubs, ten musical ensembles, a vibrant drama club, thirty-six interscholastic athletic teams, seasonal intramural sports and a vibrant campus ministry program. As our public school peers are forced to eliminate programs, we are expanding our offerings, raising capital for building and technology improvements and adding activities. Most recently, we announced the addition of a Boys Varsity Swimming team to complement our state champion Girls Swimming. And we do all of this with a focus on the education of the whole person in Christian community.

**Tuition Assistance for Demonstrated Need:** East Catholic provides generous tuition assistance to over 40% of our families on an annual basis. Tuition assistance has exceeded \$1 million per year each year for the past three years. This is a firm commitment to our families in need who still desire the life-time benefits of a Catholic, college preparatory education. East Catholic will award approximately \$1.3 million in tuition aid and scholarships in 2010-2011. While we can never meet all of the need in our community, we continue to stretch our resources for those who truly desire a Catholic education.

**Tuition Increase:** The East Catholic 2010-2011 budget calls for an annual tuition rate of **\$10,725**. This represents an increase of approximately 2% (\$22 per month) over the prior year. Aware of the significant strain on our families in the current economy, our finance committee, school board and administrative team continues to work creatively to maintain an affordable tuition for the educational value we offer at East Catholic. Our ability to control costs would not be possible without the overwhelming philanthropic support of our current families, past parents, graduates, friends of East Catholic and the Archdiocese of Hartford.

**Tuition Contracts:** This year, in order to comply with Archdiocesan policy, the East Catholic School Board has recommended to the administration the adoption of a tuition contract. In addition to enrolling with FACTS Tuition Management for periodic payments, we are also requiring that every family complete a tuition contract for each student enrolled at East Catholic. This tuition contract will in no way change the mode of billing or current practice of tuition payment. If you have any questions about this change, please direct your concerns to our Business Office staff. **All tuition contracts are to be returned to East Catholic no later than April 23, with FACTS Tuition Enrollment completed by May 24, 2010.**

As a parent of four boys enrolled in Catholic schools, I am fully aware of the extreme sacrifices being made by our families. Know that the faculty, staff, administration and school board of East Catholic are all committed to forming your sons and daughters as young people with strong moral foundations, a dedication to academic excellence and to service, justice and peace. I thank you for your continued confidence in East Catholic and I wish you the blessings of our good God now and in the future.

Sincerely,

Christian J. Cashman  
Principal & Chief Administrator