



February 22, 2024

Dear BA Parents & Guardians:

Thank you for your commitment to Catholic education! We value your partnership and look forward to continuing to seek excellence in all that we do for you and your student(s). Enrollment will open soon, tuition is set for next year, and class registration has begun for high school. See below for important information for the 2024-2025 school year.

Enrollment Update

We are not using FACTS next year for enrollment and tuition agreements. Instead, we are moving both modules to PowerSchool so that we may create a more seamless parent experience. New student applications are open, but the (re)enrollment/tuition agreement module is still being finalized. We hope to send an email with reenrollment instructions in the next two weeks. New this year: a \$100 non-refundable per student enrollment deposit will be assessed during the enrollment process. More details to follow.

Tuition Update

The Bethlehem Academy Board of Directors strives to keep tuition affordable and increase scholarships, while ensuring that staff salaries and benefits improve, and academic programs expand. Thanks to fundraising efforts and steady enrollment in partnership with you and our alumni and donors, this next year middle school tuition will go up by 5%, high school by 3%. This is significantly less than the 10% increase in expenses that we have incurred. Please note the increase below which includes all tuition and fees. Click [HERE](#) for a full listing of tuition and fees for 2024-2025.

Grade 6 Tuition & Fees	\$5236 (tuition increase of \$164)
Grade 7 Tuition & Fees	\$6001 (tuition increase of \$200)
Grade 8 Tuition & Fees	\$6766 (tuition increase of \$237)
High School Tuition & Fees	\$9200 (tuition increase of \$216)

Tuition Assistance

To assist families concerned about affording full tuition and fees, we partner with TADS and ask that you **fill out a financial aid application form by February 23, 2024**, to be considered for all scholarships, including those from the Archdiocese. Please be aware that families seeking tuition assistance will have **until April 15, 2024, to apply**, but applications received after February 23 will not be eligible for the Archdiocesan scholarships. Applications received after April 15 will be allocated aid based on need and funding availability. Learn more about our tuition assistance options, including participation in the DMCS RaiseRight (Scrip) program, the Hoban Merit Scholarship (applications available in March), and our summer work and financial aid programs [HERE](#).

Parent Service Hour Program

As we have in the past, to build community and keep tuition and other costs down, we are asking our parents to volunteer 25 hours of their time to Bethlehem Academy during the 2024-2025 school year. At the BA Board's direction, starting next year, service hours not completed will be assessed at \$25 per hour and billed as an incidental expense in May. Volunteer hours will be recorded via SignUpGenius registrations and will start with June 2024 activities and events. More details will be provided later this spring.

Class Registration for 2024-2025

By tomorrow, Mr. Uphus will have met with all students in grades 8-11 regarding high school class registration for next year. Class registration forms are due to Mr. Uphus by Friday, March 22. Click [HERE](#) for the 2024-2025 Course Guide and class registration forms. Middle School registration for music elective selection will begin after spring break.

As we plan for next year, we are honored to partner with you to provide an authentically Catholic prep school environment. The Dominican pillars of prayer, study, community, and service guide our students and staff, helping us achieve personal, spiritual, and academic excellence. We recognize the challenges some families face in affording this education and promise to work with you to ensure that BA is accessible.

Thank you! For assistance, please contact Kris Sauer, Director of Enrollment & Marketing, at ksauer@bacards.org or 507-334-3948, x206. We are here to help.

Blessings,

The BA Leadership Team