



# St. John the Baptist Catholic School

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Parents,

First off, thank you for your patience as we are continuing to work through the EdChoice payments. As of right now, we have 276 students in our school who have applied for an EdChoice Scholarship. This is an increase of 228% from last year. We are very excited about this opportunity for our families, but it has caused many changes, questions, and new processes for our school. Over the last few weeks, we have received many calls asking about repayment for tuition that was paid between July and October for families who have been awarded a scholarship. Mr. Johnston and I have spent the last few weeks working out a plan that will allow us to repay our families and keep the school finances in a good place. Please see below to view the process that we have created for the repayment of tuition for families who have been awarded an EdChoice Scholarship. Read through the process and let Mr. Johnston know if you have any questions.

1. As payments are received, a credit will be applied to the FACTs account for each student.
2. The credit will be applied to the first eligible payment. This will stop all future payments as long as the payment received is more than the next scheduled payment. If the payment received is less than the next scheduled payment then your payment will be lowered to reflect a new total.
3. We will continue this process each month until a family has a credit on their account.
  - a. To give a little background on the process, once a student has been awarded an EdChoice Scholarship, the school must enter in that student's attendance for the previous month. Attendance is entered between the 1st and 10th of each month. On the 15th of each month, the Ohio Department of Education reviews the attendance and issues a written check for the student for the monthly amount the student was awarded. The scholarship is awarded on a 10 month cycle, so checks are issued between September and June. Individual checks are mailed to the school, and we receive them during the last week of each month. All checks are entered into the FACTs account for each family in order to track all payments toward the student's tuition.
4. Once a FACTs account shows a credit balance, the school will issue the family a refund for the amount of the credit shown in their account.
  - a. Right now we have about 20 families who have a credit balance on their account due to paying tuition in full in July.
5. We will be issuing refunds three times over the course of the next few months.

- a. All accounts that show a credit balance on December 1st will be issued a refund the first week of January. This will allow us time to deposit the checks, apply the credits, and process the refund checks.
  - b. All accounts that show a credit balance on February 1st will be issued a refund the first week of March.
  - c. All remaining credits will be paid out the first week of May.
6. If you paid your tuition in full in July and you would like to receive one payment in May instead of three separate payments in January, March, and May, please contact Mr. Johnston, and we can make that possible.

Please know that this plan was created with the desire to be financially responsible for the school. We would love to be able to stop everyone's payments and refund everyone's money, but if we did that the school would be in the red very quickly since we receive money from the scholarship on a monthly basis. Again, we thank you for your patience and understanding as we undertake this huge change to our school.

Sincerely,

Courtney Weinheimer  
St. John the Baptist, Principal

Sam Johnston  
St. John the Baptist, Business Manager