

January 21, 2025

Dear Parents and Families of St. Margaret of Scotland:

As we approach Catholic Schools Week, we are mindful of all the gifts and graces that God has given to us through our Catholic Schools. Students, parents, and families are at the top of that list! Thank you for sending your child to our Catholic school and for the sacrifices you make, the work you do, and the faith you share so that your children can have a quality Catholic education.

It is time to register for the 2025-26 school year, so we are sharing information about next year, including the school calendar and tuition and fees.

Tuition increases every year, and we want to share some information with you to put these numbers in context:

- Salaries and benefits for our administration, teachers, and staff make up nearly 80% of our school budget. This means that your tuition money is providing a living for our teachers. It also means that there is little in the budget to trim. The Archdiocese has mandated a 3.5% cost of living increase for our teachers and staff.
- At the same time, health insurance premiums for our teachers paid by the parish will increase by 32%, a significant increase.
- In 2021 and 2022, St. Margaret of Scotland received significant funding from EANS (Emergency Assistance to Non-Public Schools), aka Covid funding. This funding is no longer in place, and so many things that were paid for by EANS funding, like the school counselor and technology improvements, now create a need for funding in our budget.
- As you all know, inflation has made everything at school, including books and supplies, more expensive.
- To address our ongoing need for technology improvements, the School Board has recommended a Technology Fee of \$62.50 per student, beginning with next school year. This dedicated funding will, over the course of many years, fund hardware, software, and technology upgrades across the campus.
- The cost to educate a child is more than you pay in tuition. While your tuition goes to the school budget, the parishioners of St. Margaret of Scotland also contribute to the school through their Sunday donations, which fund scholarships, capital improvements, and subsidies to the school.

St. Margaret of Scotland is a strong and viable Catholic school because we are proactive in our financial planning. Still, we recognize that any tuition increase creates a hardship for most families, and we are grateful for your understanding and your sacrifice. We encourage you to apply for scholarships through the Archdiocesan Today and Tomorrow Foundation. Information about scholarships is included, but please act soon, as the application process opens on January 21, and scholarships are awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis.

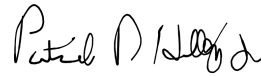
We are grateful for the assistance of so many who have worked over the last months to set our budget and tuition for the coming year, including Patty Hendrickson and the members of the Finance Council, Cliff Reynolds and the members of the School Board, and Deborah Elliott, our Parish Administrator. All of them have spent many hours over many months setting our budget, crunching the numbers, and considering different possible scenarios so that we can continue to have quality Catholic education at St. Margaret of Scotland at a reasonably affordable cost.

Please join us in prayer that God will give to St. Margaret of Scotland Parish and School all that we need to fulfill our mission of bringing our children closer to Christ. May we have an abundance of resources, volunteers, students, and opportunities in the year to come!

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr. John Vien".

Fr. John Rogers Vien
Pastor

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patrick D. Holley".

Patrick D. Holley
Principal

St. Margaret of Scotland Parish School
Returning Family Registration Form and
Financial Commitment Contract - School Year 2025-2026



Family Information: Complete one form (both sides) per family. **Please print clearly.**

Parent Name(s) 1) _____ 2) _____

Parent E-Mail 1) _____ 2) _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Religious Affiliation _____

If Catholic, where are you registered? _____

PLEASE REMEMBER TO INCLUDE ANY NEW SIBLINGS FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Pre-School Program: We offer both Montessori and Theme-Based Pre-School programs, please circle your preference, but note that placement will depend on availability. Children attending pre-school must be 3 years of age by August 1st and **fully potty trained.**

Please see tuition schedule for pre-school pricing.

Pre-school preference (circle one)	Child's Full Name	Birth Date
Montessori or Theme Based	_____	_____
Montessori or Theme-Based	_____	_____

Kindergarten—8th Grade:

Child's Full Name	Birth Date	Grade (in August 2025)
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Please List Names and birth dates of any children in the family not attending St. Margaret:

DUE DATE FOR REGISTRATION FORM JANUARY 29, 2025

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

FACTS ☐ MOST 529 ☐ Spread Sheet ☐

Registration ☐ Tuition ☐

Registration/Book Fee Per Family:

Payment of the registration fee = \$300 per child will be made via automatic payments in FACTS. Your payments will be made consecutively over the course of the next three months, depending on when your registration paperwork is returned, your payments will be as follows (see below for payment amounts).

Registration fees are non-refundable - payments will be taken via your FACTS account.

One Child	\$300 total (3 payments of \$100 each)
Two Children	\$600 total (3 payments of \$200 each)
Three Children	\$900 total (3 payments of \$300 each)
Four Children	\$1,200 total (3 payments of \$400 each), etc.

Financial Commitment Contract:

I hereby agree to pay the following for the 2025-2026 school year:

- Registration & Book Fee (see chart above)
- Tuition
- Technology Fee (\$62.50 per child in Kindergarten—8th grade)
- Any damaged or lost textbooks or technology devices

Financial Commitment Contract:

I further agree to purchase or sell a **minimum** of \$100 in raffle tickets for the School Picnic Dragon Raffle, which directly supports the operating budget of the school.

By signing this contract I agree that my child(ren)'s tuition and fees will be paid in full. I agree to set up an online account in FACTS (automated tuition payment system). If this contract is broken, I understand that the school will withhold report cards, school records, etc. until all outstanding debt is paid in full. I also recognize that my child may not be allowed back into classes in the current academic year until tuition payments are current. The school further reserves the right to refuse registration for the following academic year.

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Name of person(s) making tuition payments (print): _____

Please check here if you will be using a MOST 529 Plan for Tuition payments _____

***Thank you for your continued commitment to
St. Margaret of Scotland School!***

If choosing not to return to St. Margaret of Scotland School, please complete the following:

Name of Child(ren): _____

Reason(s) your child(ren) is/are not returning: _____

St. Margaret of Scotland Parish School

Tuition and Fees - 2025-2026 Academic Year

Tuition for Montessori Preschool, Theme Based Preschool & Montessori Kindergarten Program:

Regardless of family's/student's faith, all families pay the following tuition for students enrolled in the Montessori preschool, Theme Based preschool or the Montessori Kindergarten program. This tuition is based only on the number of students a family has enrolled in our preschool programs.

Preschool Tuition for the 2025-2026 school year:

Please note pre-school tuition is a completely separate cost from kindergarten - 8th grade, regardless of siblings enrolled in kindergarten - 8th grade.

<u>Number of Children</u>	<u>Annual Tuition for pre-school</u>
One child	\$ 8,950
Two children	\$ 12,500

Tuition for Grades Kindergarten through 8th grade

All families pay tuition based on the charts below. Tuition is payable through FACTS tuition management system, with a variety of payment plans from which to choose. Please note that payment plans are dependent on when a family registers with FACTS, so we encourage you to set up your account as soon as possible.

Tuition for St. Margaret of Scotland Parish Families:

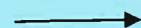
(to qualify for the St. Margaret of Scotland Parish rate, the family must be registered at St. Margaret of Scotland Parish)

<u>Number of Children</u>	<u>Annual Tuition for kdg. - 8th grade</u>
One child	\$ 8,250
Two children	\$ 12,700
Three children	\$ 15,000
Four or more children	\$ 16,100

Tuition for Non-St. Margaret of Scotland Parishioner and non-Catholic Families:

<u>Number of Children</u>	<u>Annual Tuition for kdg. - 8th grade</u>
One child	\$ 8,800
Two children	\$ 13,930
Three children	\$ 16,700
Four or more children	\$ 18,320

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Scholarship Opportunities are available through the Archdiocese Today and Tomorrow Foundation. There is also a limited amount of scholarships available through St. Margaret of Scotland. To be eligible for a St. Margaret of Scotland Scholarship, **an application must be submitted** to the Today and Tomorrow Foundation. (see Today and Tomorrow flyer)

Registration / Book Fee

All St. Margaret of Scotland school families pay a non-refundable Registration/Book Fee; this fee is based on the number of children a family has enrolled at St. Margaret of Scotland.

Registration / Book Fee per family (non-refundable)

Preschool through 8th grade:

One child	\$ 300.00
Two children	\$ 600.00
Three children	\$ 900.00
Four children	\$ 1,200.00
Five children	\$ 1,500.00

Technology Fee: \$62.50 per child in Kindergarten – 8th grade

Fundraiser


As a mandatory part of the school costs, each school family is required to sell \$100.00 worth of raffle tickets for the annual Dragon Raffle in the spring. Profits from the Dragon Raffle go directly to the operation of the school. Other fundraisers will occur during the school year. The Dragon Raffle is the **only** fundraiser that is mandatory.

*All Dates are subject to change



St. Margaret of Scotland

August 2025

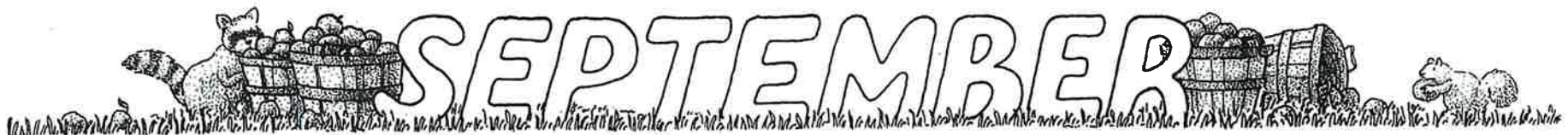
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Back to School Sunday - Backpack Blessing @ 10 a.m. Mass School Open House 11 am - 1 pm	11	12 PTA Meeting	13 First Day of School 12:15 dismissal no aftercare	14 First full day of school - no aftercare	15 Feast of the Assumption - pre-k - 8th gr. Mass no aftercare	16
17	18 aftercare begins	19	20 Kdg. - 8th gr. Mass Back to school night grades 6-8 - 7 p.m.	21 Back to school night - grades 1-5 - 7 p.m.	22 PTA pizza day	23
24  31	25	26 7th grade parent breakfast	27 Kdg.- 8th gr. Mass	28	29 PTA pizza day	30



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September 2025

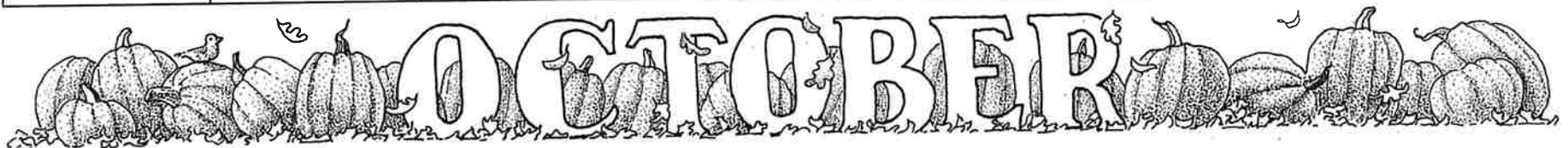
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day - No school	2	3 Kdg. - 8th gr. Mass	4	5 PTA pizza day	6
7	8	9 PTA Meeting	10 Kdg. - 8th gr. Mass	11	12 12:15 dismissal - Faculty Meeting no aftercare	13
14	15	16 6th gr. parent breakfast	17 Kdg. - 8th gr. Mass School Board Meeting	18	19 PTA pizza day	20
21	22	23	24 Kdg. - 8th gr. Mass	25	26 PTA pizza day	27
28	29	30				



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October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Kdg. - 8th gr. Mass	2	3 PTA pizza day	4
5	6	7	8 Kdg. - 8th gr. Mass	9	10 12:15 dismissal - Faculty Meeting no aftercare	11
12	13	14 PTA Meeting 5th gr. parent breakfast	15 Kdg. - 8th gr. Mass 6th grade camp School Board Mtg	16 6th grade camp	17 PTA pizza day 6th grade camp	18
19	20	21	22 Kdg. - 8th gr. Mass	23	24 End of 1st trimester PTA pizza day	25
26	27	28	29 Kdg. - 8th gr. Mass 12:15 dismissal - <u>no aftercare</u> Parent Teacher conferences 1 - 7 p.m.	30 no school - Parent Teacher Conferences 3-7	31 No school Happy Halloween!	



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November 2025

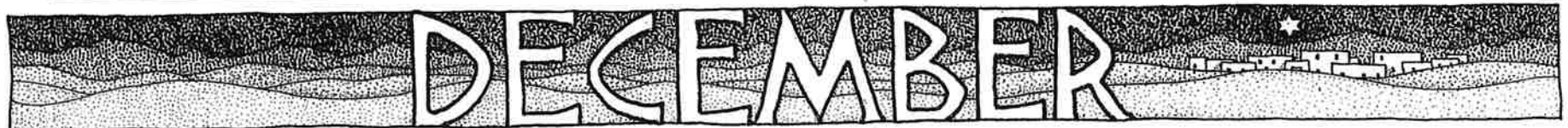
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 All Saints Day
2 Daylight Savings Ends	3	4	5 Kdg. - 8th gr. Mass	6	7 PTA pizza day	8
9	10	11 4th gr. parent breakfast PTA meeting	12 Kdg. - 8th gr. Mass	13	14 12:15 dismissal - Faculty Meeting no aftercare	15
16	17	18	19 Kdg. - 8th gr. Mass School Board Meeting	20	21 PTA pizza day	22
23  30	24	25 Kdg. - 8th gr. Mass	26 no school	27 Thanksgiving Day no school	28 no school	29

NOVEMBER

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December 2025

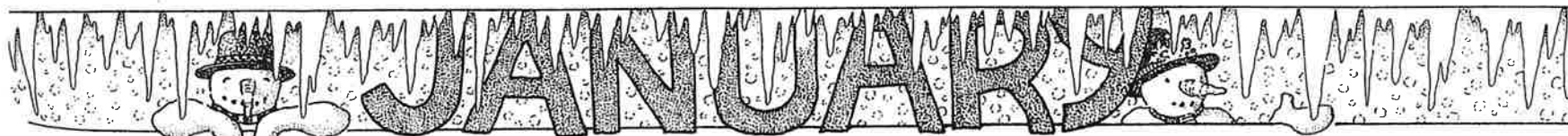
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Kdg. - 8th gr. Mass	4	5 PTA pizza day	6
7	8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception - pre-k - 8th gr. Mass	9 PTA Meeting	10 Kdg. - 8th gr. Mass	11	12 PTA pizza day	13
14	15	16	17 Kdg. - 8th gr. Mass School Board Mtg.	18	19 12:15 dismissal - no aftercare Christmas holidays begin	20
21	22 no school	23 no school	24 no school	25 Merry Christmas! no school	26 no school	27
28	29 no school	30 no school	31 no school			



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January 2026

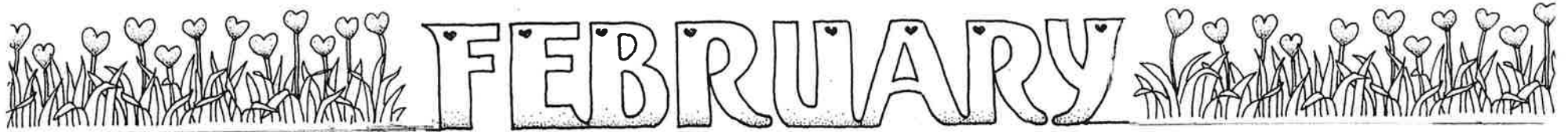
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Happy New Year!	2 no school	3
4	5 classes resume	6	7 Kdg. - 8th gr. Mass	8	9 PTA pizza day	10
11	12	13 1st grade parent breakfast PTA meeting	14 Kdg. - 8th gr. Mass	15	16 12:15 dismissal - Faculty Meeting no aftercare	17
18	19 Martin Luther King Jr. day - No school	20	21 Kdg. - 8th gr. Mass School Board Mtg	22	23 PTA pizza day	24
25 Catholic Schools Week begins Open House 11-2	26 →	27 →	28 Kdg. - 8th gr. Mass →	29 →	30 PTA pizza day →	31



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February 2026

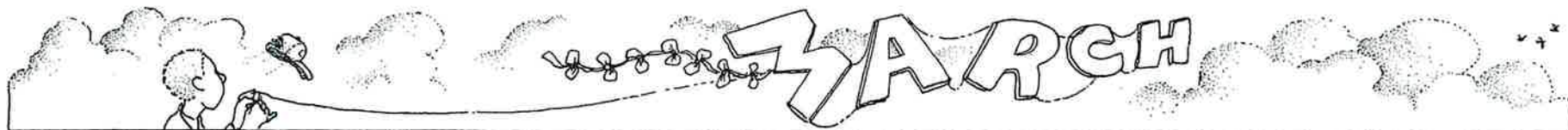
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Kdg. - 8th gr. Mass	5	6 PTA pizza day	7
8	9	10 2nd gr. parent breakfast PTA meeting	11 Kdg. - 8th gr. Mass	12	13 faculty meeting - 12:15 dismissal - no aftercare	14
15	16 President's Day - NO SCHOOL	17	18 Ash Wednesday Pre-k - 8th gr. Mass School Board Meeting	19	20 2nd Tri-mester ends PTA pizza day	21
22	23	24	25 Kdg. - 8th gr. Mass	26	27 PTA pizza day	28



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March 2026

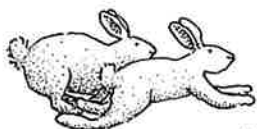
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 grades due	3	4 Kdg. - 8th gr. Mass	5	6 grades open to parents - Stations of the Cross 2:00 PTA pizza day	7
8 Daylight Savings Begins	9	10 3rd grade parent breakfast PTA meeting	11 Kdg. - 8th gr. Mass	12	13 faculty meeting - 12:15 dismissal - no aftercare	14
15	16 Spring Break - no school	17 Spring Break - no school	18 Spring Break - no school	19 Spring Break - no school	20 Spring Break - no school	21
22	23	24	25 Kdg. - 8th gr. Mass	26	27 Stations of the Cross 2:00 PTA pizza day	28
29	30	31				



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April 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Kdg. - 8th gr. Mass	2 Holy Thursday - no school	3 Good Friday - no school	4
5 Easter Sunday	6 Easter Monday - no school	7	8 Kdg. - 8th gr. Mass	9	10 faculty meeting - 12:15 dismissal - no aftercare	11
12	13	14 Kindergarten parent breakfast PTA Meeting	15 Kdg. - 8th gr. Mass School Board Mtg	16	17 PTA pizza day	18
19	20	21	22 Kdg. - 8th gr. Mass	23	24 PTA pizza day	25
26	27	28	29 Kdg. - 8th gr. Mass	30		



APRIL



St. Margaret of Scotland

May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 PTA pizza day	2
3	4	5	6 Kdg. - 8th gr. Mass	7	8 Field Day faculty meeting - 12:15 dismissal - no aftercare	9
10 Mother's Day	11	12 Pre-school parent breakfast PTA Meeting	13 Kdg. - 8th gr. Mass	14 8th grade parent brunch and portfolio presentation	15 PTA pizza day	16 8th grade graduation - 4:30 Mass
17	18	19	20 Kdg. - 7th gr. Mass School Board Mtg	21	22 last day of school 12:15 dismissal no aftercare 3rd Tri-mester ends	23
24 31	25 Memorial Day	26	27	28	29	30



SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Starting January 21, 2025



**LOOKING FOR A SCHOLARSHIP
FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR?
LOOK NO FURTHER!**

**All Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese
of St. Louis and any Private elementary
school in the City of St. Louis.**

APPLY HERE



QUESTIONS?

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