



# Falls City Sacred Heart Catholic School

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Dear Sacred Heart Parents,

I want to say thank you for all your support and prayers during this first semester. Financially it is difficult for a school like ours to keep its doors open. It is the generosity and sacrifices of many, many people that keeps our school strong. I ask that you continue to pray for our school. Pray for all our benefactors. Pray for all our staff. Pray for our students and their families.

This letter explains our tuition for next year 2022-23. How our school is funded is complicated. The average cost per student is over \$8000. The goal of the raises we have made in tuition the past several years has been to have tuition cover around 1/3 of the cost to educate each of our students. The other 2/3 comes from the support of our 5 Catholic parishes (thank you!), our Endowment, the Good Shepherd Scholarship (this is money from the Diocese), and all our fundraising. Three years ago we started the Annual Fund to add to our fundraising efforts. This fund is making up the difference each year to keep our school financially sound. Thank you to all who have contributed annually to this fund.

For many years in the Lincoln Diocese schools, our technology was paid for by a generous benefactor. This donation to the Diocese averaged between \$1.5 million to \$2 million per year the past twenty-five years for over \$50 million. This provides for technology, software/hardware, and technical support personnel for all our Catholic schools. Technology in education is very important. As stated previously, this donor has incrementally withdrawn his support. The Diocesan Technology Fee for this year was \$395 per student. The donor paid for \$65 of this, and Sacred Heart was responsible for \$330 per student. Sacred Heart School last year offered a \$330 scholarship to all families that wished to apply. Several took advantage of this scholarship.

Our tuition is low in comparison to the other Diocesan high schools as you can see below. 2021-22 High School Tuition for the following schools was as follows:

• Nebraska City Lourdes	\$4,392
• Wahoo Neumann	\$3,400
• David City Aquinas	\$3,623
• Hastings St. Cecilia	\$3,475
• Lincoln Pius	\$2,900
• Falls City Sacred Heart	\$2,550 HS/\$2150 K-8

### **Diocesan Good Shepherd Scholarship**

Sacred Heart's tuition for 2022-23 will be the same amount as this year with a technology fee of \$410. The "Tuition, Scholarship & Technology Fee Guidance" for the Diocese of Lincoln states that the **Good Shepherd Scholarship** amount will be \$1,600 for K-8<sup>th</sup> grade and \$1,900 for high school. This is good for those families who qualify and good for our school as this money comes to us directly from the Diocese. For our students to receive the full Good Shepherd Scholarship for the 2022-23 school year, the diocese requires our tuition to be a minimum of \$2,150 for K-8 and \$2,550 for high school students.

### **Sacred Heart School Scholarships**

For those families that do not qualify for the Diocesan Good Shepherd Scholarship, Sacred Heart School offers the **Guardian Angel Scholarship** which has different levels depending on a family's income. (To help more families, we raised the percent of poverty level from 330% to 400%. \$600 is available for those between 226%-325% and \$400 for those between 326%-400%.) A \$260 **Technology Scholarship** for 2022-23 is available to those who apply. Over the next couple years, the goal is for our tuition to include the technology fee with that scholarship decreasing until that scholarship ceases. The technology scholarship is available to all students and must be applied for through **the FACTS application process. Please go to the "Additional Questions" tab. From there, check the box to apply for the Technology Scholarship.** For those of you unfamiliar with the FACTS system, please see bottom of the enclosed scholarship page for more information on how to apply.

The Technology Scholarship is available for all families. The hope is for families that can afford it, to pay their child's technology fee which will save our school money. 200 students at \$410 is \$82,000 that we are assessed by the Diocesan Education Office. The more families who pay for their own children's technology fee, the less we have to fundraise to pay the Diocese.

This letter includes a chart that explains the Net Tuition, with scholarships applied, and a Federal Poverty Level chart. As you can see, our tuition is still very affordable for the excellent education and formation that our school family provides for youth in our community. Families will have to apply for these scholarships. If you have any questions about the application process, contact Renee Kopf at our Advancement Office (402)245-4151.

Something else I would like for families to consider is if you have the means, would you be willing to pay more than the \$2,150/\$2,550 and the \$410 tech fee? Would you be willing to pay more of the real cost of approximately \$8,000? If yes, this will help our bottom line and help pay our bills. If you can afford it, give the difference in what you can afford to the Annual Fund.

Please continue to pray for our school and our teachers. If you have questions or concerns, please reach out to me. Thank you.

Sacred Heart School – a family educating heart, mind, body and spirit for this life and the next.

Sincerely,



Doug Goltz, CAO  
Sacred Heart School

### 2022-23 Sacred Heart School Tuition, Technology Fee, and Scholarships

Under 225% of Poverty Level	Tuition	Tech Fee	Published Tuition	Good Shepherd Scholarship Plus Tech Fee Scholarship	Net Tuition
High School	\$2,550	\$410	\$2,960	\$1900 + \$410 = \$2310	\$650
Grade School	\$2,150	\$410	\$2,560	\$1600 + \$410 = \$2010	\$550
226%-325% of Poverty Level	Tuition	Tech Fee	Published Tuition	Guardian Angel Scholarship Plus Tech Fee Scholarship	Net Tuition
High School	\$2,550	\$410	\$2,960	\$600 + \$260 = \$860	\$2,100
Grade School	\$2,150	\$410	\$2,560	\$600 + \$260 = \$860	\$1,700
326%-400% of Poverty Level	Tuition	Tech Fee	Published Tuition	Guardian Angel Scholarship Plus Tech Fee Scholarship	Net Tuition
High School	\$2,550	\$410	\$2,960	\$400 + \$260 = \$660	\$2,300
Grade School	\$2,150	\$410	\$2,560	\$400 + \$260 = \$660	\$1,900
Over 400% of Poverty Level	Tuition	Tech Fee	Published Tuition	With Tech Fee Scholarship	Net Tuition
High School	\$2,550	\$410	\$2,960	\$260	\$2,700
Grade School	\$2,150	\$410	\$2,560	\$260	\$2,300
Over 400% of Poverty Level	Tuition	Tech Fee	Published Tuition	With No Tech Fee Scholarship	Net Tuition
High School	\$2,550	\$410	\$2,960		\$2,960
Grade School	\$2,150	\$410	\$2,560		\$2,560

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