



2012/2013 TUITION INFORMATION FACT SHEET

✚ What are the tuition amounts for the 2012/2013 academic year?

- ✓ The parish tuition amount is \$4,525.
- ✓ The non-parish tuition amount is \$7,975.

The tuition amount covers all academic fees associated with Xavier.

A student may incur additional fees for certain activities or courses. These additional fees may be:

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| ❖ Driver Education | \$415.00 |
| ❖ Scheduling Fee | \$50.00 |
| ❖ Annual Sports Participation Fee | \$75.00 |
| ❖ Parking Permit | \$40.00 |
| ❖ Art Projects | Specific to Student |
| ❖ Co-curricular Activities | Specific to Student |
| ❖ Summer Classes | TBD |
| ❖ Elective Materials | Specific to Student |

✚ How is the tuition level determined?

The cost to educate one student is determined each year as the budget is set. The parish tuition and non-parish tuition amounts are then set based on this budget.

Parish subsidies provide tuition support for students belonging to any of our eleven supporting parishes. This support formula helps to defray portions of the per pupil costs, thus reducing tuition levels.

✚ What if my family cannot afford the full tuition amount?

Xavier High School, the Xavier Foundation and the Archdiocese of Dubuque are committed to making sure Catholic education is available to students who desire it. Xavier cannot and will not become a school available to only those who can afford the full tuition. The *Our Faith, Our Children, Our Future School Tuition Organization (STO)* sponsored by the Archdiocese of Dubuque combined with Xavier's local assistance program offer expanded opportunities to help qualifying families afford the Catholic School of their choice. This STO Program is available to both Catholic and non-Catholic families.

✚ Does Xavier High School have a separate assistance program?

Xavier also has its own tuition assistance program. It is open to members of our supporting parishes, not just those who qualify for the *Our Faith, Our Children, Our Future STO*. \$130,000 will be available to assist families who make Xavier High School their choice for Catholic education.

The Xavier program is in addition to the Archdiocese STO funds, and you can qualify for one or both. We strongly encourage every family to complete an application!

✚ **How can my family apply for tuition assistance?**

Both the *Our Faith, Our Children, Our Future STO* and Xavier High School will be utilizing Private School Aid Services (PSAS) to assist in determining the level of assistance to be awarded. PSAS has developed an application that all families need to complete to be considered for assistance. Your personal information will be held in strictest confidence at all times. If you have a child at more than one Archdiocesan School or if you wish to apply for both types of assistance, you will only need to complete one application form. There is a \$22 non-refundable processing fee for the application, payable to PSAS.

The application is available at Xavier and on line at www.psas.org beginning January 16, 2012. In addition to your completed application, you must include a copy of your 2011 federal income tax return or your 2010 federal income tax return with a copy of your 2011 W-2(s). The application needs to be completed on-line or completed on a paper copy and postmarked no later than March 23, 2012. When completing the application, our school code is **1407** and authorization code is **arch1**.

To assist you in filling out the application PSAS will have a call center available at 1-866-424-6443. The call center is open Monday-Friday from 11:00 am-7:00 pm, and on Saturdays from 8:00 am-noon. You are also welcome to call Shea Francis at 319-294-6635 x307 Monday-Friday from 7:30 am-4:00 pm at Xavier for assistance.

✚ **What type of information will I be asked on the tuition assistance form?**

- ✓ Marital status of the parents
- ✓ Size of the family and dependency status
- ✓ Number of children in tuition-charging school
- ✓ Age of the parents
- ✓ Total taxable and non-taxable income for parents
- ✓ Social Security expenses
- ✓ Medical and dental expenses
- ✓ Child care costs
- ✓ Housing information

You will also be given an opportunity to explain any unusual circumstances that may affect your financial situation.

✚ **What is the average amount of aid Xavier will award families?**

Tuition assistance awards range from \$100 to full tuition.

✚ **What is the timeline for tuition assistance?**

January 16 Applications available through Xavier or on-line at www.psas.org.

March 23 Completed applications must be post-marked or filed electronically.

May 15 Tuition contracts and award notification letters sent to all families who applied.

May 31 Families receiving assistance send confirmation they are accepting/declining the assistance back to the school.

✚ **Are there any other options to make Xavier more affordable?**

Again this year, all profits from magazine sales will be credited to your family's tuition account. For example, if a family sells \$500.00 of magazines, approximately \$250.00 will be applied to the family's tuition account.

Another option involves SCRIP sales. Tuition assistance is available from SCRIP sales generated in many of the parishes and Metro Catholic elementary schools. See your respective parish or school for details.

A tuition credit equal to 25% of the first \$1,000.00 paid for tuition and textbooks for each student is offered by the state of Iowa. This credit directly reduces your Iowa tax liability by up to \$250.00.

Parents of children attending Xavier may be reimbursed for at least part of their transportation costs. If a student does not receive bussing and lives 3 miles or more from Xavier they may be entitled to reimbursement from the school district. Claims must be filed by December 1st and May 1st. Xavier sends these claim forms home in November and April.

✚ **Where does the money come from for the Xavier Tuition Assistance Program?**

Money for tuition assistance currently comes from the operations of the high school and the Xavier Foundation. The Xavier Foundation has established an endowed scholarship fund to provide long-term strength and growth to the scholarship program. The investment earnings from this fund will be used to fund scholarships in the future.

✚ **Where does the money come from for the Archdiocesan STO program?**

The *Our Faith, Our Children, Our Future STO* is funded by numerous generous donors from across the Archdiocese of Dubuque. All donors received an Iowa Tax Credit equal to 65% of their gift, with all donations qualifying for a federal income tax deduction for their 2011 returns. Donors interested in contributing to this program during 2012 can make a secure online donation or download a donor application at OurFaithSTO.org.

✚ **When is payment on my account due?**

The first payment on your account is due by August 10th. A 2 percent discount will be given if the entire balance of your account is paid in full by 3:00 pm on July 31st.

If you cannot pay the entire balance by August 10th, you may make two payments on August 10th and January 10th, four payments on August 10th, November 10th, January 10th and March 10th, or ten payments using electronic funds transfer on the 10th of the month from August to May. Monthly payments may only be made through electronic funds transfer on the 10th of the month.

✚ **What does it mean to be a parishioner?**

Each parish has its own guidelines to determine a parishioner. Generally, three things are required:

- ✓ be registered in the parish,
- ✓ participate in the life of the parish, and
- ✓ contribute financially to the parish.

The eleven parishes that financially support Xavier include:

- ✓ All Saints
- ✓ Blessed John XXIII
- ✓ Immaculate Conception
- ✓ St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
- ✓ St. Joseph
- ✓ St. Jude
- ✓ St. Ludmila
- ✓ St. Matthew
- ✓ St. Patrick
- ✓ St. Pius X
- ✓ St. Wenceslaus

✚ **Is there a discount for families with multiple students at Xavier?**

There is no up-front discount given by Xavier for families with more than one student. The tuition assistance process takes into consideration families who have more than one student at Xavier. Therefore, families with more than one student at Xavier who need assistance should apply.

✚ **Does Xavier have a work program?**

Xavier High School will not sponsor any work-related programs for the payment of tuition. Even with the current economic environment in Linn County, Xavier would be unable to compete with wages paid by local employers. Xavier also does not have the resources to administer a work program. A successful work program requires staff members who can supervise the students and/or parents who want to work to reduce their tuition.

✚ **Does Xavier offer athletic, academic, or fine arts scholarships?**

No. By state statutes, Iowa high schools cannot offer these types of programs.

✚ **Can I deduct tuition as a charitable donation?**

Tuition does not qualify as a charitable donation because your student receives a service in return for the tuition. Contributions given to either Xavier High School or the Xavier Foundation other than tuition are eligible for deduction as a charitable donation.

✚ **How will employer-matching gifts be handled?**

Any money given to either Xavier High School or the Xavier Foundation that is not for tuition will be eligible for matching by participating companies.

✚ **Does Xavier encourage volunteerism?**

Absolutely. A volunteer form will be included in the registration materials in August. This form is due with all other registration materials at student registration.

✚ **What if my family experiences financial difficulties during the year?**

If at any time your family experiences financial difficulties, please contact the Controller, Shea Francis, in the Xavier Business Office at 294-6635 x307. All conversations will be kept strictly confidential. We will do whatever we can to assist you.