

## **TOTAL COST TUITION**

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCHOOL, BRAINTREE, MA

PRE-KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 8

SCHOOL YEAR 2012 - 2013

\*\*2012 - 2013 Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 8 Tuition INCREASE of \$200.00 per student\*\*

### **Kindergarten – Grade 8**

<b>1 Child</b>	Kindergarten – grade 8	\$4,885
<b>2 Children</b>	Kindergarten – grade 8	\$9,430
<b>3 Children</b>	Kindergarten – grade 8	\$13,875

### **Pre- Kindergarten**

**Half-Day Program 7:55 A.M. - 12:00 /Full Day 7:55 A.M. - 1:55 P.M.**

<b>Pre-K 1 2H</b>	(Pre-k 3 year olds, 2 Half Days)	\$3,475
<b>Pre-K 1 2F</b>	(Pre-k 3 year olds, 2 Full Days)	\$3,625
<b>Pre-K 1 3H</b>	(Pre-k 3 year olds, 3 Half Days)	\$4,000
<b>Pre-K 1 3F</b>	(Pre-k 3 year olds, 3 Full Days)	\$5,175
<b>Pre-K 1 5H</b>	(Pre-k 3 year olds, 5 Half Days)	\$5,375
<b>Pre-K 1 5F</b>	(Pre-k 3 year olds, 5 Full Days)	\$7,000
<b>Pre-K 2 3H</b>	(Pre-k 4 year olds, 3 Half Days)	\$3,800
<b>Pre-K 2 3F</b>	(Pre-k 4 year olds, 3 Full Days)	\$4,975
<b>Pre-K 2 5H</b>	(Pre-k 4 year olds, 5 Half Days)	\$5,175
<b>Pre-K 2 5F</b>	(Pre-k 4 year olds, 5 Full Days)	\$7,000

**\*\*\*NEW 2012 – 2013: iPads\*\*\***

**AN ADDITIONAL FEE (LESS THAN \$175.00) WILL BE ASSESSED TO EACH STUDENT UTILIZING AN IPAD FOR ACADEMIC USE DURING THE 2012-2013 ACADEMIC YEAR. THIS FEE IS NOT INCLUDED IN TOTAL COST TUITION.**

- The fourth child and any additional children are not charged extra tuition.
- St. Francis of Assisi School offers the same tuition for students in and out of the parish.

\*Transfer / Leave: If a child leaves St. Francis of Assisi School prior to December 31st, the family is responsible for:

- **The registration fee**
- **The technology fee**
- **The book fee**
- **The July and August tuition payments, along with the entire month of transfer/leave.**

**\*NOTE: There will be no rebate of tuition if a student transfers after December 31st.**

The following are included in the Total Cost Tuition:

- Book bills (averaging \$200+ per pupil) are included in the Total Cost Tuition (workbooks only).
- Non-refundable registration fee is included in the Total Cost Tuition.
- \$240.00 **\*Friars' Club** fee is in the Total Cost Tuition.

It is important to note that the estimated cost of our students' education far exceeds the amount brought in through tuition income. It will cost over \$5,400 (K - 8) and \$7,400 (Pre-K) to educate each student in the 2012-2013 school year. Fortunately, the parish has generously supported and will continue to contribute financially to Saint Francis of Assisi School. The Total Cost Tuition provides each child with strong academics across the curriculum. St. Francis of Assisi School is committed to ensuring the highest quality education, safety, technological, and healthy environment, along with a faith filled education. A few examples include a full time nurse, a full time guidance counselor, state of the art technology, state of the art security system, and highly qualified teachers. Your \$200 increase of tuition will be equal to **\$1.11 PER DAY** (per student). This allows us to provide an affordable Catholic education with more benefits than most other private and public schools are able to offer.

**NOTE: Continued enrollment of your children is based on meeting your financial obligations to Saint Francis of Assisi School.**

Tuition billing will remain a 10 month payment schedule with the FACTS Tuition Company beginning July 2012 and ending April 2013. Parents may elect to pay a single payment on or before July 12, 2012.

**\*\*\*Tuition bills will be mailed June 4, 2012.\*\*\***

**NOTE: New for the 2012 – 2013 school year FACTS Tuition Company is offering online applications. The application can be found on our school website. Those who are not paying tuition in full by July 12, 2012 must complete the form by April 25, 2012. Anyone who would like a hard copy of this form may obtain one in advance from the office. These forms will not be sent home and must be picked up in person. If the form is not completed within this time frame, please note that your tuition payments will not be based on a ten month period. Please use the following link to access FACTS online for St. Francis of Assisi School:**

<https://online.factsmgt.com/Tmg/public/AgreementSignup.aspx?t=3HGTV>

#### **Tuition Assistance**

**We, at St. Francis of Assisi School, realize the effects of our declining economy, which include job losses continuing to occur; however, it is still necessary to increase our tuition. We continue with our fundraising efforts as our costs continue to increase as well. Please note, needs based tuition assistance continues to be available. A deadline is noted to apply for tuition assistance. However, please know if your economic status should change during the school year we will make every effort possible to work with our families in need.**

For those who are applying at this time, a limited amount of tuition assistance is available to all eligible families whose children are enrolled in the school. Those who wish to apply may obtain an application from the Principal before May 1, 2012. Please note that the past two years income tax forms are necessary to process applications. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

## **ADVANCING THE MISSION OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCHOOL**

### **Fundraising is a commitment that must be shared by everyone!**

The cost of providing a strong, faith based education for each child enrolled at St. Francis Assisi School is significantly higher than the annual tuition. It is our goal to keep tuition accessible without sacrificing the quality of education. We are grateful to have subsidized support from our parish church, but it is not enough to fill the gap. Fundraising is an essential component of our long-term financial planning. In 2011, we launched our Annual St. Francis of Assisi School Fund, which is a fundraising effort conducted each academic year that supplements the school's budget. This sustained giving initiative is traditionally known at academic institutions as an "Annual Fund." We encourage all members of our community, alumni, parishioners, organizations, parents, grandparents, friends, etc. to support the students, faculty, staff, and school mission with a gift to the Annual St. Francis of Assisi School Fund.

In addition to our fundraising efforts coordinated by the Office of Advancement, we have additional ways in which our families are asked to participate:

\*Friars' Club: Each family enrolled at St. Francis of Assisi School is a member of the Friars' Club. Four raffle numbers are assigned to a family for the chance to win a cash prize. There are eight winners per month.

\*Holiday Card Calendar Raffle (Christmas Cards): A calendar offering cash prizes, trips, gift certificates, etc. Families may choose to participate in selling Holiday Cards or pay an additional fee in lieu of this mandatory fundraiser. (See the attached form for options.)

\*Guild sponsored spring event: An event which often includes golf, live auction, silent auction, raffles, comedy, and food. Varying from year to year, a person who has been an integral part of the St. Francis of Assisi community is honored. A portion of the profit goes towards the Father Sheehy Tuition Assistance Fund.

### **SFA's Faith-Filled Past...Looking to a Faith-Filled Future!**

Saint Francis of Assisi has grown into a vibrant and thriving school over the past few years. A quick walk through the building will show that this is true. An increase in the student population, as well as capital improvements in the facility are evident everywhere you look. As one visitor to the school stated, "You would never know it was the same place." Highlights of these improvements include the following:

- ✓ Flexible pre-kindergarten program (2 days, 3 days, and 5 days- half and full days)
- ✓ Two full day kindergarten classes
- ✓ Spanish taught as a subject in grades Pre-K– 8
- ✓ Italian taught in grades K – 8
- ✓ Art teacher for all grades
- ✓ Full time certified school nurse
- ✓ C.P.R. trained faculty members
- ✓ Two math and reading specialists
- ✓ Full time guidance counselor
- ✓ Junior National Honor Society
- ✓ Buddy programs (to develop skills and leadership qualities)
- ✓ Extended Day and Before School Program
- ✓ Summer Program
- ✓ Crisis Management Program (developed with local law representatives)
- ✓ New fire alarms in the classrooms and halls
- ✓ Video cameras in the school hall, at the doors, and in the parking lot
- ✓ Buzzer and monitor locks on main door (visitors must be “buzzed” into the building)
- ✓ New security alarm system
- ✓ Lockers for all students in grades Pre-K - 8
- ✓ iPads in the classrooms for teachers and individual student use
- ✓ State-of-the-art computer lab
- ✓ Two flat screen computers in each classroom for integration of technology within the curriculum
- ✓ SMART Boards - grades Pre-K - 8 and computer lab
- ✓ Airliners / iPads
- ✓ Computer server room
- ✓ Wireless facility
- ✓ Curriculum mapping
- ✓ Connect-Ed Communication System for phone calls and text messaging

- ✓ Teacher-Ease (Web-based Grade book and Student Management System)
- ✓ Stair treads on all staircases
- ✓ Open Court Reading Program
- ✓ John Collins Writing Program
- ✓ Handwriting program
- ✓ Current textbooks
- ✓ Recently renovated girls' and boys' bathrooms (school hall, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor)
- ✓ SFA web page with links to homeroom newsletters and homework
- ✓ Instructional Aides (grades: Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade)
- ✓ Upgrade of kitchen (in collaboration with Braintree Public Schools)
- ✓ Celebration policy in conjunction with state law (no food rewards, etc.)
- ✓ New parking lot with state-of-the-art safety and lighting
- ✓ Peaceful Playground
- ✓ Football Program
- ✓ Basketball Program
- ✓ Disc jockey at recess twice a year (Walk-a-thon and Field Day)
- ✓ Vision for 2012 – 2013:
  - Everyday Math Program grades Pre-K through 6
  - iPads for middle school and junior high students
- ✓ Vision for 2013 – 2014: iPads for all grade levels

These improvements have been made possible through our fundraising efforts. It is our vision here at Saint Francis of Assisi School to remain a vibrant, thriving school. With continued successful fundraising and your support, this vision will continue to be a reality!