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Dear School/Preschool Parents,

This letter is being sent to share new policies and changes that will take affect for the 2016-2017 school year, and beyond, at Grace Lutheran School (GLS) and Precious Lambs Preschool (PLP).

### **What's New and Important?**

- In 2014, Grace Lutheran School and Precious Lambs Preschool embarked on a multi-year plan to affect improvements and foster sustainable growth of our ministry. The 2016 – 2017 Tuition Policy, and 2016 – 2017 Tuition and Fee Examples incorporate the second phase of our plan. The opportunities to improve our school and the progress thus far remain very exciting. Your support in implementing the initial phase in the 2015-2016 school year has been appreciated, and we request your ongoing help and prayers as we continue to move forward.
- Dates to remember:
  - Re-enrollment for current students for 2016-2017 & submit applications for financial aid February 1, 2016 (Start date)
  - Open enrollment for new students for 2016-2017 & submit application for financial aid March 1, 2016 (Start date)
  - Application for financial assistance for 2016-2017 (current and new students) April 17, 2016 (Last date)
- During the 2014-2015 school year, GLS and PLP implemented new Tuition Aid Data Service (TADS) services called 'Admissions' and 'Enrollment'. This service allows parents to re-enroll their students on-line, and also permits parents of new students to apply on-line for admission and fill out all forms required by the state. Current families of students have access to their enrollment information and are asked to review and update it for changes on-going, including changes in address, phone numbers, etc. The on-line records are replacing our current, hardcopy records. *Parents have responsibility to keep their information current, including emergency contact information.*
- Changes in tuition and fees for 2016-2017 from 2015-2016 are:
  - Tuition
  - Kindergarten:

▪ Non-Grace Lutheran Church Member Students	\$4,590	Was \$3,350
▪ Grace Lutheran Church Member Students	\$2,295	Was \$1,515

The tuition rates for Kindergarten have been increased to help offset the actual cost of educating a child
  - Fees
  - Technology

▪ Preschool	\$20	Was \$10
▪ Kindergarten	\$70	Was \$20
▪ Grades 1-8	\$100	Was \$50

▪ The technology fees have been increased to continue upgrades to our infrastructure system, hardware and software, and to implement web based learning programs.
- See attachment for more information.

### **Other News of Interest**

- Grace Lutheran School and Precious Lambs Preschool will continue to use the services of Tuition Aid Data Service Company (TADS) for tuition aid and tuition payments. The use of TADS is mandatory for admission, enrollment and tuition agreements for all families. Contact the Ministries Coordinator for Grace Lutheran Church and School if you request or require assistance.
- The 2016-2017 Tuition Policy, 2016-2017 Tuition and Fee Examples, and TADS Tuition Management Agreement Summary are attached.
- Registration Fees (School and Preschool) of \$55 per student will remain the same as last year. Registration fee payments are required with the re-enrollment forms, and with the application forms for new students.
- Financial assistance for the 2016-2017 school year will be determined on an 'as needed' basis. All families seeking financial aid must re-apply each year.

If you have further questions please visit at GLS, call or email.

Yours in Christ,

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## **GRACE LUTHERAN MINISTRIES**

### **Tuition Policy: 2016 - 2017**

Registration Fee - All Students	
Precious Lambs Preschool	\$55
Grace Lutheran School (K-8)	\$55
Technology Fee - Grace Lutheran School Students	
Preschool:	\$20
Kindergarten:	\$70
1-8:	\$100
Annual Tuition	
Precious Lambs Preschool	
3 & 4 Year Old 2 Days Per Week (Tues. & Thurs.)	\$1,035
4 & 5 Year Old 3 Days Per Week (Mon., Weds., Fri.)	\$1,260
Grace Lutheran School	
Kindergarten	
Non-Grace Lutheran Church Member Students	\$4,590
Grace Lutheran Church Member Students	\$2,295
Grades 1 - 8	
Non-Grace Lutheran Church Member Students	\$6,375
Grace Lutheran Church Member Students	\$2,690
Family Maximums	
Non-Grace Lutheran Families	\$11,200
Grace Lutheran Church Member Families	\$4,130
Religion Course Books, Textbooks & Workbooks	
WELS Hymnal (Grades 1 - 8)	\$24
Bible (Grades 1-8) – Please select one:	
- <i>New International Version (NIV 2011)</i>	\$13
- <i>English Standard Version (ESV)</i>	\$13
WELS Catechism (Grades 7 & 8)	\$20
All other textbooks and workbooks included in tuition	

**Notes:**

- 1 The registration fee is charged to all students and is non-refundable. The registration fees for all currently enrolled students are due at the time of their re-enrollment for 2016-2017. All new student registration fees are due with their application.
- 2 Grace Lutheran School requires all families requesting financial aid to use the services of Tuition Aid Data Service (TADS), a tuition service company. More information on how to utilize this service is available at [www.tads.com](http://www.tads.com) or at GLS. All applications for financial aid must be submitted on-line at [www.tads.com](http://www.tads.com) beginning February 1, 2016, and not later than April 17, 2016. Families requesting financial aid prior to April 17, 2016 will be notified of the amount available to them by June 16, 2016.
- 3 Financial assistance for the 2016 - 2017 school year will be determined on an 'as needed' basis. All families seeking financial aid must re-apply each year.
- 4 Full year payment of tuition before October 1 receives a 4% discount (K-8 only).
- 5 The estimated average cost to educate a student in grades 1-8 at GLS is \$6,375, and \$3,350 for Kindergarten
- 6 Grace Lutheran Church families are strongly encouraged to consider the average cost and estimated tuition figures as they determine their personal stewardship.
- 7 The tuition for all WELS Called (public ministry) Workers' children is discounted 50%. The registration fees and technology fees are waived.
- 8 Assistance will be provided in filing applications for grants and scholarships to assist reducing tuition payments.
- 9 All families requesting financial aid are required to apply for grants and scholarships.
- 10 All applicants seeking financial aid will be asked to provide volunteer hours - details will be provided.



**GRACE LUTHERAN MINISTRIES**  
**Tuition and Fee Examples: 2016 - 2017**

The following examples show how the 2016-2017 Tuition Policy will be applied for families with one student in Grace Lutheran School.

**Precious Lambs Preschool**

<b>3 &amp; 4 Year Old 2 Days Per Week (Tues. &amp; Thurs.)</b>		
Annual Tuition:	\$1,035	\$115.00 per month for 9 months
Registration fee:	\$55	Due at application
Technology fee:	\$20	Due with 1st tuition payment
	<u>\$1,110</u>	Per school year
<b>4 &amp; 5 Year Old 3 Days Per Week (Mon., Weds., Fri.)</b>		
Annual Tuition:	\$1,260	\$140.00 per month for 9 months
Registration fee:	\$55	Due at application
Technology fee:	\$20	Due with 1st tuition payment
	<u>\$1,335</u>	Per school year

**Grace Lutheran School**

<b>Kindergarten</b>		
<b>Grace Lutheran Church Member Students</b>		
Annual Tuition:	\$2,295	\$229.50 per month for 9 months
Registration fee:	\$55	Due at application
Technology fee:	\$70	Due with 1st month tuition
	<u>\$2,420</u>	Per school year
<b>Non-Grace Lutheran Church Member Students</b>		
Annual Tuition:	\$4,590	\$459.00 per month for 9 months
Registration fee:	\$55	Due at application
Technology fee:	\$70	Due with 1st tuition payment
	<u>\$4,715</u>	Per school year
<b>Grades 1 - 8</b>		
<b>Grace Lutheran Church Member Students</b>		
Annual Tuition:	\$2,690	\$269.00 per month for 9 months
Registration fee:	\$55	Due at application
Technology fee:	\$100	Due with 1st tuition payment
	<u>\$2,845</u>	Per school year
<b>Non-Grace Lutheran Church Member Students</b>		
Annual Tuition:	\$6,375	\$637.50 per month for 9 months
Registration fee:	\$55	Due at application
Technology fee:	\$100	Due with 1st tuition payment
	<u>\$6,530</u>	Per school year

**Definitions:**

**Financial Aid:**

Financial aid is a one year reduction in tuition provided by Grace Lutheran Church utilizing data provided by the families to TADS (ref [www.tads.com](http://www.tads.com))

**Grant:**

A grant is a payment made to support a student's education; academic or other achievement is not a requirement. A grant may be either for one year or for more than one year, depending on the terms defined by the grant. Grants may be provided by an individual or organization external to, or internal to Grace Lutheran Church.

**Scholarship:**

A scholarship is a payment provided to support a student's education, awarded on the basis of academic or other achievement. A scholarship may be either for one year or for more than one year, depending on the terms defined by the scholarship. Scholarships may be either provided by an individual or organization external to, or internal to Grace Lutheran Church.

**Bequest:**

A bequest is a gift made by a will or trust stating that property or money will be provided to a person or an organization after the donor's death. A bequest may be a means to fund a grant or scholarship, or both.

## **TADS TUITION MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT SUMMARY**

**INSTALLMENT OPTIONS** (Installment plans can be established starting with re-enrollment of current students, starting February 1 2016, and for new students starting March 1, 2016)

**For Grace Lutheran School and Precious Lambs Preschool**

- One Installment (Pay for the entire year with one payment)
  - Receive a 4% discount if paid by October 1, 2016.
- Two Installments (Pay the entire year with two payments)

**For Precious Lambs Preschool Only**

- Nine Installments (Pay the entire year with nine payments)

**For Grace Lutheran School Only**

- Ten Installments (Pay the entire year with ten payments)

**PAYMENT DATE OPTIONS** (Payment date can be one of four dates each month)

- 5th of each month
- 10th of each month
- 15th of each month
- 20th of each month

**METHOD OF PAYMENT OPTIONS**

- Automatic Bank Payment  
Provide bank routing and account numbers. No additional charge for this option.
- Direct Bill  
Receive invoice by email. No additional charge for this option.  
Receive invoice by postal mail. One time fee of \$10.
- Credit Card  
Automatic Payment from credit card of choice  
3% fee on all payments