



February 16, 2017

Dear School/Preschool Parents,

This letter is being sent to share new policies and changes that will take affect for the 2017-2018 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 plan to affect improvements and foster sustainable growth of our ministry. The 2017-2018 Tuition Policy, and 2017-2018 Tuition and Fee Examples incorporate our plan. The opportunities to improve our school and the progress remain very exciting. Your support in implementing our plan is appreciated, and we request your ongoing help and prayers as we continue to move forward.
- Dates to remember:
 - Re-enrollment for current students for 2017-2018 & submit applications for financial aid February 20, 2017 (Start date)
 - Open enrollment for new students for 2017-2018 & submit application for financial aid March 1, 2017 (Start date)
 - Application for financial assistance for 2016-2017 (current and new students) April 17, 2017 (Last date)
 - Families will be informed of the GLS Bd of Education & GLC voter decisions not later than June 30, 2017
- 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 2017-2018 from 2016-2017 are:

Tuition			
Kindergarten:	Non-Grace Lutheran Church Member Students	\$6,375	Was \$4,590
	Grace Lutheran Church Member Students	\$2,690	Was \$2,295
Technology Fee:	Kindergarten	\$100	Was \$70
- Changes in the available amount of financial assistance from Grace Lutheran Church will be implemented for our 2017-2018 school year.
- 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 Financial Administrator for Grace Lutheran School and Precious Lambs Preschool if you request or require assistance.
- The 2017-2018 Tuition Policy, 2017-2018 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 2017-2018 school year will be determined on an 'as needed' and on an 'as we are able' basis. All families seeking financial aid must re-apply via TADS 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: 2017 - 2018

Registration Fee - All Students	
Precious Lambs Preschool	\$55
Grace Lutheran School (K-8)	\$55
Technology Fee* - Grace Lutheran School Students	
Preschool:	\$20
K-8:	\$100
Chromebook Fee* (see note 9 below)	
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	\$6,375
Grace Lutheran Church Member Students	\$2,690
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 unless the applicant is informed otherwise. The registration fees for all currently enrolled students are due at the time of their re-enrollment for 2017-2018. 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 or at GLS. All applications for financial aid must be submitted on-line at www.tads.com beginning February 13, 2017, and not later than April 17, 2017. Families requesting financial aid prior to April 17, 2017 will be notified of the amount available to them by June 16, 2017.
- 3 Financial assistance for the 2017-2018 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.
- 5 The estimated average cost to educate a student in grades K-8 at GLS is \$6,375
- 6 Grace Lutheran Church families are strongly encouraged to consider the average cost and estimated tuition figures as they determine their personal stewardship.
- 7 Assistance will be provided in filing applications for grants and scholarships to assist reducing tuition payments. All families requesting financial aid are required to apply for grants and scholarships.
- 8 All families are asked to provide volunteer hours via our Serving And Laboring Together (SALT) program - details will be provided separately.
- 9 *There is a one-time charge of \$50.00 for a student's 'Chromebook'. The one-time Chromebook charge for all years applies to upper grade students if enrolled at GLS for the first time. The \$50.00 charge is in addition to the annual \$100.00 Technology Fee.



GRACE LUTHERAN MINISTRIES
Tuition and Fee Examples: 2017 - 2018

The following examples show how the 2017-2018 Tuition Policy will be applied for families with one student in Grace Lutheran School.

Precious Lambs Preschool

3 & 4 Year Old 2 Days Per Week (Tues. & Thurs.)		
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
	\$1,110	Per school year

4 & 5 Year Old 3 Days Per Week (Mon., Weds., Fri.)		
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
	\$1,335	Per school year

Grace Lutheran School

Grades K - 8		
Grace Lutheran Church Member Students		
Annual Tuition:	\$2,690	\$269.00 per month for 10 months
Registration fee:	\$55	Due at application
Technology fee:	\$100	Due with 1st tuition payment
	\$2,845	Per school year

Non-Grace Lutheran Church Member Students		
Annual Tuition:	\$6,375	\$637.50 per month for 10 months
Registration fee:	\$55	Due at application
Technology fee:	\$100	Due with 1st tuition payment
	\$6,530	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)

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. Non-Grace families are urged to contact their home church to seek scholarship(s) for their children to attend GLS.

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 20, 2017, and for new students starting March 1, 2017)

For Precious Lambs Preschool and Grace Lutheran School

- One Installment (Pay for the entire year with one payment)
 - Receive a 4% discount if paid by October 1, 2017.
- Two - Ten Installments (Pay the entire year with agreed 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
- Pay at Grace Lutheran School
Cash or check only; no credit / debit cards