



*Thank You  
for considering  
Sacred Heart  
Academy*

Your child(ren)'s education is the best investment you will ever make in their well-being and potential for success.

The strong tradition of faith formation, values education and academic excellence found at SHA will inspire them for life.

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*One Community,  
One Spirit,  
One Heart*

## 2016-17 In-Parish Tuition (Includes Fees)

# of students	Actual Cost to Educate	In Parish Tuition and Fees*	SHA Gift / Savings
1	\$6,333	\$4,092	\$2,241
2	\$12,666	\$6,657	\$6,009
3	\$18,999	\$8,511	\$10,488
4 or more	\$25,332+	\$9,705	\$15,627+

## 2016-17 Out-of-Parish Tuition (Includes Fees)

# of students	Actual Cost to Educate	Out-of-Parish Tuition and Fees*	SHA Gift / Savings
1	\$6,333	\$5,378	\$ 955
2	\$12,666	\$8,306	\$4,360
3	\$18,999	\$10,418	\$8,581
4 or more	\$25,332+	\$11,167	\$14,165+

*\*Enrollment and registration fees are included in these figures*

### **How is the SHA Gift/Savings made possible?**

Every student and family benefits from reduced tuition because of direct financial support from Sacred Heart Parish, the SHAgala dinner/auction and the annual gift from the SHA Foundation. The 2016 SHAgala proceeds bring \$490 of benefit to each student, and the SHA Foundation contribution offers just over \$600 per student in benefit. The remainder is Sacred Heart Parish support.

### **Does higher (or lower) enrollment impact the tuition amount?**

The 2015-16 enrollment of 453 students falls within a range where costs remain relatively neutral. If enrollment slips below 400, there are consequences in course offerings, student services, and capital investment dollars. Above 475 students, we have more flexibility.

### **Shouldn't tuition be set at the "cost to educate" level?**

It seems logical, however, the central Michigan educational market, nor our families can bear this actual expense. In comparison to government funding provided to public schools, nearly \$9,500 is awarded per student in our district. We do not receive these tax dollars, and have to budget based on the generosity and support of our parish.

### **What programs are available to help parents with tuition?**

There is a confidential tuition assistance program (boosted by a 100 percent School Board giving initiative); the SCRIP tuition credit program; and an active voluntary tuition program available. No family with a desire to attend SHA should miss the opportunity due to financial constraints. Please contact our Admissions Office for confidential assistance.