



Family  
Tuition Financing  
and  
School Fund Raising  
Guide

Dear St. John's Family,

St. John the Baptist School is a private Catholic school, solely funded by tuition, fund raising and parish subsidy. This guide was developed to aid you in understanding the various financial assistance programs available at St. John the Baptist School in order to help you meet your tuition obligation. It also describes the various fund raising programs and general 'Free Money' Programs that St. John's participates in to further enhance your child's education. Please take a few minutes learn what programs are available for you to reduce your current tuition obligation, about the fund raisers we hold and other programs that we participate in to provide additional money and resources for your student and all the students at St. John the Baptist School. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the person listed for more information. We are here to help.

Sincerely,

Mr. Philip Quattrone  
Principal  
St. John the Baptist School

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## **1.) Tuition Financial Assistance**

The Diocese of Pittsburgh offers financial assistance through the following programs:

### **A.) The Bishop's Education Fund**

### **B.) Scholastic Opportunities Scholarship**

Forms for both programs become available in February and are due in March.

### **C.) St. John's Father Bartley Angel Fund**

The Fr. Bartley Angel Fund is distributed through St. John's Parish to families who have completed the financial assistance applications for the Diocese as mentioned above.

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## **2.) Additional Tuition Reduction Opportunities**

We have additional tuition reduction opportunities that families are encouraged to participate in to further reduce their tuition obligation. Each of these programs are run by parent volunteers. Please consider volunteering to help with these programs so that we can continue to offer them to St. John's families.

### **A.) Scrip Program**

Scrips or gift cards can be purchased through the school for several national and local retail stores, services, restaurants, grocery stores and gas stations. Scrips can be used to purchase goods and services just like any other gift card that you would purchase at the store. By purchasing these Scrips through the school, you will receive percentage of the amount of your Scrip as a tuition credit. For example, if you purchase a \$100 Giant Eagle Scrip which has a 2.5% tuition credit, you will receive a \$2.50 credit on your tuition account. It is important to note that if you purchase a \$100 Scrip you will receive the full \$100 value, the tuition credit percentage associated with that Scrip is paid for by the company that the Scrip is from. Scrips can be ordered on Monday's through the order forms sent home in the Friday Folder and are delivered on Thursday. You can have the Scrips sent home to you in the Friday Folder of that week or you can pick them up in the Church Rectory on Thursday of that week. There are also a limited number of local store and restaurant Scrips available for immediate purchase at the Rectory. **TIP:** *You can get BOTH tuition credit and Giant Eagle FuelPerks by buying Giant Eagle Scrips through the school to earn tuition credit then use these Scrips to buy other gift cards you need at Giant Eagle and earn your FuelPerks!*

**Contact:** *Mrs. Colleen Friday:* [fridaysjbs@gmail.com](mailto:fridaysjbs@gmail.com)

### **B.) Cafeteria Volunteer**

Parents may volunteer in the cafeteria to help prepare, serve and clean-up the hot lunches that are served to the students. For each volunteer shift, parents earn a \$5 credit on their monthly tuition.

**Contact:** *Mrs. Robin Moline, Cafeteria Manager:* [molinesjbs@gmail.com](mailto:molinesjbs@gmail.com)

### **C.) Candy Bar Sales**

Families can sell boxes of candy bars to help offset their tuition. Parents pay for the box of candy bars upfront and the 50% profit earned is credited to your tuition account.

**Contact:** *Mrs. Marie DiLonardo:* dilonardosjbs@gmail.com

### **D.) Sodexo Concessions**

Adult family members can earn credit toward tuition by “volunteering” at the Peterson Event Center and other venues working the concession stands during sporting and concert events. In the past, families have earned anywhere from \$50 - \$300 toward tuition per event worked. Parents chose games they wanted to work and spend an average of 8 hours/event doing so.

**Contact:** *Mrs. Marie DiLonardo:* dilonardosjbs@gmail.com

## **3.) School Fund Raising Programs**

According to Diocese of Pittsburgh policy, only 60% of the annual school budget can be derived from tuition, 25% must come from parish subsidy and 10-15% has to be raised through fundraising efforts. To meet our fund raising obligation, we implement various fund raisers throughout the school year.

### **A.) Purse Bingo Bash**

In the fall, a Purse Bingo Bash is held. Attendees enjoy a light lunch and play bingo to win fabulous designed purses. Beautiful gift baskets are also raffled off along with other games of chance.

**Contact:** *School Office:* fridaysjbs@gmail.com

### **B.) Cornhole Tournament**

During the Fall, the school and parish participate in a joint Cornhole Tournament and split the proceeds. Families can participate as a team or purchase a spectator ticket.

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### **C.) Breakfast with Santa**

Every December a Breakfast with Santa is held in the school cafeteria. In addition to breakfast, attendees can also have their face painted, make crafts and purchase items through the Kris Kringle gift sale for small fees.

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### **D.) Super Bowl Pool**

In January, the St. John’s Super Bowl Pool is run. Family and friends have the opportunity to purchase a block on the pool to win prizes.

**Contact:** *Mrs. Marie DiLonardo:* dilonardosjbs@gmail.com

### **E.) St. John's Annual Gala**

St. John's Annual Gala is a formal affair held at a local country club which includes dinner, dancing, silent auctions, Chinese auctions and other fund raisers. Planning begins in the summer to solicit donations, sponsorships and to plan other aspects of the event. Volunteers are requested to be on one of the many committees to make this large fund raiser successful.

**Contact:** *School Office:* fridaysjbs@gmail.com

### **F.) Lenten Fish Fries**

Fish Fries are held every Friday in the school cafeteria during the Lenten season except for Good Friday. Every family is asked to participate in the fish fries by either helping to prepare food, set up, working the fish fry, clean-up or baking.

**Contact:** *School Office:* fridaysjbs@gmail.com

### **G.) Easter Candy Sale**

The Easter Candy Sale runs in the spring with delivery in time for Easter.

**Contact:** *Mrs. Marie DiLonardo:* dilonardosjbs@gmail.com

### **H.) Easter Bunny Brunch**

Before Easter break, an Easter Bunny Brunch is held in the school cafeteria. In addition to breakfast, attendees can also make crafts for a small fee.

**Contact:** *Mrs. Marti Wiehagen:* wiehagensjbs@gmail.com

### **I.) Walk-A-thon**

A Walk-A-thon is held on the school grounds. Funds are raised through sponsorships of family, friends and businesses.

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### **J.) Night at the Races**

In the spring, the school and Athletic Association co-sponsor a Night at the Races Event. Tickets are sold and the event includes a light dinner, soft drinks and mixers and horse races along with Chinese auction basket raffles and other games of chance.

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### **K.) In-Restaurant Fundraising Nights**

Through the generosity of local restaurants and retail stores, we sponsor monthly in-restaurant fundraising nights. On a set date, family and friends have a meal at the designated restaurant and the restaurant gives the school a percentage of the sales from that day. Percentages range from 10-20%. The restaurants have included Max & Erma's, Buffalo wild Wings, Hoss's, Carnivore's and John Anthony's as well as Five Below for stocking stuffers, Easter basket items and back to school items.

**Contact:** *Mrs. Kathy Edmundson:* edmundsonsjbs@gmail.com

#### **L.) AmazonSmile**

St. John the Baptist Church participates in the AmazonSmile program. When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to St. John the Baptist Church, with the proceeds split between the parish and the school. Simply use <https://smile.amazon.com> and designate your preferred charitable donations be made to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. (Note that there are several St. John the Baptist churches listed, so include our zip code 15239 when searching for it to make sure you get the correct one). Amazon Smile offers the same products and services as Amazon and the same account that you use on Amazon, so there's nothing you need to do other than to designate your preferred charity.

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#### **M.) Other Programs**

Throughout the year, the school holds additional general fund raisers as needed to meet the school's fund raising obligation. Previous general fund raisers have included a Cash Bash, Golf Outing, Monthly Dinners, Ethnic Food Fest, Oktoberfest, Wine/Beer Tastings and Car Cruises.

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### **4.) "Free Money" Programs**

We have several programs that earn money or free assemblies for the school with little or no effort. Any money earned goes directly to the school budget. Every family is strongly encouraged to participate in these programs since they help to provide many "extras" that the students enjoy.

#### **A.) Box Tops for Education**

Box Tops are "coupons" that are worth \$.10 each and are found on most General Mills, Betty Crocker, Pillsbury, Ziploc, Kleenex and Hefty products. St. John's collects these "coupons" and sends them into Box Tops. We then receive checks twice a year. We routinely raise over \$1000 for the school.

**Contact:** *Mrs. Robin Moline:* [molinesjbs@gmail.com](mailto:molinesjbs@gmail.com)

#### **B.) Tyson Project A+**

We collect the top strip of all Tyson chicken product bags. Each strip is worth \$.24. The strips are sent into the Tyson Co. and the school receives a check.

**Contact:** *Mrs. Kathy Edmundson:* [edmundsonsjbs@gmail.com](mailto:edmundsonsjbs@gmail.com)

#### **C.) Giant Eagle-Apples for the Students**

Parents, family and friends can link their Giant Eagle Advantage Card to St. John's and we receive points for every purchase that you make at Giant Eagle. At the end of the program year in March, we earn one dollar for each point. The program begins in October. To register your card for St. John's log onto [www.gianteagle.com](http://www.gianteagle.com), click on Education Support underneath Community Events and follow the directions to register. St. John's code is 1091.

**Contact:** *Mrs. Kathy Edmundson:* [edmundsonsjbs@gmail.com](mailto:edmundsonsjbs@gmail.com)

#### **D.) Charitable Cartridge Recycling**

St. John's collects empty ink cartridges and old cell phones and redeems them for computer supplies for the school. Please see the bins in the entrance of the school.

**Contact:** *Mrs. Kathy Edmundson:* edmundsonsjbs@gmail.com

#### **E.) Shop-N-Save S.E.E.D. Program**

Parents, family and friends can link their Shop-n-Save *Perks* Card to St. John's and we receive points for every purchase that you make at Shop-n-Save to earn free assemblies. To register your *Perks* Card, go to <https://www.shopnsavefood.com/perks-card/perks-card-registration> and fill in the requested information. Once registered, go into your account and choose St. John the Baptist School (**PLUM**) as your S.E.E.D. school. In the past, we have received enough points to hold two free assemblies per year from the Carnegie Science Center and the Pittsburgh Zoo.

**Contact:** *Mrs. Kathy Edmundson:* edmundsonsjbs@gmail.com

#### **F.) Melaleuca**

Families and friends of St. John's can participate in the Melaleuca shopping club with a percentage of purchases given to the school. Melaleuca is a catalog and online retailer that sells a full line of world-class wellness products, supplements, nutrients, functional foods, and breakthrough innovations that naturally and effectively reduce weight, increase nutrition, and advance health.

**Contact:** *Mrs. Elena Carter* at 412-551-5598.

### **5.) Miscellaneous Fund Raisers**

Each department and organization holds various simple fund raisers throughout the year to enhance the educational experience for the students.

#### **A.) PTG Fall/Spring Fund Raisers**

The PTG holds several fund raisers per year and sponsors Dress Down Days. This money is used to fund the various activities they hold and the extra items that they pay for such as May Crowning items, teacher gifts and treats for the students throughout the school year and strengthen the overall school budget.

**Contact:** *PTG Board.*

#### **B.) Book Fair**

During Catholic Schools Week, the library holds a Book Fair where families have the opportunity to purchase a variety of books and other high quality items. The proceeds of the Book Fair go to the library to purchase additional books and other education resources for the students and teachers.

**Contact:** *Mrs. Colleen Friday:* fridaysjbs@gmail.com



### **C.) Dress Down Days**

Periodically through-out the school year, students will have the opportunity to pay a nominal fee (\$.50 - \$1.00) for the privilege of wearing outfits other than their uniforms to school on a designated Dress Down Day. The fee paid for this privilege is given to the department or organization that sponsoring the Dress Down Day. In the past, the money raised was given to the computer lab, the library, the PTG etc. Please refer to the St. John's Parent-Student Handbook for the guidelines for Dress Down Days.

**Contact:** *School Office:* fridaysjbs@gmail.com

### **D.) Scholastic/Firefly Book Orders**

Periodically your child's teacher will send home booklets to order books and other materials for your own use. The teachers earn credits for free books and materials with every order sent in.

**Contact:** *Home Room Teacher*

### **E.) Athletic Association Fund Raisers**

The Athletic Association co-sponsors a Night at the Races fund raiser in the spring. Concession stands at the various sports events are also manned by the Athletic Association. The money raised helps to pay for uniforms, scoreboards and referee fees.

**Contact:** *Athletic Association at 412-793-0555*

### **F.) 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Trip Fund Raisers**

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade class holds various fund raisers to help fund their end of year class trip. Fund raisers include: lollipop sales, candy bar and wreath sales.

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### **G.) School Store**

The school store periodically takes orders for St. John the Baptist School clothing. The money raised goes to the general school budget.

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### **6.) The Friends of St. John's Annual Fund**

*The Friends of St. John's* Annual Fund was implemented in 2010 as a way to increase monetary donations to the school by alumni, families, friends and parishioners. All donations to St. John's are tax deductible as the school is non-profit entity.

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