



**ST. THERESA SCHOOL**  
*Achieving Excellence in Faith, Academics and Service*



## Frequently Asked Questions 2017-18

**How much is tuition for grades K-8?** Tuition for one child is **\$5,982**. There is a generous family discount for more than one child. There are limited additional fees for Sacraments and graduation.

**How much is tuition for preschool?** We have a flexible tuition schedule based on how many days per week a child attends and if they participate in a morning or all-day program.

**What other types of fees/fundraisers are required of parents?** The best educational experience is one in which the parents are fully engaged in their child's learning. Parents are encouraged to be involved to the best of their ability in formative, social, and fundraising activities. Parents of St. Theresa School students offer their talents – and willingness to learn and try new things – for the sake of their children and the STS family. There are no specific requirements other than generosity of spirit and a desire to enjoy their child's school.

**What are the school hours for grades K-8?** 7:40 a.m.–2:20 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 7:40 a.m.–1:30 p.m. on Fridays. Morning kindergarten is from 7:40 a.m.-11:15 a.m. Students may be dropped off at 7:20 a.m.

**What are the school hours for preschool?** All day preschool is from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Morning preschool is from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**Is child care offered before and after the school day? What are the hours and cost?**

St. Theresa Extended-day Program (STEP) runs from 6:30 a.m. to the start of school and from 2:30 p.m. (1:30 p.m. on Fridays) to 6:00 p.m. Please see the STEP rate sheet attached for more specific information.

**Does the school offer financial assistance? What is the process to apply?** The Financial Assistance Program at St. Theresa School is intended to help St. Theresa Families who are experiencing a financial setback that would prevent them from enrolling or cause them to withdraw their children from school. Financial assistance is available for students Kindergarten-8<sup>th</sup> grades. We regret that no financial assistance is available for preschool.

Families applying for aid must be an active member of the parish, attend Sunday Mass, and contribute actively to the parish through their time, talent and treasure.

The amount of assistance a family receives is determined on a case-by-case basis based on family income, financial hardship, and other factors. A formal application through the SMART Tuition is required to apply for financial assistance. Families can apply for financial assistance once their account is established in SMART. Financial assistance decisions are made in June.

**What is the student/teacher ratio?** In grades K-8 – 18:1, in preschool – 8:1

**What enrichment classes are offered?** In addition to the core curriculum, all students in grade K-8 take a course of study in Spanish, music, visual art, and physical education at each grade level. Technology is directly integrated into the curriculum. Students receive technology instruction as it relates to their course of study.

**What percent of students are not Catholic?** 95% of the student body is Catholic. The remaining 5% represent a diversity of Christian and non-Christian faith traditions.

**Does STS accept non-Catholic students?** Yes, St. Theresa School does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, or national origin in the administration of admissions and educational policies, financial aid, or other school-related activities.

**How is religion incorporated in the curriculum at St. Theresa School?** At St. Theresa School, the integration of religious study plays a significant role at all grade levels. We instruct children in daily prayer, Scripture activities, and sacramental preparations for Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation. Weekly Mass is held for students in grades 1-8, with all-school liturgies and student-led prayer services. Religion classes are taught daily with the exception of Mass days. Your children will grow in virtue and service as they as they learn to live their lives as a reflection of God.

**How many zip codes do students come from to attend the school?** Students come from 9 distinct zip codes, although 80% come from the 60067 and 60074 zip codes.

**What type of technology is used on campus? What is your philosophy on technology?** Technology at St. Theresa School is a tool that facilitates the attainment and mastery of the curricular objectives. Technology is used in an integrated or blended fashion and supports the established curriculum. The school currently uses a dual wireless platform of iPad and Google Chrome mobile computing.

**What extra-curricular programs are offered?** St. Theresa offers a wide variety of co-curricular activities in academic enrichment, the arts, and interscholastic and intramural athletics.

Interscholastic sports for grades 5-8: Cross Country, Track & Field, Cheerleading, Basketball, Boys and Girls Volleyball, Girls Softball.

Arts and academic enrichment offerings:

Art (K-8)

Chess (K-8)

Science (K-4)

3D Printing (1-8)

Band (4-8)

Drama (2-8)

Choirs (4-8)

Robotics (K-8)

Intramurals (K-4)

**Do students wear uniforms? Where can they be purchased?** Students in K-8<sup>th</sup> grades wear uniforms that can be purchased online or in the Dennis Uniform store. Preschool students do not wear uniforms. Uniforms can be viewed online at [www.dennisuniform.com](http://www.dennisuniform.com); the STS code is GTHEV.

**Does the school offer a hot lunch program?** The school offers daily hot lunch through Gourmet Gorilla for grades K-8. Lunches include organic and gluten free options. Students can purchase hot lunches or milk through this program.

**Does the school offer bus service?** Families who live within the boundaries of District 15 are eligible for free bus service to and from St. Theresa School each day. Students in grades K-8 may ride the bus; preschoolers with older siblings may also ride the bus.



# St. Theresa School

## 2017-18 Tuition Rates

**Registration Fee per Child:** \$150

Note: This is a non-refundable fee, charged to your SMART account, which *is not* applied to tuition.

### **Payment Plans**

Annual = payment in full due by August 1, 2017

Semi-Annual = 50% due August 1, 2017, remaining 50% due December 1, 2017

10 Month = charged on 17<sup>th</sup> of the month August, 2017-May, 2018

12 Month = charged on 17<sup>th</sup> of the month July, 2017-June, 2018 (grades K-7 only)

### **Kindergarten All Day- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

	2017-18 TUITION	10 MONTHLY PAYMENTS	12 MONTHLY PAYMENTS
1 child	\$5,982	\$598.20	\$498.50
2 children	\$9,764	\$976.40	\$813.67
3 children	\$12,459	\$1,245.90	\$1,038.25
4+ children	\$13,584	\$1,358.40	\$1,132.00

### **Kindergarten Morning- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

	2017-18 TUITION	10 MONTHLY PAYMENTS	12 MONTHLY PAYMENTS
1 child	\$4,786	\$478.60	\$398.84
2 children	\$9,764	\$976.40	\$813.67
3 children	\$12,459	\$1,245.90	\$1,038.25
4+ children	\$13,584	\$1,358.40	\$1,132.00

### **International**

	2017-18 TUITION & FEES
Per Student	\$8,700

### **PRE-SCHOOL**

		2017-18 TUITION	10 MONTHLY PAYMENTS
<b>Morning</b> 8:00-11:00	2 Days	\$2,068	\$206.80
	3 Days	\$2,824	\$282.40
	5 Days	\$4,886	\$488.60
<b>All Day</b> 8:00-2:00	2 Days	\$3,047	\$304.70
	3 Days	\$4,097	\$409.70
	5 Days	\$5,982	\$598.20