

# **ADMISSIONS GUIDELINES**

St. Pius X School admits students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin. No child is eligible to be admitted to the kindergarten unless he/she is at least 5 years of age on or before the 30th day of September. Requests for early admission are dealt with in compliance with Diocesan Policy #5111.1. All health records and immunizations must be current as stated by the Ohio Revised Code.

No child is eligible to be admitted to the first grade unless he/she is at least 6 years of age on or before the 30th day of September of the school year. All health records and immunizations must be current as stated by the Ohio Revised Code.

# **ADMISSION PRIORITIES FOR KINDERGARTEN**

- 1. First priority will be given to children of active, participating St. Pius X and Seton parishioners who, although they have successfully completed the Kindergarten Screening and had been accepted into St. Pius X kindergarten, accepted the advice of the Kindergarten Screening Committee and delayed starting the child in kindergarten at St. Pius X for one year. Applications must be received by the posted deadline. If the application is received after this deadline, the child will not be entitled to receive this priority.
- 2. Second priority will be given to children of active, participating St. Pius X and Seton parishioners who presently have a brother or sister attending St. Pius X Catholic School or who have had a brother or sister graduate from St. Pius X Catholic School, as long as the Kindergarten application has been received by the posted deadline. If the application is received after this deadline, the child will not be entitled to receive this priority.
- 3. Third priority will be given to active participating parishioners of St. Pius X and Seton parishes. They will be prioritized based on their length of time in the parish.
- 4. Fourth priority will be given to children of Catholic families who are active participating members of a parish other than St. Pius X or Seton that does not operate a school. Those applying will be prioritized by the date that the application is received.
- 5. Fifth priority will be given to non-participating Catholics or any non-Catholic child. Priority will be based on the date that the application is received. They are considered non-parishioners and will fill any available seats after April 1st.



#### **GRADES 1 - 8**

- 1. First priority for students entering grade 1 will be given to children currently enrolled in St. Pius X Catholic School kindergarten.
- 2. Admission priorities outlined in the above-listed Kindergarten Guidelines will be followed for grades 1 8, with the exception that the date of school registration will take precedence over the length of time in the parish.

### THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WAITING LIST

A waiting list will be established per grade level when the available seats (60 per grade) have been filled. Every attempt is made to place families; however, if necessary, a prospective student may be bumped from the top of the waiting list in order to secure a seat for the sibling of another student on the waiting list whose grade level had an opening.

### **ENROLLMENT FEES**

NEW and RE-ENROLLMENT FEES – CURRENT ST. PIUS X FAMILIES K-7

St. Pius X Catholic School requires a \$225.00 non-refundable Administrative/Enrollment Fee per family if enrolled by February 15th. The fee is \$275.00 if enrolled after February 15th.

### POLICIES REGARDING TUITION FEES AND PARISH GRANTS

The funds to operate St. Pius X Catholic School come from a combination of tuition and grants for registered St. Pius X Parish and other participating parishes in the Diocese of Columbus. In no case (except that of non-participating students) is the tuition amount paid by parents sufficient by itself to meet the cost of educating a child. Each parent is asked to carefully review all tuition guidelines as outlined below and in the St. Pius X Catholic School guidelines.

For a family to be acknowledged by the parish as a "participating member," it is necessary that they:

- ·Are a registered member of the parish,
- ·Are recognized by the pastor as a family participating in the sacramental life of the parish,
- ·Contribute time and talent to the ministries of the parish,
- ·And in agreement with the pastor, they regularly contribute an appropriate portion of their annual income to the financial support of the parish.

It is St. Pius X Parish policy, that to be considered for the subsidy, families are required to meet all the above-listed criteria.



Effective Monday, October 28, 2013 with the unanimous approval of the Parish Finance Council, the following policy outlined below will apply to all new parishioners registering in the St. Pius X Church who wish to have their children considered for enrollment in the St. Pius X Catholic School.

- 1. <u>Parents of students transferring from other schools in the Diocese</u>...Provide a letter on parish letterhead from the Pastor of their previous parish indicating the family met the criteria of the Diocesan policy for a participating member of a parish as outlined in the four principles noted on the previous page. Tuition must be current at the sending school.
- 2. Parents of students transferring from other schools outside the Diocese of Columbus...

Provide a letter on parish letterhead from the Pastor of their previous parish indicating the family met the criteria of their Diocesan or local parish guidelines for a participating member of the parish. Tuition must be current from the sending school.

- 3. Parents registered in another parish in the Diocese of Columbus who wish to register at St. Pius X and have children currently enrolled in St. Pius X Catholic School...Provide a letter of good standing on Parish letterhead from the pastor of their previous parish indicating the family met the criteria of a participating member of the parish as outlined in the principles noted on the previous page. Tuition must be current at St. Pius X Catholic School.
- 4. <u>Parents of students registering in St. Pius X Parish who desire to have their children enrolled in St. Pius X Catholic School</u> ...or who have students already enrolled in St. Pius X Catholic School that cannot provide the requested information above from the Pastor of their previous parish will be asked to wait one year before receiving a subsidy from the St. Pius X Parish.
- 5. <u>Consideration will be given for other information</u>, i.e., year-end parish contribution report for tax purposes from the previous parish or similar information.

The school reserves the right to refuse attendance to a student whose tuition payment is overdue and whose parents have not made satisfactory arrangements with the principal and the pastor of St. Pius X Church.

The school also reserves the right to withhold a student's permanent records (cumulative, psychological, etc.) and a student's report card until all financial arrangements are current.

St. Pius X Catholic School has contracted with FACTS Management Company to manage our tuition program. All families will have an account through FACTS. Tuition may be paid by the month, semester, or year. A 2% discount is offered to those families paying full annual tuition prior to July 1.

Tuition payments made for students who withdraw after August 15th will not be refunded. Any requested exemptions to the tuition policy must be submitted in writing to the principal. Exemptions are discretionary on the part of the administration and will only be made in extreme circumstances.



### **FINANCIAL AID**

The Diocese of Columbus, through the Legacy of Learning and the Bishop's Annual Appeal, makes financial aid available to Catholic school families through a program of tuition grants. <u>Applications for Diocesan Financial</u>
<u>Aid must be completed online at www.factstuitionaid.com and must be submitted no later than March 15th.</u>

In addition to this aid, St. Pius X Parish takes up a special collection once a year. These funds are used strictly to help needy families. Parish Endowment Funds are a third source of aid for families who need financial help to send their children to St. Pius X Catholic School.

To be considered for any St. Pius X grants or aid, you must first apply for Diocesan Financial Aid as listed above.

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