



**National Plant a Flower Day
March 12**

There is a great deal of information in this week's communication, which is our **main tool for sharing information** with families. Therefore, we ask that you take the time to read it, in its entirety, to keep up with what is happening in our school. Thank you in advance for your time and attention!



Please note the following important **calendar dates**:

Friday, March 14	9:30 AM	School Liturgy
Thursday, March 20	6:00 PM	2 nd Annual SPX Student Talent Show-Gymnasium
Friday, March 28		Teacher In-Service Day No School for Students



Intramurals

Intramurals have begun!
The schedule is as follows:

- Grades 4 & 5 – Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 7:45 – 8:45
- Grades Kindergarten and 1 – Wednesday afternoons from 3:30 – 4:30 PM
- Grades 2 & 3 – Wednesday mornings from 7:45 – 8:45



Registration for the 2025-26 School Year

Registration is now open for the 2025-26 School Year for all families, both current and prospective. Please submit completed registration packets as soon as possible to ensure enrollment, as classes are beginning to fill up. Thank you!

Building a Brighter Future Scholarship

Just a reminder that applications for the Building a Brighter Future Scholarship, through the Diocese of Rochester, must be submitted by March 31, 2025. The information is included in this week's communications.



We're up to \$951.70. Keep scanning! Let's see if we can cross the \$1,000 threshold by the end of the month!

In this month's leaderboard race, third grade has a commanding lead with 195 box tops. Kindergarten is in second place with 85, and first grade is in third place with 51. We need second, fourth, and fifth to get scanning.



St. Pius Tenth School Talent Show

We're ready to showcase our students in the 2nd annual Talent Show. Join us in the gymnasium on Thursday, March 20 at 6:00 PM.

Camp Stella Maris

There are two opportunities in the month of April at Camp Stella Maris. Information is below:

April Break Camp

When: April 14 – 18

Time: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Ages: K – 5th grade

Where: Camp Stella Maris 4395 E. Lake Rd, Livonia NY 14487

Cost: \$300 (+cc fee); financial assistance available

More info: <https://www.campstellamaris.org/year-round-kids/>

Teen Leadership Camp 2 (TLC)

When: April 25 – 27

Time: 7:00 pm Friday – Sunday 10:30 am

Ages: 14 – 16 years old

Where: Camp Stella Maris 4395 E. Lake Rd, Livonia NY 14487

Cost: \$25 registration fee and pay what you can

More info: <https://www.campstellamaris.org/teen-leadership-programs/>

“Be Who God Meant You to Be and You Will Set the World on Fire!”

-St. Catherine of Siena



Eligibility

The **Building A Brighter Future Scholarship** provides a tuition assistance scholarship opportunity for eligible students, **K-6th** grade, across our Diocesan schools for the 2025-2026 academic year. The scholarship supports the Department of Catholic Schools' mission to educate, inspire, and develop children into future leaders of the Church and community.

An online application process will assist in determining eligibility based on the National Standards for Free and Reduced-Priced Lunch. The Department of Catholic Schools will assist **new** families with selecting and enrolling in a school location throughout the application process.

To qualify, you must meet the income standards for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch below:

Income Eligibility Guidelines for Scholarship Program

Household Size	Annual Gross Income
2	\$37,814
3	\$47,767
4	\$57,720
5	\$67,673
6	\$77,626
7	\$87,579
8	\$97,532

**For each additional family member, add \$9,953*

Applications will be submitted online through the **FACTS Tuition Management** website. Please download the **"How to Apply" application instructions guide** at dorschools.org/scholarship

All materials will be reviewed by the Department of Catholic Schools in the order they are received. Additional documentation may be requested. After review, the superintendent will notify the principals of the selected Catholic schools and inform the families of awards.

Scholarship recipients are required to be in good academic standing, maintain enrollment and appropriate attendance, and are expected to follow the rules and procedures outlined in the school's Code of Conduct. They should contribute to a positive learning environment and show respect to other people and to property. Students who do not meet these requirements will not be eligible for a scholarship regardless of their financial needs.

This scholarship is for one full school year. Families who have received this scholarship in the past must reapply each year. **Applications for the 2025-2026 school year open on January 1, 2025. The application deadline is March 31, 2025.**



Application Instructions

1. Go to online.factsmgt.com/aid.
2. If **new parent** to the Diocese of Rochester Catholic Schools network, create an account by setting up a username and password with your information. If **existing parent** at one of our Diocesan schools, use your current FACTS credentials.
3. Select the **2025-2026 term**.
4. Review the FACTS platform information. **As with all financial aid applications, there is a \$40 fee to apply. This is not covered by the Diocese of Rochester Department of Catholic Schools. All applicants must pay this fee in order to apply for the scholarship.**
5. Select **Begin Application**.
6. Click **Add School / Organization**.
7. Type in the search box **Building a Brighter Future Scholarship**. Select the checkbox and click **Add**.
8. Click **Save & Continue** to proceed with completing the application.

Under the STUDENT section of the application:

- Enter students grade level for 2025/2026 School Year
 - Enter \$1 in the box for: Tuition
 - Enter \$1 in the box for: How much of this child's tuition can you and/or the co-applicant pay?
 - Enter \$1 in the box for: Annual tuition support required from this child's non-custodial parent as a result of legal separation, etc.
9. Continue completing all application sections.
 10. Finalize the application by uploading your tax documents and reviewing your submission.
 11. A Department of Catholic Schools representative will be in contact with you regarding your Building A Brighter Future Scholarship application and next steps with the school at which your current student(s) is enrolled at, or new student(s) may be enrolled.

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