



**St. Sylvester School**  
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Dear Parent,

I am writing this letter to let you know that our school has scholarship and tuition assistance monies still available for eligible families this school year. In addition the parish has an Angel Fund that gives grants to families who do not qualify for the diocesan funds. Have you ever thought it would be nice to have you child in a class with fewer students? Class size does make a difference when teachers are trying to individualize instruction to meet the needs of each child. I believe that a faith based curriculum, class size, highly qualified teachers and a parish / school community that gets involved are the main reasons why we have more to offer than most area schools.

Have you ever investigated to find out what is needed to be eligible for the diocesan SOS scholarship funding? The formula is a simple one. If you are a family with one dependent then the maximum income allowed is \$91,620. For each additional dependent in your family add \$15,200. There is a PSAS application to complete which assesses your level of need compared to all those families who have applied. For example, if your family income is \$91,000 then, while you qualify your level of need is not as great as a family with a \$45,000 income. Once the application has been reviewed then the diocese notifies the family of the amount awarded to your family. Given the amount of money designated to be used at St. Sylvester's, families can expect to receive at least \$750 deducted from tuition.

Families can also receive credit toward tuition when they participate in the SCRIP (gift cards) program. A certain percentage of total sales will be deducted quarterly. As you see there are a number of ways to help reduce the total cost of a catholic school education. It is an investment that last's a lifetime! Have you looked into what our school has to offer your family lately?

St. Sylvester School offers ½ day and full day academically oriented preschool and kindergarten programs. We offer classes for Grades 1 to 8 as well. Children have to be five by September 1 to start in our kindergarten. This is my second year at St. Sylvester's and I find it to be an awesome place. Have you thought recently about the benefits to your child, and to your family, that might be found in a catholic school? Especially in the sacramental years of instruction being immersed in faith based instruction on a daily basis is a wonderful gift to give your child.

If you would like to come and find out more about what we have to offer your family, or talk to someone who can give you more information about the financial end of things, please call me. I will be happy to meet with you at a time and date that suits your schedule. It is not too late to receive funding for this school year. It is not too late to get your children involved in our Extended Day Service, After School Programs or the athletic programs supported here. My email address is [stholychild@comcast.net](mailto:stholychild@comcast.net) and my phone number at school is 412-882-9900. Faith formation is our reason for being and academic excellence is an added plus you receive. I like to think that joining a school community that is active and welcomes your participation is another plus!

Sincerely,

Sister Barbara Anne Quinn, RSM  
Principal

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