

Dear Future SFS Families,

The calendar has barely turned to 2024, but we are already preparing for the next school year at SFS! Registration for the 2024/2025 year is currently open. Our registration may be completed online using the link below. Tuition assistance and scholarship application information is given on this page, as well as information on open houses and Kindergarten registration.

Please read the information below, and feel free to contact me if you have any questions. We look forward to having you as part of our SFS family!

Sincerely,

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### **Important Dates:**

- January 20<sup>th</sup> – Registration opens for current families and registered Future Families
- January 28<sup>th</sup> – Registration opens to the general public
- February 20<sup>th</sup> – Preschool 3 and PreK 4 classroom visitation day, 9:00 - Noon
- February 20<sup>th</sup> – Kindergarten Screenings, 9:00 - Noon



### **Enrolling A New Student:**

Our enrollment process is accessible online. This is done through Gradelink, which is our school management program. Enrolling is simple:

*scan here to enroll*

- Go to: <https://secure.gradelink.com/2265/enrollment>
- Create an account with your own username and password. Before continuing, you will have to click on a confirmation button within your email after creating an account.
- Answer all questions completely. You may quit the application at any time and pick up where you left off by simply logging in again with the same credentials you created.
- Please note – although Gradelink does have an app, the enrollment process must be done from a laptop or computer, or from the web browser on your phone.

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### **Preschool Visitation:**

Families are invited to come to the school on Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> between 9:00 and noon to visit our Preschool classrooms and meet our teachers, Mrs. Yeager (PK4) and Mrs. Dale (PS3). Registration for Preschool is open now and can be done at any time online using the enrollment link; <https://secure.gradelink.com/2265/enrollment> or scanning the QR code. Coming to this visitation is not necessary for enrollment; it is simply a chance for new families to see the classroom and meet the teacher to build up a relationship and help ease the transition into school for the little ones.



### **Kindergarten Screening:**

Our Kindergarten screenings will be done on Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> between 9:00 and noon in the Kindergarten classroom. All students entering Kindergarten for next year should attend this screening day, even if you are already registered or are currently attending SFS PreK4. Our teacher, Mrs. Lanich, will do readiness tests, and we hope to have others here to do health and speech screenings. This usually only takes about 20-30 minutes. Please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate and immunization records with you, if possible. Registration for kindergarten is open now and can be done online anytime using the enrollment link or QR code above. You do not need to wait until the screening day to register.

### **Tuition & Billing:**

- Tuition rates are set after we know our enrollment numbers for the year. Tuition generally does not increase by much each year, so we have published last year's rates for your reference. Please note this is the "sticker price"; the majority of our school families qualify for tuition assistance, and all families may earn tuition credit through our RaiseRight program. <https://www.stfrancisclearfield.org/tuition/>
- Tuition bills and packets may be picked up in the school office in early July. If you have any questions on tuition, please contact our bookkeeper Deacon Gene Miller @ [deaongenecpa@gmail.com](mailto:deaongenecpa@gmail.com) or calling 814-765-9671 ext. 5.
- You may begin to earn money off your tuition right away using our RaiseRight program. Anything you earn from now until late June will be deducted from your 2024/2025 tuition cost. Please see the info on RaiseRight below.

### **Financial Aid:**

Tuition assistance is offered to families based on financial need. Tuition credits are available to all families, regardless of income, through the RaiseRight program. Each type of aid has different requirements, so please make sure to read carefully to get all aid that you qualify for.

- St. Francis Financial Aid application– This is the application for any assistance and scholarships given by St. Francis School. There is a 20 hour volunteer requirement for this aid, which must be completed during the previous academic year. (waived for families just entering SFS for the first time) There is no income limit for these scholarships, however, they are awarded based on financial need. Click here to download the application and requirements:
- Diocese of Erie Tuition Assistance application – This application is for EITC scholarships awarded by the diocese. This form is available online at [www.eriercd.org](http://www.eriercd.org) . Click on “Tuition Assistance” under the “Education” tab on the website. There are income limits for this program, but they are relatively high. A family with two children can earn around \$142,000 and still qualify. See the application for exact income guidelines.
- RaiseRight – This program allows you to earn credits off your tuition simply by using gift cards for your everyday purchases of gas, groceries, dining, and more. There is no income limit on this, and you may begin using the program immediately, even before your child enters SFS. Tuition credits accumulate through June and are applied to the next school year, so anything earned from now until June 2024 would be deducted from your tuition for the 2024/2025 school year. Please visit [www.stfrancisclearfield.org](http://www.stfrancisclearfield.org) for more information, or contact Sheila Clancy for assistance in starting this program.