



Dear Redeemer Families:

Redeemer Lutheran School continues to be blessed in many ways. During the 2023-24 school year, we added a new K-8 math curriculum, upgraded our security cameras and gate system. Most notably was the addition of a full time Security Resource Officer who has become a positive influence for students on the campus while working diligently to keep our campus safe. In addition, we have added a support teacher for middle school classrooms. Next year we look forward to this becoming a full time position. Technological enhancements have included iPad and/or chrome book purchases to replace end of life devices and maintain a 1:1 student/device ratio for all K-8 students. Our STEM program has expanded, enabling eager students to use coding and scientific principles to create and build. Students engage in theater and worship as they have led our Advent services, and we look forward to the upcoming annual all-school Spring musical.

We are fully staffed with dedicated teachers, assistants, and staff members. Our teachers continue to demonstrate their love of students and teaching. The high retention and low turnover of our staff lends stability to our school family. Redeemer is blessed with a creative and enthusiastic PTO, supported by many committed families. They provide fun and exciting activities which build the school community as well as support our teachers. From welcome back to school activities, to pep rallies for our sports teams, the Christmas float, and post advent service cookies and cocoa to name a few.

2024-25 RLCS Tuition Updates

We are incredibly blessed this year to have 98% of our families benefiting from the Step Up for Students scholarships at an average of approximately \$8,000 per student. We will work very hard to ensure all families are aware of this opportunity and take advantage of it should they choose. Although there were some challenges with this process, we were pleased that nearly all of our Kindergarten - 8th grade students were awarded scholarships this school year to help offset tuition expenses.

For many years, tuition charges have not fully covered the student educational expenses at RLCS. Shortages have been supported by Redeemer Lutheran Church funding & school fundraising efforts to close the gap. For the first time, because of the new scholarships, we will be able to close this gap next year with a tuition increase with reduced impact to families who take advantage of the available Step Up scholarship. This year's tuition increase will better align RLCS for improvements needed to maintain the excellent education we at Redeemer Lutheran School strive for.

Attached you will find the 2024-25 Redeemer Lutheran School tuition rates. Registration fees will remain unchanged. However, there will be a new Safety & Security fee of \$650 per family due May 1st for the 2024-25 school year. If you feel the expenses will result in a financial burden or hardship for your family, we encourage you to reachout to our school bookkeeper, Kathy Hand who can review options and payment plans your family may qualify for. Kathy can be reached @ 772-286-0932.

The \$1,000 RLC member tuition discount will continue to be available for all member families. If you are interested in becoming a member of RLC please contact Kristen Cruz, Church Office Administrator @ 772-286-0911.



2024-25 School year enrollment will begin January 3, 2024 for our current RLCS families. Open enrollment will follow beginning February 1, 2024. It is anticipated many classes will fill early. We encourage families to take advantage and register as soon as possible.

Working collectively with the Church's Finance Committee, Business Office Manager, School Leadership and School Board, we are confident the combination of this year's tuition rate increase and Step Up Scholarship available to all families, will enable the school to cover the actual cost of educating our students with reduced impact to families.

We thank you for your commitment to RLCS. We realize tuition costs require a substantial sacrifice. Our commitment to you is to provide a strong academic and balanced curriculum with highly dedicated and experienced teachers in a Christ centered atmosphere that will prepare them for high school and beyond.

God's Blessings to you and your family.

Karyn McChrystal, Deb Braley, & Dave Wisehaupt