



# COMMUNION *of* SAINTS SCHOOL

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Welcome to Communion of Saints Catholic School! Thank you for your interest in having your child attend our school. We encourage you to call the school if you have any questions throughout the process.

## The Application Process:

- The following forms included in this packet must be completed:
  - Application Form
  - Request for Records Form (students entering grades 1-8)
  - Copy of most recent report card and MAP test scores (students entering grades 1-8)
- Additional documents that need to be submitted are:
  - Birth Certificate
  - Baptismal Certificate
  - Custody Papers, if applicable (Official Court Order required)
- All students applying to Communion of Saints School participate in an ability assessment. Students are accepted in the following order:
  - Parishioner
  - Parishioners of area Catholic churches without schools
  - Children of other faiths/non-denominational
  - *Communion of Saints School admits students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin.*
- Notification regarding the status of your application will occur after the assessment, by phone or mail.
- Upon acceptance, the remaining registration fee and tuition payment arrangements must be made.

For families seeking financial aid, it is of primary importance that the FACTS form be completed. **This is required to receive diocesan and/ or parish assistance. The FACTS form may be accessed online at: [online.factsmgt.com/aid](http://online.factsmgt.com/aid).**

Communion of Saints School accepts EdChoice Scholarships. The application process starts with our school. Please contact the school office if you are interested in the EdChoice Scholarship.

- Registration will be considered complete when all records are received, new families have met with Father John McNulty and, tuition arrangements have been finalized.
- **All Communion of Saints parishioners are required to schedule a meeting with the pastor, Father John McNulty, before acceptance is complete.**

We are proud of our facility, our teachers, our students, and our academic program. We look forward to the possibility of working together to educate your child. If you have any questions regarding the information contained in your packet, please contact the school office at 216-932-4177.

Blessings,

Mrs. Loretta Pilla, Principal

# COMMUNION OF SAINTS

## Mission

*Communion of Saints School, is a welcoming, inclusive community,  
rooted in Gospel values,  
nurturing spirituality, academic success, and social responsibility.*

## Who We Are

**Our Students:** Our students come from many different communities including Cleveland Heights, University Heights, South Euclid, Lyndhurst, East Cleveland, Cleveland and Shaker Heights. Bus transportation to and from Communion of Saints School is provided by the Cleveland Heights-University Heights and South Euclid-Lyndhurst school districts.

**Our Families:** In joining the Communion of Saints School family, you enter a community committed to building a caring, loving, and supportive environment for our children. This is evident in the way our families come together to support our PTO and Athletic Association. It can also be seen when our school families join in the worshipping life of the parish and participate in church-sponsored activities.

**Our Learning Environment:** Communion of Saints School provides a faith-filled, family-like atmosphere of learning for your child. Prayer is part of our daily activities and Sacramental opportunities are provided on a regular basis. Your child enters a supportive and nurturing community of learners. Just like a family, student, faculty, staff, and parents work to build positive relationships. Catholic schools like Communion of Saints School are known for academic excellence. In 2010, we were recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence because our students score in the top 10% of students nationwide. If a student needs remediation or enrichment, resources are available from a very qualified team of auxiliary teachers including a speech and language pathologist, an intervention specialist, and a psychologist.

**Our Safety Preparedness:** Our school has a safety plan in place in order to respond to possible emergencies in an effective and expedient manner. We have regular in-services for faculty and staff on what role they play in the unlikely event an emergency occurs. Our School has regular fire drills, tornado drills, and intruder drills and has a very good relationship with the Cleveland Heights Police and Fire departments.

## **SPRITUALITY / PARISH MEMBERSHIP**

Communion of Saints Catholic School is part of the mission of Communion of Saints Parish. Communion of Saints Parish was established in 2010 with the merging of four parishes in the community: Christ the King and Saint Philomena Parishes in East Cleveland and Communion of Saints and Saint Louis Parishes in Cleveland Heights. Our Parish Mission is:

*Communion of Saints Parish is a Catholic Community,  
united in one faith in Jesus Christ and committed to living the Gospel  
through worship, caring for all people,  
and providing a living sign of Christ's presence.*

By enrolling your child in our school, you are encouraged to become part of the worshipping community of Communion of Saints Parish through parish membership. School children whose parents are contributing members of the parish worshipping community receive a reduced tuition rate. To be considered an active, registered parishioner of Communion of Saints Parish, we strongly encourage weekly attendance at Mass; participation in the various ministries, programs, and volunteer activities of the parish.

At Communion of Saints Catholic School your child receives an education that is grounded in the Roman Catholic faith. Spiritual and moral development permeates the entire curriculum at Communion of Saints School. Our children participate in monthly all-school Masses, various prayer services, classroom prayer, and "faith family" activities (small prayer groups consisting of students from kindergarten through grade 8). As part of our school's emphasis on social responsibility, children experience many different kinds of service projects throughout the school year.

Communion of Saints School's student body is comprised primarily of students from the Roman Catholic faith tradition. However, many children from other faiths benefit from the fruits of an education that focuses on the total student: body, mind, and soul. Students from all faith traditions are welcome and regularly enroll. If you are not Catholic and would like to speak with one of our non-Catholic school families, please let us know. We would be happy to make the connection.

Communion of Saints Parish  
Rectory Phone: 216-321-0024

Pastor:	Father John P. McNulty
Parochial Vicar:	Father Matt Cortnik

## **What Communion of Saints School Means to Our Families**

At Communion of Saints School, our community of teachers, administrators, and families strive to instill the foundations of Catholic-centered education by celebrating the individual child, while also nurturing the whole person, mind, body and soul. In educating the mind through academics and the arts that both challenge and enrich, our faculty takes each student, through individualized lesson plans, to the next level of learning. Through athletic programs and physical education, our students learn sportsmanship, character, interpersonal skills, and life-long healthy habits. By attending religion classes and weekly Mass, as well as service opportunities, our children experience the spiritual formation of the soul. At Communion of Saints School, we recognize that each child has potential and talents that are unique to him or herself, and by educating the whole person, our students are fully prepared for not only the next steps in their own lives, but are prepared to offer their gifts to the community at large. Our graduates consistently go on to top-rated high schools, colleges and universities as well-rounded, healthy, service-minded individuals. For over 100 years in Cleveland Heights, students have come to Communion of Saints School as young children, and graduate as Global citizens. Below are some of the things our families have to say about why they chose Communion of Saints School:

"We wanted to give our daughters the best opportunity during their formative years to not only have an excellent education, but to learn and live the Catholic faith."

– ***The Patterson Family***

"We really loved the idea of our children being part of a close-knit, caring community. We wanted them to attend a school that was deeply rooted in faith, and Communion of Saints is perfect, as their father and grandparents also attended."

– ***The Bossard Family***

"We wanted our children to have both an excellent academic education, as well as a Catholic one. We have found an amazing, supportive community of families with whom we share important values."

– ***The James Family***

"We wanted a Catholic-based education instilled in our children with high morals, values, and awareness of oneself, plus a duty to serve others. Teachers develop their organizational and critical thinking skills – challenging them to think beyond what is printed on a textbook page. Our children are much more aware of their impact on the world around them, Communion of Saints is laying the foundation for them to be tomorrow's leaders."

– ***The Heltzel Family***

"We love the atmosphere of respect and inclusion at Communion of Saints. The teachers genuinely care about the students and encourage them to reach their full academic potential!"

– ***The Calkins Family***

"The unmistakable sense of community, faith, and shared values that exist here. The education our children receive goes well beyond textbooks and lesson plans."

– ***The Shepherd Family***

"We believe in Catholic education. Our children are treated with respect by their teachers and peers and are encouraged to be the best version of themselves every day. Beyond the excellent education they are receiving, the COS community is one-of-a-kind."

– ***The Foss Family***



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Catholic education is the starting point on the path to a lifetime of accomplishment for your child. The curriculum and extra-curricular offerings help broaden students' interests, build confidence, and teach self-discipline. Catholic schools help children become the best they can be, both inside and outside the classroom, and they offer a chance for success in a positive, safe environment.

Communion of Saints is committed to providing a quality Catholic education centered on Gospel values. As you know, we work very hard to ensure that our students have all that they need for success while maintaining affordability for our families. Historically, our tuition has been significantly lower than the true cost to educate each child, which is approximately \$7,300.00. Communion of Saints Parish generously subsidizes the difference and will continue to do so. We are pleased to inform you that the tuition has been updated to a standard flat rate.

**Tuition for the 2022-2023 school year: \$5,500.00**

**2022-2023 Registration fee (per student): \$250.00**

*This fee is non-refundable*

**All families are welcomed and encouraged to apply for tuition assistance.** Options include:

- EdChoice, Expansion Scholarship & Cleveland Scholarships- contact the school office for more information.
- Parish Life Scholarship: available to those families who are registered at a Catholic parish in the Diocese of Cleveland.
- Diocesan Tuition Assistance: contact the school office for more information.
- Need-Based Scholarships through our parish- open to all school families.

**It is our goal to ensure that an affordable Catholic education is available to all who wish for one.**

Please remember that you are partners in the educational process and choosing a Catholic education is one of the best ways to invest in your children's future. If you have any questions about your tuition assistance options, please contact the front office at 216-932-4177 to set up an appointment.

Blessings,

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Pastor

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## **Application for Admission**

**For Students Applying to Grades K to 8**

### **STUDENT INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last Preferred First

Applying for Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Public School District \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number Street Name Apt.

City State Zip

### **FAMILY INFORMATION**

#### **Parent/Guardian 1**

☐ Father ☐ Mother ☐ Partner ☐ Guardian

☐ Mr. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Ms. ☐ Dr. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: ☐ Same as Child ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Parent/Guardian 2**

☐ Father ☐ Mother ☐ Partner ☐ Guardian

☐ Mr. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Ms. ☐ Dr. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: ☐ Same as Child ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Student's Siblings and Birthdates:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## **RELIGION**

Religion: \_\_\_\_\_ Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

If your child has completed any Catholic sacraments, please fill out the information below and attach copies of the related certificates.

<b><u>Sacrament</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Church Name</u></b>	<b><u>Church Address</u></b>
Baptism	_____	_____	_____
First Reconciliation	_____	_____	_____
First Holy Communion	_____	_____	_____
Confirmation	_____	_____	_____

## **STUDENT EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Current School: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Years Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

School Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Has this student ever repeated a grade? ☐ Yes ☐ No Grade(s): \_\_\_\_\_

## **SPECIAL EDUCATION**

Has your child previously been evaluated by a district Committee on Special Education? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Has your child previously been evaluated by a private psychological or educational agency? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If YES to either question above, when? \_\_\_\_\_

If YES to either question above, which services were **recommended**?

☐ Speech and Language      Counseling/Psychological Services      Physical Therapy  
☐ Resource Room      Other: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ None Recommended

Does your child **currently receive** special education services? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If YES, which are being received?

☐ Speech and Language      ☐ Counseling/Psychological Services      ☐ Physical Therapy  
☐ Resource Room      ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

*I understand that I must submit all Special Education or 504 documentation in order for my child's application to be considered.*

*I affirm that the above information is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that failure to provide the required documentation stops the application process. Furthermore, should my child be accepted under false, incomplete or negligent information, my child will be dismissed from the school. I also agree that should my child be accepted, my child and I will be bound by the terms and conditions of the school's parent/student handbook including those provisions referencing inoculations.*

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## REQUEST FOR RECORDS

By my (our) signature below, I (we), as parent(s)/legal guardians of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Student)

whose date of birth is \_\_\_\_\_ give permission to the principal of:  
(Date of birth)

School: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

to release a copy of the following records FOR REVIEW for the above- named student to  
Communion of Saints School.

\*Grades and academic records

\*Psychological assessments and records

\*Disciplinary records

\*Attendance records

\*Medical records

\*Testing results and/or evaluations

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/ Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Please email/mail or fax records to:

Communion of Saints School  
2160 Stillman Road  
Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118  
Fax: 216-932-7439  
[admissions@communionofsaintsparish.org](mailto:admissions@communionofsaintsparish.org)