

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR 2018-2019

### Sumter Christian School

**PAYMENT METHODS:** Sumter Christian School has contracted again with FACTS Tuition Management for the 2017-18 school year. The FACTS website is <https://online.factsmgmt.com/signin/4H9WV> (a link to this site is on the school's website). New parents should set up their accounts immediately after enrolling a child. Returning parents will see your matriculation fee on your statement once you have submitted the reservation request form. Several payment dates are available for monthly plans. There is an annual fee of \$50 per family (charged by FACTS on the first payment made). The fee is \$20 for the annual or semester plan, and the school will pay the fee for either of the \$20 plans (and continue to give the 3% discount for the annual plan as we have in the past).

**MATRICULATION** This reservation fee is due upon enrollment, which opens to current students in February and new students in March. It reserves your child's space for the year and covers processing costs. The fee is \$50 for all students.

**REGISTRATION** (due by June 10 or upon enrollment or re-enrollment if registering after June 10) This charge covers achievement testing, library acquisitions, furniture, equipment (instructional and playground), summer maintenance, and membership in the South Carolina Association of Christian Schools (SCACS) and American Association of Christian Schools (AACS). These organizations provide legal oversight, certification for our teachers, and accreditation for the school. The fee is \$170 per student for preschool, \$230 per student for grades K-8, and \$275 for grades 9-12. The registration fee is assessed to your account and posted on June 1.

**TUITION** The tuition, usually paid in 11 payments July through May, pays for faculty and staff salaries and benefits and the daily operation of the school. The annual cost of tuition is as follows:

Preschool	\$3,223.....	(\$293 per month, July through May or \$322 August through May if enrolling after July1)
Kindergarten	\$3,784.....	(\$344 per month, July through May or \$378 August through May if enrolling after July1)
Grades 1-12	\$4,334.....	(\$394 per month, July through May or \$433 August through May if enrolling after July1)

A late fee of \$35 is assessed each month the payment is late.

**DISCOUNTS** Two students in the same family living at the same address and being billed as one account receive a 5% discount on the annual tuition; three receive 17%; four or more receive 30%. There is no discount on the matriculation and registration fees. A 3% discount is given on the annual tuition if it is paid in full before or on Open House day. Active military families that are new to Sumter Christian School in 2017-18 receive a 10% discount on tuition (for the first year only). All families at SCS can receive referral discounts for students who enroll because of your recommendation. We have two referral incentives for current families, one is good before June 1 and the other is good from June until the first day of school. This is in addition to the multi-child discount.

**BOOK FEES** The prices for workbooks are published by June 1. Book fees must be paid by the first day of school since we cannot distribute books until they are purchased. Prepaying these during the summer will help avoid waiting in line during Open House. Please see the page titled "Workbook and Class Fees" for the most current listing of these costs.

**ATHLETIC FEES** are due before the first game of the season. The seasons are divided into fall, winter, and spring sports. The fees are \$95 for each varsity sport and \$65 for each JV sport. If a parent has two or more children playing a varsity sport in the same season, the fee is \$65 for the additional varsity siblings. The varsity fee includes a season pass for the immediate family (2 parents and siblings living at the same address) to all home games during that season. Parents of JV players will be charged admission for each game they attend. If a parent has a varsity and JV child, the pass for the varsity game will allow free admission to the JV game also.

**DAY CARE** Students in SCS who arrive for early care, stay for late care, or attend on days when the school is closed are charged an hourly rate of \$3.45 per child. There is an \$80 weekly cap during weeks that school is in session and a \$120 weekly cap during weeks when school is not in session. Please see the website or Parent-Student Guide for other information about Day Care.

**TARGET LEARNING CENTER (TLC)** The fee is \$1,625 per course and can be divided into 11, 10, or 9 months (starting in July, August, or September and going through May). This is about \$9.00 per hour calculated over the 180 days of school. See the parent information sheet for other information regarding TLC.

**OTHER FEES** Class fees for courses that use the computer lab or science lab are due before the first day of school. A graduation fee is due for all seniors (\$60) and kindergartners (\$25) before their day of graduation. Returned checks incur a \$30 fee (personal checks are not accepted after two returned checks). A withdrawal fee of \$50 will be charged if a student withdraws after the first day of school. Students in preschool and kindergarten pay a \$45 supply fee, which provides items such as crayons, glue, construction paper, scissors, school box, tissues, etc. for the entire year. Payments made in the office via credit card or debit card will incur a 3% fee of transaction amount (with a minimum fee of \$2).

**REFUNDS** Matriculation and registration fees are non-refundable and non-transferable. Workbook fees are refundable if the books are totally unused. Unused tuition is refundable and is calculated by prorating the daily rate of tuition (based on 180 days).

**PAST DUES** Parents whose accounts are 30 days in arrears must submit a written payment plan to the School Committee for their approval to maintain enrollment in Sumter Christian School. All records and report cards are withheld until tuition and all other school fees are paid in full. Students may not attend the first day of school unless the account is current.

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