



# Tuition Assistance Information Meeting

December 5, 2023

# Welcome & Opening Prayer



# We Are Here to Help

- Jason Schiffli, *Principal*
- Susan Schenkel, *Business Manager*
- Molly Schreck, *Tuition & Scholarship Coordinator*
- Kim Cochran, *School Choice Coordinator*



# 2023-2024 Actual Tuition Costs

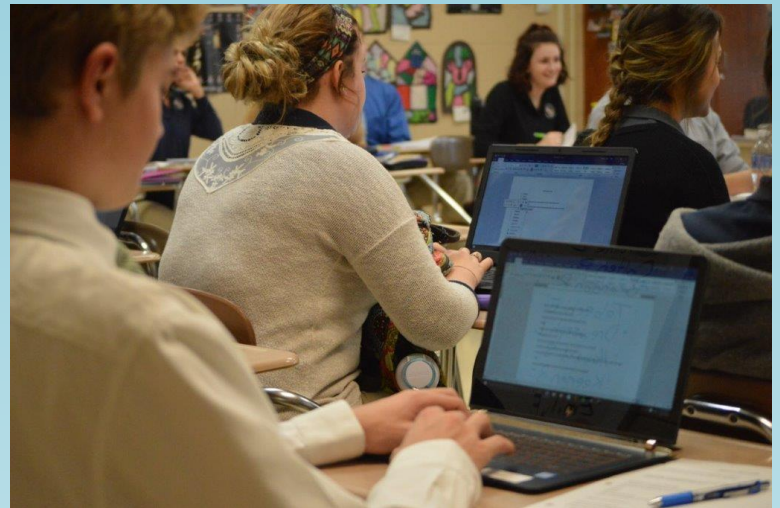
• **Parish Rate = \$9,373**

• **Non-Parish Rate = \$10,873**

*Note: Pastor determines if a family is an active parishioner*

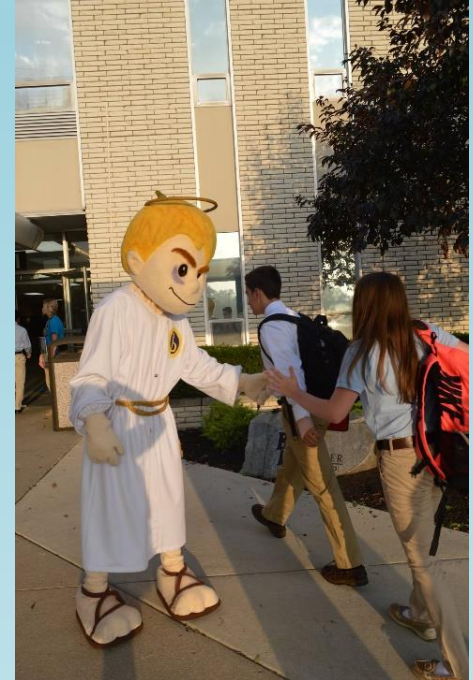
Each student is required to have a laptop. Please do not purchase your laptop until the system requirements have been finalized and communicated.

Freshmen/Transfer Students will have a one-time tech fee of \$130 added to tuition bill.



# What is Tuition Assistance?

- Approximately 70% of our families receive some form of tuition assistance
- Over \$3.0 million is awarded each year:
  - Tuition Assistance from Bishop Dwenger
  - Indiana School Choice Scholarships
  - SGO Award
  - Merit-based BDHS Scholarships
  - Need-based BDHS Scholarships





# How to Apply



BISHOP DWENGER  
HIGH SCHOOL

SEARCH



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## Bishop Dwenger High School

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The image is a screenshot of the Bishop Dwenger High School website. At the top left, there is a logo for Bishop Dwenger High School. In the top right corner, there is a search bar with the word "SEARCH" and a close button (X). The main content area features a large, semi-transparent banner with the school's logo and the text "Bishop Dwenger High School" in a large, serif font. Below this, it says "The Bishop Dwenger Community assists students in becoming 'Citizens of Two Worlds.'" and a button labeled "Principal's Welcome Message". On the right side, there is a dark blue navigation menu with the following items: "Calendar", "News", "Our School", "Academic", "Admissions", "Spirituality", "Student Life", "Athletics", "Alumni", "Support Dwenger", and "Daily Announcements". A yellow arrow points to the "Admissions" link in the menu.

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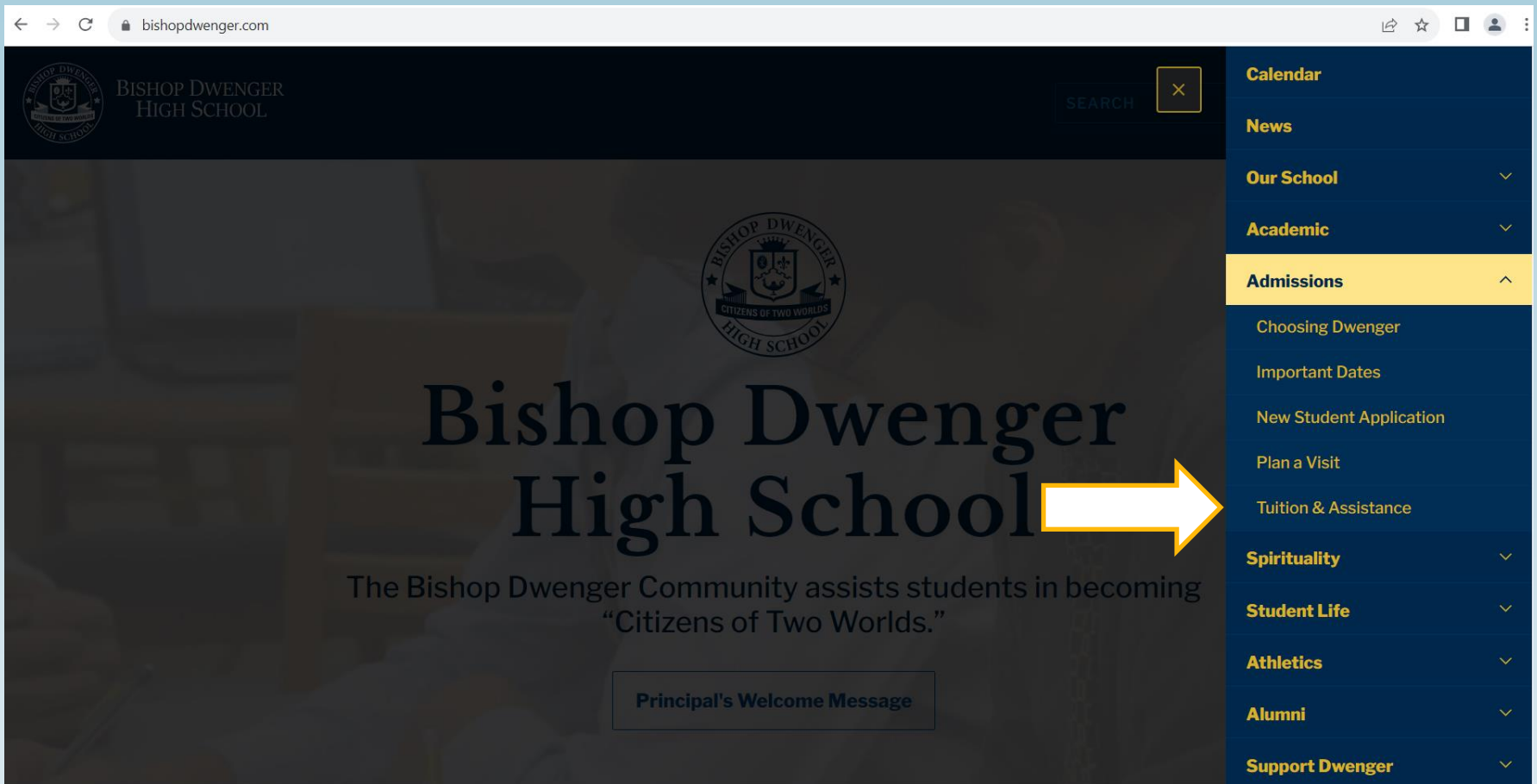
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<https://www.bishopdwenger.com/tuition-and-assistance>



# How to Apply

1. Recommended Deadline: April 15<sup>th</sup>
2. Fee: \$40 non-refundable application fee per family
3. Families with children attending multiple schools complete one application, include all students and all schools for which parents are paying tuition
  - Diocese can follow the status of an application through an online tracking system
  - Analysis and financial reports by FACTS are provided online to the Diocese
4. FACTS application is required for:
  - Tuition Assistance from Bishop Dwenger
  - Bishop Dwenger Scholarships (**not** School Choice)
  - SGO Award

# How Much Assistance Will I Receive?

- FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment calculates need
- Bishop Dwenger receives a confidential report outlining your current financial status, based on the information obtained from your FACTS application
- Once the applications are processed, assistance is awarded based on need and availability of funds
- Tuition assistance grants are awarded based on individual family need in direct proportion to other families applying for aid that year
- A family can still receive additional assistance even if a scholarship is awarded, including School Choice Scholarship and SGO Award

# How Will I Know if My Family Receives Tuition Assistance?

FACTS Grant & Aid applications are reviewed by the Principal and Business Manager

- You may be contacted by the Business Office or Principal for additional information
- Tuition bills will be sent in July, and preliminary scholarship award notices will be available on Verification Day, if not before
- Amounts will be finalized in September and accounts will be adjusted at that time, tuition assistance may be adjusted based on scholarships received





# Indiana Choice Scholarship

Legislative changes related to the School Choice program went into effect on June 29, 2023:

1. The eligibility pathways/tracks have been removed
2. Financial eligibility increased from 300% to 400% of Free and Reduced Lunch eligibility

For a family to qualify for School Choice, there are only two factors to consider:

1. Indiana Residency
2. Total Household Income
  - The income limits will be published on our website once the state publishes the official income limits for the 24-25 program year

To apply for the 204-2025 school year, contact Kim Cochran at 496-4705 or [kcochran@bishopdwenger.com](mailto:kcochran@bishopdwenger.com).

# Indiana Choice Scholarship 2023-2024 Income Eligibility

Annual Household Income Limits based on 2022 Adjusted Gross Income.  
Annual Income Limits and Award Amounts for 2024-2025 will be available in 2024.

Household Size	Full Choice Scholarship
	Effective 6/29/2023 (90% school corp. funding) (400% of fed. free/reduced lunch)
1	\$107,892.00
2	\$145,928.00
3	\$183,964.00
4	\$222,000.00
5	\$260,036.00
6	\$298,072.00
7	\$336,108.00
8	\$374,144.00
9	\$412,180.00
10	\$450,216.00

## 2023-2024 ESTIMATED Award Amounts

School District	Estimated Award Amount
FWCS	\$6,610.74
EACS	\$6,360.16
NWAC	\$5,787.55
SWAC	\$5,830.05

# SGO

## (Scholarship Granting Organization)

The SGO award is granted by a school to students whose families meet the required income guidelines.

1. Applications for an SGO award are processed through FACTS. Once your application is verified, you are then considered for an SGO award
2. A student may receive one SGO award each year
3. Awards are approved in October, with a second round of determinations in January
4. Award amounts vary in size based upon available funds; minimum award is \$500



# Scholarship 101

- A wide variety of Dwenger scholarships are available, with each having its own criteria
- To be eligible for a Dwenger scholarship award, you must also complete the FACTS Management Grant & Aid form (FACTS not needed for Choice Scholarship)
- Students must complete the online application, available at [bishopdwenger.com](http://bishopdwenger.com), under “Admissions” and “Tuition & Assistance”



# Scholarship 101

- The Bishop Dwenger Merit Scholarship is the only merit-based scholarship; awards are allocated solely on results of Merit Exam, administered in December of 8<sup>th</sup> grade year
- All other Dwenger Scholarships are based on financial need and scholastic ability



# Scholarship Application – Online

- Online scholarship & FACTS applications are due by April 15<sup>th</sup>
- Application must be completed in its entirety by the student
- Be sure to upload a Power School print out of current grades or a copy of your child's report card
- One letter of recommendation by a teacher, priest, coach, or administrator (non-family) is required
- Essay required

# Scholarship Application Process

- Applications are reviewed by the scholarship committee in the summer
- Committee recommendations are made based on quality of application
- Award is then allocated based on FACTS information and quality of application
- Notification of award to the family will be finalized in July; preliminary award letters will be available on Verification Day



# Future Scholarships



- A new FACTS application must be completed each year by the parent
- A new scholarship application and essay must be completed each year by the student

# Paying Your Tuition

ALL families are required to enroll in a FACTS Payment Plan during enrollment & application

## FACTS Payment Plan Options:

### **Option 1 - Payment(s) at school by check or cash (no fee)**

- Full Payment by August 1st *or*
- Pay half by August 1st and remaining half by December 1st

### **Option 2 - Semi-Annual Automatic Payments (\$30 fee)**

- Two (2) semi-annual payments through FACTS Management by August 1st and remaining half by February 20th

### **Option 3 - Monthly Automatic Payments (\$80 fee)**

- Ten (10) monthly payments through FACTS Management, or a partial payment at school by August 1st and the remaining balance in ten (10) monthly payments through FACTS Management

## Payment Types available through FACTS:

- *Auto-Debit from checking or savings account on the 5<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> of each month*
- *Credit or Debit Card, plus convenience fee*



# Free or Reduced-Price Meals

To apply for free or reduced-price meals, complete the form on BD website under “Policy/Forms” located in the Quick Links section of the website; 2024-25 application will be available after July 1st

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**Important Happenings** [Full Calendar](#) [Daily Announcements](#)

- DEC 5** Financial Aid Night  
Financial Aid Night
- DEC 7** All School Mass  
All School Mass
- DEC 9** Christmas Formal Dance  
Christmas Formal Dance

**Quick Links**

- [Canvas](#)
- [PowerSchool](#)
- [Faculty & Staff](#)
- [Policies & Forms](#)
- [Guidance](#)
- [MyPaymentsPlus](#)
- [Donate Now](#)
- [Athletics](#)

# Free or Reduced-Price Meals

- Applications should be sent to the attention of Susan Schenkel, Business Manager, by August 1<sup>st</sup> to be in effect the first day of school
- Families with children attending multiple schools will need to complete an application with each school



# Business Office Timeline



**JANUARY 15, 2024**

Application Deadline, \$125 registration fee waived



**MARCH/APRIL 2024**

Choice Scholarship Application window opens for 2024-2025



**APRIL 15, 2024**

Financial Aid (FACTS) Application due  
BDHS Scholarship Application due



**AUGUST 2024**

First Tuition Payment Due



# Contact Information

## Business Office:

Susan Schenkel – *Business Manager*  
260-496-4752  
sschenkel@bishopdwenger.com

Molly Schreck – *Scholarship, Tuition & Payment Questions*  
260-496-4704  
mschreck@bishopdwenger.com

Kim Cochran – *School Choice Coordinator*  
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Thank You!



**Be the Saint you are called to be!**