

St. Teresa of Avila School

New Student Frequently Asked Questions

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When may I register my child?

Registration begins with a pre-application. This form is found on the website, or you may call the school office and we can fill it out over the phone. Registration officially begins February 1 and continues through February 28. The deadline for enrollment at St. Teresa is June 30th.

What items are required to register?

When you return registration you will need:

- Child's birth certificate
- Copy of current utility bill showing your name and address (dated within last 60 days)
- Baptismal certificate (and other Sacrament certificates, if applicable)
- Custody papers, if applicable
- Past school records, if applicable
- Registration fee \$50.00 per student (non-refundable)
- Technology fee of \$50.00 per student (refundable)
- All Registration paperwork

In addition, the following may be requested: standardized test scores, individual education plan, psychological testing/counseling records, Baptismal certificate, letters of recommendation, and an academic screening test may be administered.

What is the preference of admitting new students to St. Teresa?

Classroom space will be allocated according to the order of preference listed below. If all spaces are filled, a waiting list will be established.

Order of preference for admissions:

1. A child currently enrolled at St. Teresa of Avila School in our kindergarten through 8th grade.
2. A child with brothers and/or sisters currently enrolled, who is seeking enrollment for the first time, whose parents are considered active parishioners*.
3. A child, seeking enrollment for the first time, whose parents are considered active parishioners. If there are more parishioner applicants than openings; order of admission will be determined by the families' initial date of parish registration.
4. A child, seeking enrollment for the first time whose brothers and/or sisters are currently enrolled, whose parents are non-members of the parish.
5. A child, seeking enrollment for the first time, whose parents are non-members of the parish.

*An active parishioner is one who participates in the Sunday liturgies, takes part in parish projects, and supports the parish through active participation in the parish stewardship program.

What are the Registration Fees?

A \$50.00 non-refundable registration fee per student will be required at time of registration, along with a \$50 technology fee per student, which is refundable up until the first day of school.

What is the tuition for 2020--2021?

Tuition per child is \$5,000.00. If you are not applying for EdChoice, you must choose a Tuition Payment plan. You can pay the entire tuition up front before August 15th, select the preferred option of automatic monthly transfers from a checking or savings account (no fee for this option, or you can sign up for monthly tuition invoices to be sent home which would include a surcharge of \$50 on the first month's tuition statement.

Is Tuition Assistance Available?

Yes, Tuition Assistance is available for Catholic families who are registered and active parishioners with children in grades K – 8. St. Teresa uses FACTS to determine financial aid. You must apply on-line at FACTS Management using school code 16731.

What classes will my child participate in?

St. Teresa's course of study for all grades is in keeping with the Archdiocese and State approved curriculum. St. Teresa consistently scores in the upper range of standardized achievement tests.

All classes, kindergarten through 8th grade, participate in Music, Art, Physical Education, and Computer classes taught by certified teachers. There is also an Advanced Language Arts program and an Advanced Math program which are offered to students in grades 5 - 8 who qualify. All classes go to the school library once a week. Kindergarten participates in story time and grades 1 – 8 participate in the Accelerated Reader program.

We have a part-time nurse, school psychologist, intervention specialist, speech pathologist and remedial reading and math teachers on staff for those students with special needs.

Does St. Teresa accept EdChoice Scholarship Vouchers?

Yes, St. Teresa does accept students using the EdChoice Scholarship Vouchers; however, before a student will be considered for acceptance, they must complete the registration process. Admission to St. Teresa of Avila is at the **discretion of the principal**. Acceptance will be based on the above information and is conditional upon space availability.

To qualify for the EdChoice Scholarship, your child must be currently attending a designated public school which has been determined to be in Academic Watch or Academic Emergency or be an incoming kindergartener who would be assigned by their public school district to a designated school (i.e. Carson, Midway, Roberts, Westwood; please see <http://EdChoice.ohio.gov> for a complete listing and more information).

EdChoice also offers an Expansion program for those who believe they would qualify for low-income. Separate applications are available for this and are available to students from any school.

How does the School communicate with its parents?

A weekly newsletter, the *Bruin Bulletin*, is published and sent home with other flyers and information via e-mail to families on Thursdays and is also available on the school's website (stteresa.net). In addition, a monthly School Calendar is available on the website. Messages are also sent to parents via email and through Option C.

Does St. Teresa have an After School Care Program?

There is an After School Care Program (Latchkey) available for students in grades Kindergarten through 8. Latchkey hours are from 2:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. in the afternoon. Children participate in a wide variety of activities such as crafts, indoor and outdoor play, games and homework assistance. For prices and more information, please contact the director, LeeAnn Aull at 471-4530 ext. 130 or email her at aull_l1@stteresa.net.

What are some of the extra curricular activities offered at St. Teresa?

Athletics, Scouting, Student Council, Youth Group, Lego Club, Photography Club, Joyful Noise Choir, Power of the Pen, Creative Writing, Harry Potter Club and Book Club are some of the programs offered.

Does St. Teresa have a hot lunch program?

No, St. Teresa does not have a hot lunch program; however, milk or juice as well as snacks are available for purchase. The PTG also sponsors several special food days each month which you have the option of pre-ordering (i.e. Chick-fil-A, Skyline).

Is St. Teresa a secure building?

Yes. All doors are locked and visitors must ring to be admitted into the building. All visitors are required to sign in at the school office.

Are tours of the school available?

Tours are available by contacting the principal to set up an appointment.

Is school bus service available to St. Teresa?

Yes, Cincinnati Public Schools offers bus service to those students who live within the CPS district, live over one mile from school **and** are within the Transportation route for our school. You may call First Student at 761-6100 if you are not sure you are within the transportation route for St. Teresa.

For further information, please contact the school office at 471-4530. Please also visit our website at www.stteresa.net for more information and news regarding school activities.