



Registration for the 2022-2023
school year is open and \$100
registration fee for current
students has been extended until
February 28th!

On March 1st registration will
increase to \$150.00.



NOTRE DAME SCHOOL OF BETHLEHEM

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Phone # 610-866-2231 * www.ndbethlehemschool.org

November 15, 2021

Dear Parents:

We are in thick of another successful year at **Notre Dame School of Bethlehem**. While our students are looking forward to holiday breaks, we are busy preparing for the next school year. Part of our preparation is to look for the most effective and efficient programs available that will be of greatest benefit to both parents and the school.

One change we are instituting is in the tuition collection program. While your tuition payment options will remain the same, we will be using **STS Tuition Solutions**. This year as part of registering for the new school year, we are asking that you set up your payment plan with STS.

Steps for registering for 2022-2023 school year

- Fill out registration form (attached)
- Set up account and payment plan with STS (please use the following link <https://app.simpletuitionsolutions.org/register?sc=20414>)
- Send in registration fee

Steps for applying for financial aid for 2022-2023 school year

- Fill out registration form
- Set up account and payment plan with STS
- Send in registration fee
- Fill out financial aid application (Application will be open on January 3, 2022)
- Pay financial aid application fee

We look forward to this association with STS as well as your continued cooperation throughout the 2022-2023 school year. Please read the important information attached. Please email the school tuition manager, Gwen Cantwell, with any questions at gcantwell@ndbethlehemschool.org.

Thank you for your belief in and support of Notre Dame School as the most appropriate program for the educational and spiritual growth of our most precious gift – your children.

In Faith, Mind and Spirit,

Mrs. Donna Hopper
Principal



Dear Families,

On behalf of the Simple Tuition Solutions staff, we would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and introduce ourselves.

Simple Tuition Solutions (STS) has partnered with the Diocese of Allentown, Eastern Pennsylvania Scholarship Foundation, and its affiliated schools to replace FACTS Management for the 2022/23 school year and beyond. STS will help improve upon the financial aid assessment and Tuition Management process that has been in place in prior years.

Some of the benefits you will find with STS are lower application fees (Only \$25.00 per application), a shorter more intuitive application process (Only 8 Steps counting the payment step), a dedicated application processor assigned to you upon submission of your application, and quick customer service every step of the way. To help facilitate a smooth transition we will supply your school with a document that will provide you brief step by step instructions on how to create an account and complete the financial aid application.

By utilizing the link your school will provide to you, you will be able to create your STS account and begin the financial aid application process for the 2022/23 school year. Please DO NOT complete any financial aid applications from FACTS Management, they will not be accepted.

For answers to any questions you may have in relation to our software or functionality, please contact customer support anytime M-F 9:00-6:00 EST.

STS Support

Phone: 717-599-7611 Option 1

Email: support@simpletuitionsolutions.org

Again, we'd like to welcome you aboard and we look forward to making your application and payment processes as quick and easy as possible.

With Pleasure and Gratitude,

The STAFF at Simple Tuition Solutions



Dear Parent or Guardian,

Notre Dame of Bethlehem School has partnered with Simple Tuition Solutions (STS) to Determine Eligibility for Tuition Assistance.

To complete the STS Financial Aid Application, please follow these 6 simple steps:

- 1.) Click on the unique link specific to ND of Bethlehem: <https://app.simpletuitionsolutions.org/register?sc=20414>
 - a. If you happen to land on a page that asks you to enter a School or Scholarship Organization Code, you want to enter code: **20414**
- 2.) If you do not already have an account with STS, you want to click on the Orange Button "Create a new account".
*** If you already have an account with STS, click "Sign in", and enter your previously created login and password. ***
- 3.) Create your account
- 4.) Upon creation of your account you will be sent to a page that will allow you to "Start a new Application". Be sure you are selecting the proper School year you are seeking assistance for.
*** Note: You may include ALL of your students on one application, even if they attend other private schools ***
- 5.) The Application Process is 8 Steps counting the payment step, each step will save as you advance to the next step. You are able to use the 8-step tool bar across the top of the page to toggle back to a previous step and make any necessary edits. However, please note, once you complete the process of uploading your required financial documents it will lock the application from all editing. At this point, if any changes would need to be made to the submitting application, you can gladly email STS at support@simpletuitionsolutions.org or call at 717.599.7611 option 1.
- 6.) After completion of the payment process you will be advised as to which financial documents you need to provide STS. You will also be sent an email that outlines what you need to provide as well as introduce you to the application processor that will be handling the review of your application. **Please Note:** You can simply scan or take a photo of your financial documents and upload them into STS's system using STS's convenient upload feature. This is the fastest way to provide STS with your required financial documentation. However, you can also mail the signed copies of your financial documents to STS to the following P.O. Box address: **Simple Tuition Solutions, LLC, P.O. Box 779 Camp Hill, PA 17001**. Once your financial documents are loaded the system will lock the application from all editing. At this point, if any changes would need to be made to the submitting application, you can gladly email STS at support@simpletuitionsolutions.org or call at 717.599.7611 option 1.

Finally, once STS has received all of the required financial documentation from you, STS's application processors will verify the data and review your entire application per Pennsylvania State Law to determine your eligibility for any state programs. You will be notified directly via email upon the completion of this verification/review process. In addition, the results will also be available to your School or any Scholarship Organization associated with the scholarship. **It is important to note that STS is only contracted to handle the verification and eligibility determination, therefore, DOES NOT have any input, control, or insight into scholarship amounts or when they may be awarded.**



NOTRE DAME SCHOOL OF BETHLEHEM

2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

REGISTRATION/TRANSFER FORM

To the parents of current Kindergarten -7th grade students:

Last year we had a few classes that had a waitlist. Please help us plan for the next school year by completing one of the forms below and return it to school with registration fee.

Registration is **\$100.00** per student if paid Nov 15th -Jan 31st

Registration is **\$150.00** per student if paid Feb 1st – May 31st

Registration is **\$200.00** per student if paid after June 1st

Please note that you will not be eligible for any scholarship money or be actively enrolled until form and registration fee are returned and new STS tuition payment plan is set up.

Please complete if your child/children will be returning and return with payment. (Registration is non-refundable)

Child's Name and Grade: _____

Child's Name and Grade: _____

Child's Name and Grade: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

STS Tuition Payment Plan ID# _____

Please make check payable to Notre Dame School of Bethlehem and return to school office.

Please complete if your child will be transferring from Notre Dame next year.

Student: _____ Current Grade: _____

School Transferring to: _____

New School Address: _____

Reason for Transfer: _____

Parent's Signature: _____



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Daily Symptom Monitoring

Please complete this checklist on a daily basis with your child to monitor for symptoms of COVID-19.

Has your child been exposed to anyone with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the past 14 days?

If yes, the student should stay home from school. The student can return to school 14 days after the last time that they had close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19.

Column A If you checked 1 or more symptoms, student should stay home from school	Column B If you have checked 2 or more symptoms, student should stay home from school.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Fever (100.4 or higher)○ Cough○ Shortness of breath○ Difficulty breathing○ Nausea or vomiting○ Diarrhea	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Lack of smell or taste (without congestion)○ Sore throat○ Chills○ Muscle pain○ Headache○ Congestion or runny nose

1. For a current list of symptoms see CDC's website:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>
2. The temperature considered a fever during screening differs based on how temperature is taken. Any fever reported by an employee, even if no thermometer was used, should be considered as symptomatic.



Sick Day Guidelines

Making the Right Call When Your Child is Sick:

Should I keep my child home or send him/her to school?

School policy (based on CDC recommendations) requires that a child **stay home if he or she:**

A child should stay home if:

- Has a fever of 100.4 degrees or higher
- Has been vomiting or has diarrhea (within 24 hours)
- Has drainage from an ear or eye (may indicate infection)
- Has a rash (until cleared by a physician)
- Is coughing or sneezing often because this spreads the sickness to others
- Has symptoms that keep him/her from participating in school, such as:
 - Very tired or lack of appetite
 - Cough that he/she cannot control, sneezing often
 - Headache, body aches, earache
 - Sore throat – a little sore is OK, but a bad sore throat could be strep throat, even if there is no fever. Other signs of strep throat in children are headache and upset stomach or rash. Call your doctor if your child has these signs. A special test is needed to know if it is strep throat.

24 Hour Rule:

- **Fever:** Keep your child home until his/her **FEVER has been gone without medicine for 24 hours**. Colds can be contagious for at least 48 hours. Returning to school too soon may slow recovery and make others sick.
- **VOMITING or DIARRHEA:** Keep your child home for 24 hours after the **LAST time he/she vomited or had diarrhea**.
- **Antibiotics:** Keep your child home until 24 hours after **the FIRST dose** of antibiotics for anything like an ear infections, strep throat, or pneumonia.

We often have many children and adults with colds who come to school, and they pass their sickness to others. Remember to wash hands and cover coughs and sneezes. Please help others from becoming sick by keeping your child home if he/she is sick.

For more information, or if you have any questions, please contact the school office at 610-866-2231.

Thank You for Your Support!

Policy on Absenteeism

Absenteeism due to Illness/Other Family Commitments

- If your child will not be in school, a phone call must be placed to the office.
- Upon returning to school, all students are **required** to submit a note explaining the reason for the absence.
 - 1 or 2 days of being absent must have a written note from a parent.
 - 3 or more days of being absent **MUST** have a doctor's note
 - This note is required for school records and required by the state.
 - We have attached an absentee note that you may find useful.

Absenteeism due to Vacation

- If your child will be absent due to vacation, a permission form must be completed and signed by Mrs. Hopper prior to leaving on vacation. A copy of this will be given to the classroom teacher.
 - This form may be obtained from the school office.
- Due to the dynamics of the classroom and unexpected schedule changes, which affect teacher planning, we are unable to honor a request for work given prior to the absence of the students.
 - Upon the student's return, the classroom teacher will communicate to the student the list of missed assignments. It is the responsibility of the parents and student that all work is complete within the time frame established by the teacher. If special instruction is required it is the parent's responsibility to provide this.

If you have any questions, please address them to the classroom teacher. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Notre Dame of Bethlehem School Absentee Note

*Please complete and return to school.

_____	_____
Student's Name	Homeroom
_____	_____
Date(s) of absence	Date of return

Reason for absence: _____

Parent Signature



*Brrrr...it is starting
to get cold!!*

- Please remember that as the weather starts to get chilly to please send your student in with a coat, as we will continue to take the students outside as much as possible.
- In keeping with our Health and Safety Plan, during the winter months we will continue to have windows open. If the students are cold while in class they have the options of wearing the navy long sleeve banded bottom shirt, gym sweatshirt, the navy v-neck pullover sweater, or the brand-new navy ¼ zip performance fleece pullover.



CogAT[®]

CogATs are for grades 3 ,5 and 7 and per the Diocese of Allentown have been moved to **April 6th**, 7th, and 8th.



IOWAs are for grades 2-7 and per the Diocese of Allentown have been moved to the week of **April 25th**



Change in Your Child's Normal Dismissal Method:

- Please send a note to your child's teacher if you need to change your child's normal dismissal method. However, as a reminder, even with a parent note, students are not allowed to ride on a bus they are not assigned to.
- If an emergency arises during the day and you need to change the normal dismissal method, please contact the school office by 2:00 PM at 610-866-2231 and leave a message.
- If you need to pick up your child early from school, you must send a note to the child's teacher. No child will be dismissed after 2:20 from the office.



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February 21, 2022

Dear Parents,

We are in the process of setting up bus transportation for the 2022-2023 school year. For your convenience, we have attached the Transportation Request Form for you to fill out.

Every child must have a form on file. If your child does not need bus transportation, please note that at the bottom of the form.

All Forms must be received in the school office by **Friday, March 4th**, so that they can be sent to the appropriate school districts for processing. Any forms received after March 4th will not be processed by the districts after September 23, 2022.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office at 610-866-2231

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation.

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Dear Parents,

According to Pennsylvania Law, nonpublic school children are entitled to transportation to nonpublic schools as follows:

1. A district, which provides transportation for resident public school students, must also make identical provisions for the transportation of resident nonpublic school students according to the nonpublic school calendar.
2. Transportation for nonpublic school students must be provided to and from the nonpublic school in which the student is enrolled, even if the nonpublic school is located outside the district so long as the distance is not more than 10 miles beyond the district boundaries. (NOTE: This distance may be in excess of 10 miles from a student's home.)
3. A district may transport children who live along hazardous routes even though the children live within walking distance of the school.

If you think you are eligible for transportation and desire it for the next school year, please complete the request form below and return it to school immediately. Thank you!

School Term 2022-2023

Request for Transportation under Act 372

(Please complete a separate form for each child needing bus transportation for the next school year and return it to school.)

1. Child's name: _____ Grade entering in August 2022: _____
Date of Birth: _____
2. Address _____
(If rural address, indicate specific location)

3. Name of Catholic school to be attending in August 2022 _____
4. Name of Public School District in which child resides _____
5. The above named child lives approximately _____ miles from the Catholic school to be attended next August.
6. If the child received public school district transportation last year, please indicate bus number _____
and District _____.

	Mother Information	Father Information
Name (please print):	_____	_____
Home phone:	_____	_____
Work phone:	_____	_____
Cell phone:	_____	_____
Date _____	Parent signature: _____	

Emergency Contact Names & Phone Numbers (other than parents):

Name: _____	Phone: _____	Cell: _____
Name: _____	Phone: _____	Cell: _____
Name: _____	Phone: _____	Cell: _____

_____ **My child does not need bus transportation for the 2022-2023 school year.**

Becahi Jr. Hawks SOFTBALL

Becahi Jr. Hawks softball is the feeder program for the Bethlehem Catholic High School Girls Softball Team. The Jr. Hawks program is a great way to try softball without committing to a costly and time-consuming travel program.

Come check us out and see how much fun it is. No experience necessary.

- Official season starts the beginning of March and runs through early May
- A few spots are still open on the team. To sign up or for more information, please text, call or email Coach Frank Unger at 716-200-3609, funger711@outlook.com
- Jr. Hawks softball is open to all girls in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade attending any Diocesan school





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BECAHI Baseball Freshman/Junior High Tryouts

BECAHI baseball is looking for players interested in playing for the Golden Hawks for the 2022 spring season. The program is open to our current freshman, and 7th and 8th grade students who attend BECAHI partner Catholic schools. Tryouts will be held at Bethlehem Catholic High School on March 11th and 12th.

We will be participating in the Lehigh Valley RBI Baseball League, and will play a minimum of a 10 game schedule against other teams from the Lehigh Valley, and practice throughout each week. The season runs from March to mid-May.

If you are interested in participating in this program, the cost will be \$225 for the season and will include a jersey, hat and cover all umpire fees.

To sign-up for tryouts, please contact coach Matt Corsi, Head Varsity Baseball Coach at baseball@becahi.org.

