



DES MOINES REGION CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Dear Catholic School families,

Here at the Des Moines Region Business Office, we are always looking for ways to ensure our schools are sustainable, secure, and future-ready. As you would expect, a key part of this effort is improving our IT environment. As the role of technology in education expands, we are keeping up with the ever-evolving technology landscape.

We are currently implementing a comprehensive, five-year IT strategic plan designed to modernize digital resources and improve network infrastructure across all Catholic schools in the Des Moines region. This will provide faster and more reliable connectivity for classroom learning, create efficiencies, and bolster our cybersecurity to ensure a safe digital environment for our students and staff. This plan ensures we are not just maintaining, but actively advancing the tools needed for a 21st-century education.

As a part of evaluating how we must fund our technological needs, we have identified the various IT fees charged by our schools. These were given a variety of labels – including “technology” and “instructional” fees. Some were rolled into the total tuition amount, but all schools have applied an annual technology fee in one form or another. To create consistency and ensure every student benefits from the same high standards of support and resources, we are consolidating these various labels into a consistent Technology Fee of \$200 per student for the 2026-2027 school year.

This fee is ESA eligible and will be assessed in the fall when students return to school, providing a direct investment in a modernized education for your child.

This consolidated fee does not affect other specialized fees, such as band or graduation fees, as examples, which will continue to be assessed directly by the schools.

We are excited about the technological improvements this consistency allows us to make across our region. By working together and streamlining our resources, we are ensuring the Des Moines Region Catholic Schools will be leaders in both academic excellence and technological innovation.

Thank you for your continued partnership and for choosing a Catholic education.

God bless,

Tim Schulte
Chief Operating Officer
Des Moines Region Catholic Schools