



## Family Fee FAQ's



**Q. What is the family fee?**

A. A \$100 fee each family contributes to the Charger Support Committee funds. The fee allows the CSC to focus solely on fund-raisers that provide a significant return on investment.

**Q. What does the family fee fund?**

A. The family fee funds are used to support classrooms, students, teachers and other school staff. The funds are used for school enrichment events/operations such as the school directory, office supplies, school/classroom programs, library, etc.

**Q. Why is the fee by family and not by individual student?**

A. This makes the administration of the fee much easier. Roughly 90% of St. Charles families have two children enrolled in TK-8 so charging the fee by family vs. by student is monetarily the same. For the few families that pay a little more/less, this reinforces a value of our school— we are all one family.

**Q. Is it mandatory to pay the family fee?**

A. Yes, but if a family is in need of financial assistance for the fee please contact Mr. Bogle regarding a payment plan.

**Q. Why do we need a family fee this year?**

A. In the past, school activities and operations were supplemented by previous year's PTO funds. In 2010-2011, the PTO dissolved and throughout the year the CSC was formed. So we are going into the 2011-2012 year with little/no funds except for the family fee.

**Q. Once I pay the family fee, will I still be asked to participate in fund-raisers and/or send in money/supplies for classroom events?**

A. Yes. While the family fee, provides a large chunk of the funds needed to support the school it does not pay for everything in full. \$16 will be allocated to each child for field trips and \$5 for homeroom parties.

**Q. Who do I contact with further questions/concerns regarding the family fee?**

A. Mr. Bogle

**Q. Will we still be asked to "join" the CSC (PTO) as in the past for \$30 for is the family fee in lieu of this membership cost.**

A. The traditional \$30 membership fee is included in the family fee.

**Q. Why was this family fee not tied into our tuition?**

A. The PTO was reorganized into the CSC during the 2010 school year and after tuition rates were set by the parish for the 2011 school year. Decisions to implement the family fee were made in the Spring of 2011 after registrations for this school year were already being processed. This issue will be discussed when tuition rates are determined for the 2012 school year.