

NOUVEL CATHOLIC CENTRAL

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Dear Nouvel Catholic Central families -

I hope that this message finds you and your family well. I understand that it's been a busy, few weeks for families and staff on each campus, between parent-teacher conferences, Halloween activities, All Saints Day Masses and All Souls Day activities. On behalf of our school, we continually feel blessed and grateful to have each and every one of our students and families as part of our Panther family and the opportunity to celebrate these meaningful, faith-based activities as a school community.

Each year, it is a leadership goal to communicate school-wide plans for the following academic year in early December. Additionally, it's always our priority to be as customer-service focused as possible. While we are fortunate to have several opportunities for families to access tuition assistance and scholarships, we have been hard at work to streamline this process. Not only with the goal of making it more secure and more effective, but also to collaborate better with our partners at the Catholic Community Foundation of Mid Michigan (CCFMM) and allowing families more time to apply for these tuition assistance opportunities. With that said, I am proud to share that as of today, families can now begin applying for tuition assistance and scholarships for the 2024-2025 academic year.

Partnership Benefits:

- Families can now apply for both CCFFM scholarships and Nouvel tuition assistance as early as November 6th.
- One streamlined process for families to input their information once, rather than two separate application processes/timelines.
- Nouvel tuition assistance applications will remain open until the traditional March 1st deadline, providing a benefit to families that would like to complete early and to those who prefer the traditional February timeline.
- Applications for aid/awards are completed online, directly through FACTS, a third-party grant and aid assessment tool.
- FACTS will verify the documentation provided and send income verification to Nouvel's tuition assistance committee.
- FACTS conducts the confidential financial analysis to determine your family's financial need. Nouvel's scholarship committee receives a confidential report outlining your financial situation and need for assistance.

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Next Steps:

- CCFMM Catholic School Scholarships officially open today, November 6th and are available to apply for through January 5th, 2024. Families will need to apply online (<u>view CCFM link</u>). If a scholarship requirement is considered "need based", the family will also have to complete a FACTS tuition assistance/scholarship application (<u>view FACTS link</u>).
- If a family completes the FACTS application for CCFMM scholarships, you will automatically be considered for Nouvel tuition assistance and no additional tuition assistance paperwork will be needed during the continuous enrollment process.
- If you do not wish to apply for CCFMM scholarships but would like to be considered for Nouvel tuition assistance, you will only need to complete the FACTS tuition assistance application (view FACTS link) and can do so now through March 1st, 2024.
- In order to receive any of the 2024-2025 scholarships and tuition assistance awards, you
 must be re-enrolled as a Nouvel Catholic Central student. Continuous enrollment
 communication will be shared in early December. Nouvel offers tuition assistance to
 families in Young Fives through grade 12.
- CCFMM will notify families directly in regard to their scholarship awards.
- Families will be notified of the Nouvel tuition assistance determination from the school's business office.

FACTS Details:

- While families had the opportunity to utilize FACTS last year for the CCFMM scholarships, we understand that this process will be new to the majority of our families.
- Similar to year's past, Nouvel/FACTS will ask for information from your previous tax return in this case, your 2022 tax return.
- Nouvel will be hosting opportunities on each campus for families to receive one-on-one assistance while completing their FACTS application and dates will soon be posted.
- It is important to us that your personal information is kept as safe and as secure as possible. This was a key factor in selecting a third-party assessment system. FACTS has detailed security standards that are regularly assessed, reviewed and tested for education and efficacy. You can learn more on their data security and compliance online (view link).

As shared above, our traditional community update will be sent in early December with continuous enrollment details. I wanted to make sure that all families had access to the CCFMM scholarships as well as access to the FACTS application for tuition assistance, should you want to start the financial aid process earlier than February.

Our board of trustees and leadership team is committed to making Catholic education as affordable as possible for our families, with as many opportunities to receive assistance as needed. Please feel free to contact me with any further questions.

Respectfully,

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