

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Can we expect similar tuition increases in the coming years?** No, we expect our tuition increases to be around 5% (or less) per year after the 2023-24 tuition increase. Over the past thirteen years we have never increased tuition by more than 5% in any given year.

**What happens if the construction is not completed by the first day of school?** While our Construction Superintendent has full confidence that the building will be completed in June, we will prorate the tuition accordingly. For example, if the daily rate for high school is \$6.59 per day and our construction delayed 10 days of meals, the rate would be discounted \$65.90.

**Why can't Middle and High School students opt out of the lunch program?** Because we are using a food court model, we do not have plans for a paid cashier (which would add a significant amount of delay in the students getting their food), and we will not have manpower to monitor who might not pay for the meals yet is taking advantage of the delicious food. Also, because of our negotiations with FISD, our price per day for all you can eat in the Middle and High Schools is cheaper than if you purchased meals every day at school.

**What will be the discount if we opt out of lunch for our elementary student?** Your tuition would be reduced by \$950 (\$5.69 per meal). You need to let the Business Office know by May 1, 2023 so that we can set up your billing schedule accordingly.

**Who is FISD?** FISD, formerly FLIK, is a large food service company that manages the meals for over 275 schools across the country. Charlotte Christian School is one of their local schools.

**If the price of food goes up during the year, will the school increase the meal portion of tuition?** No, once we have set tuition for the year, it will remain at that level.

**What other benefits will be available in the new building?** We will have a retail coffee bar in the mornings that will be similar to Starbucks or other local boutique coffee shops. They will serve chicken biscuits, scones, and other breakfast items that students and parents can purchase. Also, parents can use the Middle/High School dining area to meet people for breakfast, have a prayer group or a Bible study. We really want this to be a gathering place for the Gaston Christian family.

**Will the school still be catering meals from outside sources?** It is highly unlikely. FISD will be able to meet virtually all of our food needs moving forward and at a reduced price.

**How does FISD allow for food allergies?** The Chef will meet with each family individually and develop a food plan that meets the unique dietary needs of their student.

**How soon can I apply for financial aid?** You can begin applying for financial aid on January 1, 2023. You will need to fill out our traditional financial aid forms (located on our website under the Admissions tab), but you can use last year's tax forms.

**Can my middle or high school student still bring his/her own lunch or order Door Dash?**

Yes, they can still bring food or order from DoorDash, but the tuition rate will remain the same.

**Will my senior still be allowed to go off campus for lunch?** Yes, seniors will still be allowed to go off campus for lunch. However, they cannot take food out of the cafeteria.

**With the current lunch rooms being converted to classrooms, will vending machines still be available?** Yes, there will be some vending machines available for students to purchase items.

**When will the current cafeteria space be converted to STEM space?** We will use our summer break to complete the conversion. Our plan is to have the three labs fully functional on the first day of school.