



## Kindergarten – Grade Eight

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Thank you for considering a Catholic education for your child. Whether you are enrolling your child for the first time or changing schools, we understand that there is stress involved. Our goal is to make this transition as seamless as possible. Please contact the school office at any time if you have any questions. Prospective parents are always welcome and are encouraged to make an appointment to tour the school.

### **Enrollment Schedule:**

With small class sizes, space is limited and reserved on a first-come basis. Class sizes are limited and depend on each grade level. Your child's space is reserved with the submission of your application and the registration fee.

### **Placement Testing:**

All new students are given an academic placement test to best assist us in placing your child within the correct class.

Once an application is submitted, Placement Testing will be scheduled with each family.

### **Kindergarten Age Requirement:**

Students must be 5 by July 1, 2019 to enroll in Kindergarten.

### **Admissions Policies:**

Students are officially admitted after the returning of all required paperwork and the completion of a Placement Test.

All admitted students are admitted under a thirty (30) day probationary period.

Saint Joseph School administration reserves the right to deny enrollment of any child due to parental non-compliance of rules and misrepresentation of child or family information (i.e. age, health information, past academic or discipline records, etc.).

*If you are interested in enrollment in our Pre-Kindergarten programming, please contact the Advancement Office for the proper Admissions Packet.*

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## Admissions FAQs

### School Hours

School doors open to students at 7:55am. Students are expected to be in their seats, ready to learn beginning at 8:10am.

Dismissal begins at 2:55pm and ends promptly at 3:15pm.

See the hours for our Extended Day Program below.

### Uniforms

Students in Kindergarten through Grade 8 are required to wear uniforms throughout the school year. Uniforms should be purchased through Lands' End ([www.landsend.com/school](http://www.landsend.com/school)).

Fridays are Spirit Days and students may wear blue jeans and a school spirit shirt (purchased from the school).

The complete dress code policy will be provided upon enrollment.

### Athletics

We offer extracurricular athletic opportunities for students in grades 6-8. Sports include: Co-Ed Cross Country, Co-Ed Tennis, Girls Volleyball, Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, and Cheerleading.

### Fine Arts

Students in grades Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 8 participate in music and art classes. Musical Theater, Advanced Art, Choir, Band, and Handbells are offered for older students.

### Foreign Language

Students in grades Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 5 are enrolled in a Spanish class, which meets once or twice a week depending on scheduling. 8<sup>th</sup> grade students have the opportunity to take the high school level Spanish I or French I course and can opt to take the end of year assessment.

### Lunch

Saint Joseph School participates in the Federal Lunch Program, and about 15% of our students receive free or reduced lunch. Our cafeteria menu is posted on our school internal website monthly, students may choose from a hot lunch or salad option. Lunch accounts may be paid at any time and families can keep track of the balance through our internal school website.

### Transportation

Students living in Berkeley County can be reimbursed for their transportation costs twice during the year. Our school office posts the reimbursement information when made available. Students living in Charles Town may choose to use a PanTran bus that transports our students from the Charles Town area for a monthly cost. These arrangements are made directly with the bus company.

### Extended Day Program

Saint Joseph School offers an Extended Day Program for Pre-Kindergarten-8<sup>th</sup> Grade beginning at 7:00am and ending at 5:00pm. There is a fee associated with usage which can be billed by the hour or with a flat-rate monthly charge.



Tuition Rates for Kindergarten through the Eighth Grade for the 2019-2020 Academic Year:

	1 Child	2 Children	3 Children
Full Tuition	\$7,100	\$12,810	\$17,825
Catholic Families (out of parish)	\$6,700	\$12,090	\$16,825
St. Joseph Families	\$5,850	\$10,560	\$14,700

Families with four or more children may receive a discounted rate for additional students.

*Pre-Kindergarten Rates can be found online at [www.sjswv.org](http://www.sjswv.org).*

**Registration Fee Schedule:**

- Online Application Fee: \$50 per Student
- Student Enrollment Fee: \$150 per child due with Online Enrollment
- Testing Fee: \$100 One Time Fee due at time of testing
- K-5 Resource Fee: \$300 per child due prior to beginning school
- Middle School Resource Fee: \$350 per child due prior to beginning school
- Health & Safety Fee: \$100 per family due prior to beginning school
- Diocesan Insurance Fee: \$30 per child prior to beginning school

**Additional charges will be incurred for:**

- Before care and After care use
- Lunch and/or milk purchase
- Remaining Hours for Ours (under the 30 Hour requirement)
- Elementary Band participation
- Middle School Sports participation
- Field trips

**The following must be in place for a family to enroll at Saint Joseph School:**

- Signed Family Admissions Application
- Returned Registration & Testing Fee (\$250 per child)
- Request for Student Records Form
- Parish Verification Form, if Catholic
- Birth Certificate
- Immunization Records
- Baptismal Record, if Catholic
- Complete academic records
- Other documents (court documents, medical records) as requested
- Completed Placement Test



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### **Tuition Assistance:**

Tuition assistance is available for families enrolled in our school, regardless of religious affiliation. To be considered, complete the online application at [www.factsmgt.com](http://www.factsmgt.com) prior to April 30, 2019. There is a cost of \$15.00 for submitting an application.

The school office will contact new families for financial meetings beginning in June.

A School Application needs to be returned to the school before discussing financial assistance.

### **Parish Verification Form:**

All Catholic families who enroll must submit a Parish Verification Form signed by their pastor to receive the appropriate tuition rate. Full tuition will be charged to all families until a verification form has been received. Forms are available by calling your local parish and are due to the school office by July 1, 2019.

### **Tuition Agreement:**

An annual Tuition Agreement form will be available to each family during the month of July. A signed agreement form is required prior to students beginning school.

### **Tuition Payment Schedules:**

Saint Joseph School offers three ways to make tuition payments. Your family will select your method of payment on your mailed Tuition Agreement Form. All families are enrolled in the FACTS Tuition Management program as per Diocesan Policy. Families may sign up for online and/or automatic payments on ParentsWeb under Financial.

1. Single payment due by June 15 (receives a 5% discount).
2. Two payments due August 1 and January 3. There is a \$10.00 annual fee assessed by FACTS.
3. Monthly payments withdrawn between the 5<sup>th</sup> and the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month. There is a \$40.00 annual fee assessed by FACTS. Plans may begin in July or August.

### **Tuition Insurance:**

FACTS Tuition Management extends a tuition insurance programs to all our families. Peace of Mind Insurance is available for \$20.00 which insures your tuition payment in the event of the death of one of the responsible parties.

### **FACTS Payment Fees:**

Any payments (for tuition, extended care, registration, etc.) are considered past due if not received within 10 days of the payment due date. A late charge of \$25.00 per month is charged for all past due accounts. A fee of \$30.00, in addition to other fees, will be assessed by FACTS for any returned payments for insufficient funds. These fees are not accessible by SJS administration. In the event that an account is turned over to a collection agency because of non-payment, Saint Joseph School reserves the right to add any and all collection fees, interest, court costs, and/or legal fees to the balance of tuition and fees due.