

Sts. John and Paul School is where...



the SJP community is family.

a safe structured environment is provided.

Academic with values that matter.

we develop and foster the whole child; academically
and spiritually.

we instill a love of learning.

we ensure children are prepared for
post-graduation success.

we teach respect for the opinions of others.

we help students develop self-discipline, self-esteem,
generosity, inclusion, and cooperation.

the unique personality of a Catholic School shines
daily.

we partner with parents to enrich their child.

Dear Prospective Parents,

Thank you for your interest in our school and considering an education for your child here at Sts. John and Paul. I welcome you to our school, which is filled with a commitment to academic excellence and Catholic formation. I consider it an honor and a privilege to be the principal of Sts. John and Paul serving this school community.

Sts. John and Paul School is committed to educating the whole child in mind, body and spirit. This complete and thorough approach to education, surrounded with a loving and nurturing environment, is the key to our highly effective learning environment. We challenge our students to reach their potential. We strive that every child will have the love to continue to learn on a daily basis and do that with the values that matter. It is our belief that each child is to be engaged in his or her learning with meaningful and relevant lessons that meet high academic standards. These high expectations drive our instruction with lessons that progressively build upon one another, preparing students to be successful in school and in life.

Our students are well prepared for high school, and are accepted at all the highly competitive Catholic and non-Catholic high schools in the area. Not only are they accepted; they strive and are role models for other students. This is a tribute to the great work that goes on here each and every day by our outstanding faculty and staff.

I hope you enjoy the tour, and it gave you a small glimpse into the love of learning and excitement at SJP.

Sincerely,



*Mrs. Fatima deCarvalho-Gianni
Principal*

Pre Kindergarten

- *Next Generation* centers for learning to prepare the students for Kindergarten, which is unique to Sts. John and Paul.
- The day is structured as a play-based curriculum with learning accented throughout the day.
- All PreK students will have Art, Physical Education, Literature and Music each week.
- Full day (8:30 am to 2:30 pm).
- The PreK year follows the main school's calendar with a few adjustments.
- The classroom ratio is 1 adult to 10 children for the 4s, and 1 adult to 8 children for the 3s.
- There is a daily rest built into the day as we appreciate the fact that they are young children.
- They utilize the outdoor playground regularly.



Kindergarten to 4th Grade

- *Next Generation* standards
- Class size is limited to 25 students
- Aide in Kindergarten through 2nd grade
- Differentiation model: curriculum designed for the student accelerated or challenged
- Reading Specialist on Staff for Kindergarten through 2nd grade
- Phonics based programs to help with mastering reading levels ~ *Foundations*
- *Fountas and Pinnell* ~ Reading inventory grades K to 3.
- Foreign Language begins in Kindergarten; French or Spanish
- Special Subjects; Art, Physical Education, Music, Computer and Literature
- School musical grades 4 to 8
- Prayer Partner Program: Paired with Middle School students
- Teachers are trained in PAF (Prevention of Academic Failure)

Middle School

- *Next Generation* standards
- Accelerated curriculum Math, ELA (English Language Arts) and Social Studies. Students are separated by aptitude.
- Students are not tracked; they can move between levels on teacher's recommendations, classwork, state test scores and ITBS (Iowa Test of Basic Skills) results. (Content is the same in Math; difference is the depth and pace of material)
- Weekly Science lab (double period)
- Algebra 1 Regents available to accelerated 8 grade students
- 8th grade science: Earth Science Regents
- Engineering and Computer coding
- Special: Art, Music and Physical Education
- Foreign Language included in GPA
- Individual Chrome Book grades 5 to 8.
- 5th grade is part of our Middle School model
- Middle School lockers
- TACHS (Test for Admission to Catholic High Schools) prep class after school for 8th grade
- School musical grades 4 to 8

Overall culture of Middle School day emphasizes prep for high school.

The children of SJP reflect on what is
special about our school.
Some of the comments are so precious, we
Share them with you.

"I have known some of my friends here at school since my pre-school days. The friendships I have made at SJP are sure to be life long friends. Every morning in a school, we gather as a family, and we say the Our Father, Hail Mary, and a Glory Be. On Thankful Thursdays, we say what we are thankful for, either out loud or in our hearts. We also go to mass twice a month. I truly enjoy coming to school each and every day. Everything we do is like one big family. We are a small community, with very big hearts." 5th Grader

"Almost everyday at morning prayers, students at SJP say a prayer: 'Jesus before my eyes, Jesus in my heart, Jesus in my hands.' This prayer helps us to understand what we need to do as disciples of Jesus. When we have Jesus in our eyes, we can see the good in people. We don't judge people based on appearance, just as Jesus wouldn't. To have Jesus in our hearts, we have to form as intimate relationship with Him through prayer and mediation. Having Jesus in our hearts means that when people see us, they can see the light of Jesus shining in us through our words and actions. Having Jesus in our hands means that we need to do works of charity carrying Jesus in our hands and bringing Him to others. SJP has taught us how to love Jesus in our hearts, Jesus is the cornerstone of my faith, but SJP has build on that cornerstone into a skyscraper that cannot be toppled." 7th Grader

"At SJP we have taken religion to a whole new level. SJP is filled with kind-hearted children and a good environment. This school has changed my life and other people's lives. We must always keep in mind that whenever we do a good deed, God is always smiling down on us." 8th Grader

"It's 8:34, and all the students of Saints John and Paul School are here. Backpacks and coats cover the gym floor neglected, as everyone chatters amongst each other. Suddenly, a loud bell rings through the room, alerting everyone in the gym. Students from kindergarten to eighth grade scramble to retrieve their belongings and stand in their rightful lines. They wait patiently and quietly for the usual greeting. Msgr., Father or Deacon begins, "In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen." The whole school turns to face the rear of the gym. Why is that? It is because on the wall, with his arms stretched out and a lovingly look for everyone to see, Jesus Christ, the reason we are such a wonderful school, and we get along so well." 7th Grader

"At Saints John and Paul we do so many service projects. One of the projects that we do is making sandwiches for the soup kitchen. When making them, you feel good, but you don't really think about it. A few months ago, three other students and I went to the soup kitchen to hand out the sandwiches. The whole experience made me realize how fortunate I am. Being able to put a smile on people's faces is the best feeling in the world." 8th Grader

"One thing that I think really makes our school special is when the upper grades take turns making sandwiches for the poor. I think all schools should do this because it is giving back. Another thing I love is going into church and saying the rosary. It really calms me down, and no distractions can enter me. I love Saints John and Paul. I have been here seven years, and I have not stopped loving it." 6th Grader

Foreign Languages

French or Spanish ~ Second Language

The foreign language program is designed to enhance the cognitive abilities of our children. Studies show that learning a foreign language stimulates the brain and helps use your own language more effectively.

Kindergarten through Eighth grade choose between French or Spanish. In Sixth, Seventh and Eighth grades foreign language classes are part of their GPA.

Kindergartner through Fourth grade learn basic interpersonal communication skills, including how to introduce themselves, describe their immediate environment, express their needs and discover another culture. Fifth through Eighth grades participate in an in-depth language curriculum. The intent is to prepare them for their high school language requirement.

Classes meet up to three periods per week.

French fluency program for bilingual children

Fluent French-speaking students in all grades, from PreK to 8th grade, have the opportunity to enroll in French classes at the same level as in France. Experienced French native teachers teach the classes.

From PreK to Fifth grade, the curriculum is the Cours Sainte-Anne. In Sixth to Eighth grade, the program is the official French national curriculum. Classes are taught in French exclusively. Class sizes vary from 2 to 9.

- PreK and Kindergarten meet 3 periods/week;
- First to Eighth grades meet 5 times/week.

Fluent French Program Advanced Offerings

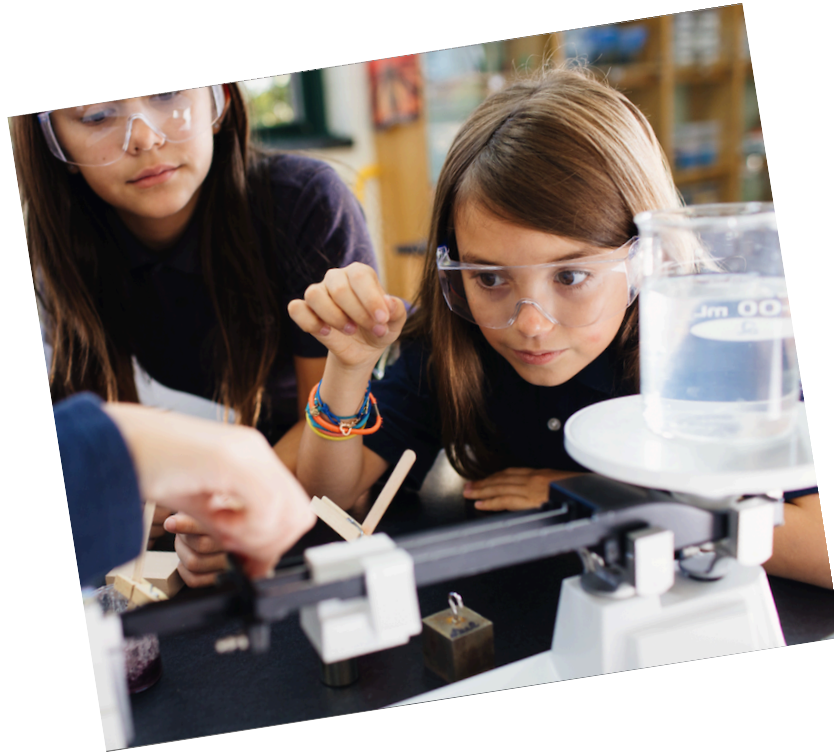
Fluent French students have the additional opportunity to take classes to prepare for advanced examinations: SAT French with Listening, AP French Language and Culture and DELF B2. The sessions take place after school and are open to Fluent French students attending 8th grade and up. Students from other schools are welcome to join the after school sessions.

- **Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) French with Listening:** This college entrance exam is available to be taken here at SJP. This is the same test given in high school to fulfill the SAT subject test requirements for many colleges. These preparation classes take place in the fall with the exam given in the beginning of November.
- **Advanced Placement (AP) French Language and Culture:** A passing grade on this exam is accepted as college credit. These preparation classes take place between January and May. Exam is administered in May.
- **DELF B2:** This examination, along with a USA high school diploma, will fulfill requirements for admission to many French universities. These preparation classes take place between February and June. Exam is offered in the spring.

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Standouts at SJP

- 3 distinct programs: PreK, Elementary grades K-4, and Middle School grades 5 to 8
- Foreign Language part of the general curriculum from Kindergarten to 8th grade
- Educational based class trips
- Specials: Art, Music, Physical Education, Computer, Engineering and Library
- Social and civic engagements by actively participating in service to others
- Prayer Partner Program; lower grades paired with Middle School students for variety of activities
- After School Programs; Band, Church Choir, Middle School Musical, Mock Trial, CYO Sports, etc.
- After Care program; every day until 6:00 pm
- Bus transportation is available through the student's school district
- Class size: limited to 25 students –
- 2 classes per grade level
- Instill intellectual growth; encourage critical thinking and individual thinking
- Focus on providing academic excellence
- Proven success in placing our students in superior quality high schools in the Tri-State area
- Faith-filled education; Values that matter
- Faculty and staff: professional educators dedicated to Catholic Education
- Technology is used effectively



Excerpt from Valedictorian Speech 2019

...My remarks here today started with a story about a note. A note written by a fourth grade teacher to a little girl who had just been through a difficult experience. This teacher may have been busy, she may have had a pile of papers to grade, and she may have wanted to go home for the day, but instead she took the time to write a few words that she thought could help. How meaningful was her small act of kindness. And over the last nine years, how many other acts of kindness have been done for us at SJP that made a significant difference in our lives, that inspired us to recognize the gifts we carry inside?...

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enrollment, or to arrange a tour:

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