

St. John's Catholic School 2024-2025



Exceptional Education Anchored by Faith
Since 1883

At St. John's Catholic School
we PRAY Every Day!

P Practice Peace

Respect Self & Others

Accept Responsibility

Yearn to Learn

Mission Statement

St. John's Catholic School is devoted to providing our students with an enriching classical education anchored by our faith.

Our exceptional education helps our students to grow in mind, body, and soul.

In Mind:

- ◆ *Inspiring academic curiosity and excellence*
- ◆ *Providing a comprehensive curriculum through multiple disciplines*
- ◆ *Educating students to be both competent and responsible in the use of technology*
- ◆ *Expecting personal excellence and nurturing social competence*

In Body:

- ◆ *Promoting physical and emotional well-being*
- ◆ *Valuing the need for recreation*
- ◆ *Supporting a sense of fairness and justice in all endeavors*
- ◆ *Embracing the concept of personal safety and sacredness*

In Soul:

- ◆ *Encouraging a sense of stewardship*
- ◆ *Instilling virtues through daily practice and expectations*
- ◆ *Empowering the student through the pursuit of spiritual knowledge and understanding*
- ◆ *Uniting as a community of students, families, parish, and staff in our mission to prepare students to succeed in God's world*



Admission Policy

The following criteria will determine eligibility for registration and admission to the school program, Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 8:

New Students

- ◆ Parents having a child presently enrolled will be given priority for enrollment
- ◆ A waiting list will be created if class size exceeds maximum size of 25 students with priority going in order of enrollment request received.

Currently Enrolled Students

- ◆ Students whose parents have met all current financial obligations or have made arrangements to do so
- ◆ Students who continue to meet the academic and behavioral standards of the school policies

Immunization Standards for Admissions

In accordance with Maine School Immunization Law (20-A M.R.S. § 6352-5359), the following immunizations are required before entry into St. John's Catholic School Kindergarten Program:

- ◆ 5 DTaP (4 DTaP if 4th is given on or after 4th birthday)
- ◆ 4 Polio (if 4th dose given before the 4th birthday, and additional age appropriate IPV should be given on or after the 4th birthday)
- ◆ 2 MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)
- ◆ 2 Varicella (Chicken Pox) or documented history of disease

Required for 7th Grade:

- ◆ **1 Tdap**
- ◆ **1 Meningococcal Conjugate (MCV4)**

Exemptions are no longer permissible in the State of Maine as of September 1, 2021 with the exception of qualified medical exemptions.

Registration Fee and Tuition Policy

2024-2025

Yearly Registration Fee: \$200/student or \$400/family
(non-refundable)

Tuition:

\$6,500 – First Child Student Tuition

\$6,200 – Second Child Student Tuition

\$5,700 – Third Child (or more) Student Tuition

A family seeking financial aid needs to apply every year the student is enrolled, and the amount received may vary from year to year based on your current calculated need, available resources, and the number of applicants.

Financial Aid consists of Tuition Assistance and an annual scholarship fund from generous donors. When you complete the FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment, you will become automatically **eligible** for Tuition Assistance. Awards are based on your calculated need according to FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment.

FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment will evaluate multiple financial factors involved in a family's finances and make a determination as to that family's ability to afford a Catholic education. The principal will make final decisions on Tuition Assistance for each family. Please make an appointment with the pastor or the principal if you have an outstanding situation that requires a discussion.

Tuition is generally paid through FACTS and is broken down into 10 monthly payments withdrawn on the 5th or 20th of the month from July - April. Alternate payment plans are available, please speak with the business office for details.

***PreK Tuition is not eligible for financial assistance due to the tax deduction available for each family**

The process of tuition collection is an essential component of business operations of St. John's Catholic School. All efforts at tuition collection must be consistent with the mission of the school and undertaken in a pastoral manner.

Tuition Collection with FACTS Management

St. John's contracts with FACTS Management to administer all billing and tuition collection. Families with students entering grades PK – 8 must complete an enrollment contract to begin the process of tuition payments. FACTS will receive all tuition payments and begin pulling funds from checking/save accounts by July 5 or 20 depending on the chosen pull

date. The business office collaborates with FACTS to monitor tuition payment according to the schedule chosen. The business office will be the primary liaison with FACTS.

Delinquent Tuition Accounts

The principal and business office will meet on a monthly basis to monitor delinquent accounts and develop strategies to collect outstanding balances. The St. John's Catholic School Board of Directors and All Saints Parish Finance Council will be consulted on outstanding delinquent accounts.

St. John's understands that unforeseen circumstances may occur resulting in late tuition payments and requests that timely notice is made to the school so that a mutually beneficial solution can be determined.

St. John's seeks to identify tuition collection issues early, communicate with families via phone, email and letters, and work with families in a fair and equitable manner to collect tuition.

Withdrawal Policy

Students must follow procedures set by the Principal's Office regarding withdrawal from the school. Academic records will be sent when procedures and financial obligations have been met.

Tuition Cancellation Policy

Any parent who enrolls their student at St. John's Catholic agrees to be responsible for any tuition incurred based on the days of school enrolled.

Exceptions to the above tuition policy are made at the sole discretion of the Principal.



Pre-Kindergarten Program

St. John's PreK program is a five full-day program for families interested in pursuing an early school experience for their young children. PreK students must be 4 on or before October 15 of that school year and **must be toilet trained**. The goal of our PreK program is to provide a nurturing and sequential curriculum, which includes activities to aid in the development of gross and fine motor skills, spatial awareness, social skills, and emotional well-being, to help them achieve personal excellence. Our program runs daily from 7:45am – 2:25pm and has built in times for snack, lunch, and rest. PreK children also qualify for our after-school program which runs from 2:30-5:30pm for an additional charge. Because PreK is not a required school program, families may find that some or all the tuition and the after-school program cost is tax deductible. PreK does not qualify for Financial Assistance.



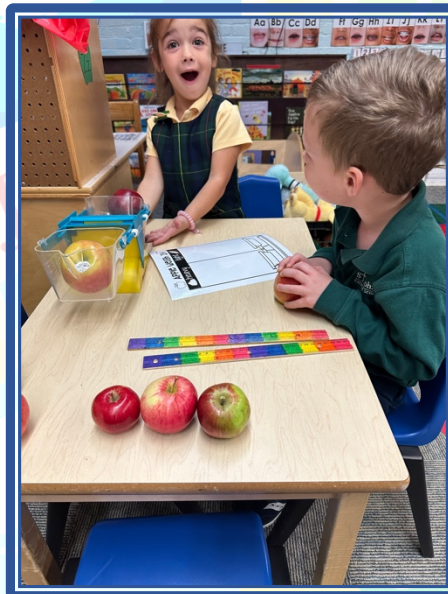
PreKindergarten Curriculum

Religion

Service Projects
Basic Prayers
Introduction to Jesus and His life
Pray for others
Celebrate Holy Days
Liturgical Seasons (Advent, Lent)
Attend weekly Mass

Language Arts

Letter identification and sounds
Early phonemic awareness
Rhyming
Poems
Songs
Writing Journals
Unit Based Vocabulary Words



Social Studies

Introduction to Maine
Monthly Themes

Mathematics

Sorting & Classifying
Patterns & Sequencing
Comparing & Ordering
Calendar Concepts
Number Identification
Concept of Zero
1 to 1 Correspondence
Understanding Basic Counting Order

Health & Science

Dependent on interest of students and season. Some examples of units include:

- ◆ Arctic Animals
- ◆ Parts of the Body
- ◆ Space & Planets

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Weekly Art, Music & Physical Education classes

Kindergarten Curriculum

Religion

Basic Prayers
Introduction to Jesus and His life
Pray for others
Service for the less fortunate
Celebrate Holy Days
Liturgical Seasons (Advent, Lent)
Attend weekly Mass

Language Arts

Group reading
Storytelling with vocabulary
Enthusiasm for reading
Nursery Rhymes & Poetry
Finger plays and songs
Show & Tell
Drama

Learn to:

- ◆ Recite the alphabet
- ◆ Recognize upper and lower-case letters
- ◆ Associate sounds of consonants with letter symbols
- ◆ Recognize simple words
- ◆ Recognize eight basic colors and their words

Mathematics

Sorting & Classifying
Patterns
Comparing & Ordering
Graphing
Calendar Concepts
Number Identification
1 to 1 Correspondence

Count to 100

Understanding basic counting order

Count to 100 by 5s and 10s

Add and subtract to 10 (20)

Real life math application

Introduction to fractions (1/2)



Health & Science

Parts of the body
Exercise
Safety
Fire Prevention
Animals
Introduction to senses
Introduction to nutrition

Social Studies

Introduction to Maine
Monthly themes
Native Americans

Weekly art, music, and physical education classes

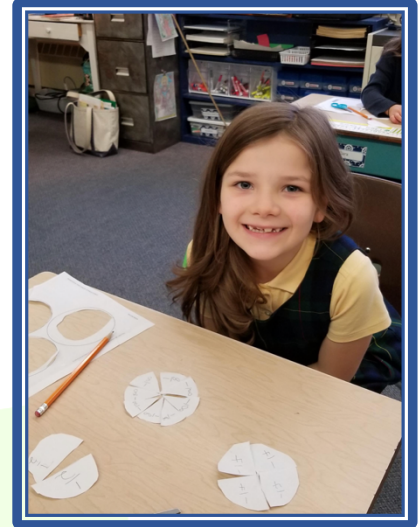
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Elementary Program (Grades 1-4)

In grades 1-4 our students follow the curriculum from the Archdiocese of Hartford. All students take classes in Reading, Writing, Phonics, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Religion, and Handwriting regularly throughout the week. We offer special courses in Art, Music, Physical Education and Latin which take place 1-2 times per week. Copies of the Archdiocese of Hartford Curriculum are available on request from the Principal's Office.

Students receive progress reports once per trimester, and a report card once per trimester. The grading system is as follows:

- E – Exceptional
- P – Proficient
- S – Satisfactory
- N – Needs Improvement



Middle Level Program (Grades 5-8)

Students in grades 5-8 also follow the curriculum standards from the Archdiocese of Hartford but study each subject at a higher level. Students take core courses in Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies, Science, and Religion. Students in the Middle School program also take classes in Latin, Music, Art, and Physical Education 1-2 times per week. Copies of the Archdiocese of Hartford Curriculum are available on request from the Principal's Office.

Students receive progress reports once per trimester, and a report card once per trimester. The grading system is as follows:

- A+ 98-100
- A 95-97
- A- 92-94
- B+ 89-91
- B 86-88
- B- 83-85
- C+ 80-82
- C 77-79
- C- 74-76
- D+ 71-73
- D 68-70
- D- 65-67
- F 64 or below



Student Life at St. John's Catholic School

Uniform Holidays

A great way to give your uniform a break! There are several themed uniform holidays per year and typically cost \$2. These are small fundraisers for some of our school programming (field trips, drama, etc...) Sometimes uniform holidays are FREE! Notice will go home in advance for any planned uniform holidays.

Celebrating Catholic Schools Week

Each January we celebrate Discover Catholic Schools Week. This is a fun-filled week with school wide events such as Minute to Win It, BINGO, Guest Speakers, and our Annual Variety Show!

Pre-K & Kindergarten Buddies

Our 7th & 8th graders team up with our Pre-K & Kindergarteners for the buddy program. Buddies sit together at Mass each week, participate in school wide events together, read together, and pray together. Our Middle School Science Program also plans STEAM (STEM plus the Arts) activities once per month with our PreK students. These buddies are very popular with the young and old alike and often foster life-long friendships between St. John's students and alumni.



Field Day

Field Day takes place in June at the end of the school year. It is a scheduled day of fun for the whole student body as they compete in various physical activities. Team building activities are followed by a school wide lunch.

Other Special Events

Halloween Trunk or Treat, Christmas Pageant, Family Lunches, Literacy Day, and more!

Lunch Program



St. John's contracts with MSAD 75 for our hot lunch program. The cost of the meal is \$4.25 and includes milk. Students must order lunches at least a week in advance for planning purposes. Milk is available for students who bring cold lunch for a cost of \$0.75/carton.

Volunteer Opportunities

St. John's has several active volunteers. Families of students, as well as our parish family and the families of our staff members volunteer in countless ways. Volunteers work in classrooms and at special events. Anyone interested in volunteering will need to complete all Diocesan requirements for volunteers. We will be happy to provide information about volunteering to our new families.

We need your time and talent to help St. John's meet the needs of our students and families. The PTA is active, and their efforts help defray the cost of the school and tuition for our students. We encourage all parents, guardians, grandparents, and friends to attend the meetings and join in our efforts to enrich our children's education. The PTA is a great way to be involved in our school.

Schedule a Visit to St. John's Catholic School

We love meeting new people and we strongly encourage all families who are considering a St. John's education for their child to schedule a personalized tour for your family at St. John's. After touring the building, the principal will meet with each family to discuss your questions regarding all that we offer. Please call today and schedule a time that is convenient for you and your family. We look forward to meeting you!

Please call (207)725-5507 or email Alicia.snow@portlanddiocese.org for more information.

Apply online at www.sjcsbme.org

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