

# Welcome to St. John Catholic School



## Welcome!

St. John Catholic School is thrilled that you have chosen our school for your student. We are delighted to be your partner in education for your child. With more than 55 years serving the Catholic community of San Lorenzo and neighboring areas, we have a strong record of preparing our students for the challenges ahead in our ever-changing world. We are pleased to welcome students from all backgrounds!

## Some of the features of SJCS include:

- Computer lab
- Science lab
- iPad cart for use by all students
- 1:1 iPad program for our junior high students
- Full-day Pre-Kindergarten Program
- Full-day Kindergarten Program
- High-quality care before and after school
- Music education including choir and an annual musical production
- Library
- P.E. program
- Faith formation, Faith Family membership, and Sacrament preparation
- CYO Sports – Basketball, volleyball, cheerleading
- Spanish language after school program
- Specialized art instruction
- Preparation for High School Placement Test (HSPT)
- Fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and the Western Catholic Educational Association (WCEA)



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# General Information

## Mission Statement

St. John Catholic School is a Catholic parish Pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade school serving our families and those from the neighboring areas and surrounding communities of San Lorenzo. Our dedicated faculty and staff, in partnership with the parents, offer our students a quality academic foundation. We teach for skill development, intellectual enrichment, and academic and physical excellence. We challenge and prepare our children for future growth in today's society.



We nurture a Catholic atmosphere in which the values, traditions and ideals are fundamental to our academic vision for cultivating faith formation, personal integrity, and life-long learning.

## Philosophy Statement

St. John Catholic School provides quality education in a caring, Catholic environment. The teachers, staff, and students endeavor to model the example of Jesus Christ throughout their daily lives, in the classroom, and in weekly worship together.

We foster enthusiasm for life-long learning. We support and encourage parents, as the first and foremost educators of their children, to strengthen the intellectual, spiritual, social, physical, emotional, and psychological well-being of each child. We celebrate the cultural diversity of our community and believe that our respect for each individual will strengthen self-esteem and regard for others. It is in this atmosphere that our students and families can learn to bring about dynamic change in the areas of human dignity, freedom, peace, and social justice.



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# History

## History of our School

In 1949 and 1950, the parish community of St. John's actively campaigned to raise funds to build St. John Catholic School. In September 1952, the Sisters of the Presentation in San Francisco started grades 1-3, with 154 students. In 1959, a wing extension was added at right angles to the main building, completing St. John Catholic School with 16 classrooms. During the 1960s, there were 12 Sisters of the Presentation on the school staff.



When the Sisters of the Presentation in San Francisco could no longer effectively staff St. John Catholic School, they invited sisters from Presentation Convent, County Limerick, Ireland, to come and continue the educational work in the spirit of Nano Nagle, their founders. Four Presentation Sisters came to St. John Catholic School from Ireland in 1971. In 2006 we added Pre-Kindergarten to meet the changing needs of our community and to help our young learners prepare for a lifetime of excellence and achievement.

Today, St. John Catholic School is a single-stream school with grades Pre-K-8. Our current enrollment is 232 students. The enrollment includes students from neighboring parishes and the surrounding communities as far away as Oakland and Livermore... families travel to be Shamrocks and share in the special spirit of our community!

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## Extended Care (SEP)

St. John Catholic School's *School Extension Program* (SEP) offers quality care for all students registered at St. John Catholic School. Our goal is to positively support, challenge, and encourage children's efforts by providing appropriate activities in a safe, nurturing environment.

### Program Hours

Before School            7:00 a.m. to 7:40 a.m.  
After School            2:50 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. / Minimum Days 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

SEP operates on all school days except for the day before Christmas break and the last day of school.



### Learning Lounge

The Learning Lounge is a silent work time for students to complete homework. If your child is having difficulty getting homework done, please notify the S.E.P. Director and we will assist in anyway possible.

### Indoor Activities

Each day, students will have an opportunity to engage in an indoor activity. They have the option of participating in the activity or free play. Indoor activities include crafts, art, games, science experiments, book club, monthly movie Friday, and monthly birthday Friday.

### Outdoor Activities

Each day students will have an opportunity to engage in outdoor recreation (weather permitting). Students have the option of participating in the organized activity or having free play. Examples of outdoor activities include flag football, chalk, hockey, bowling, clothespin tag, basketball, jump rope, and relay races.

### Cost

\$5.50 per hour for registered students

**Pre-K SEP option available. Please contact Pre-K Director for more info.**

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# Admission Policy

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St. John Catholic School admits students of any race, color, nationality, and/or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. The school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, nationality and/or ethnic origin, age, sex, or disability in the administration of educational policies, scholarships and loan programs, and athletic or other school administered programs.

- A student shall be admitted St. John Catholic School if he/she has a reasonable and well-founded hope of successfully completing the school's program, provided space is available.
- All prospective students will be tested and evaluated. A testing fee of \$50 is required prior to taking the exam.
- All new and transfer students are on a probation period for the first trimester of attendance at the school.
- Clear parental understanding of and agreement to fees and payments are required at the time of registration.
- Original birth and baptismal certificates are required to be shown at the time of registration.
- Health records must be completed before a child is admitted to St. John Catholic School. These records must indicate proof of required immunizations according to State Law and 5533 DAH, and a doctor's signature verifying a physical examination has been given within the previous six (6) months. Conditional admission: A student who lacks the required immunizations has one (1) week to meet immunization requirements.
- To be admitted into the Kindergarten Program, your child must be 5 years old by September 1<sup>st</sup> of the school year they are enrolling in.
- To be admitted into the Pre-Kindergarten Program, your child must be 4 years old by September 1<sup>st</sup> of the school year they are enrolling in.



# Tuition & Fees

St. John Catholic School's tuition rates are consistently below the Diocesan average in order to keep our wonderful school accessible to families wishing to provide their children with an excellent Catholic education.

The following tuition plan is effective for the 2013-2014 school year. Tuition rates increase annually.

**Receive a 5% discount if tuition is paid in full by August 1.**

Students in Family	Tuition Rate for 2013-2014 Year	= 10 monthly payments of
<b>Active Parishioner Rate*</b>		
One Child	\$5,958	\$595
Two Children	\$9,544	\$954
Three Children	\$11,928	\$1,192
Four or more	\$13,372	\$1,337
<b>Catholic Tuition Rate</b>		
One Child	\$6,674	\$667
Two Children	\$10,428	\$1,042
Three Children	\$13,013	\$1,301
Four or more	\$14,863	\$1,486
<b>Non-Catholic</b>		
One Child	\$6,932	\$693
Two Children	\$11,380	\$1,138
Three Children	\$13,614	\$1,361

Registration Fee: \$300

Pre-Kindergarten	Tuition Rate	= 10 monthly payments of
One Child	\$6,866	\$687

Pre-K One-Time Fees

Registration: \$300 Supply Fee: \$75 Snack Fee: \$100 Testing Fee: \$50

Families use FACTS management for 10 monthly debits or may pre-pay in cash.

\*Active Parishioner is defined by registration in our St. John Parish community, regular attendance at Mass, and contributions of financial support through the use of parish family envelopes.

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# Tuition Assistance Programs

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The following is a list of tuition assistance grants and scholarships available for the 2014-2015 school year. All applications require the submission of a 2013 Federal Income Tax Return (Form 1040) along with copies of all W-2 and/or 1099 forms for all working adults living in a household. Additional details can be found on each application. You may pick up the applications in the school's office.

### **BASIC Fund**

The BASIC Fund is primarily open to students entering private schools for the first time, including all kindergarteners, even if siblings already attend private school. The BASIC Fund is open to students in grades K-8.

- Applications will be directly mailed to the BASIC Fund.
- **Scholarships are awarded on a first come, first served basis until the deadline of March 14th, 2014.** Complete application received after March 14th will be placed on a wait-list. Wait-listed applications will be entered into a lottery on July 31st.
- There is no application fee.

### **FACE (Family Aid Catholic Education)**

- Current recipients and new families must obtain the application from the school's office.
- FACE is based on greatest financial need of the applicant pool.
- Applications are due to the school by March 2014.
- There is a \$21 processing fee. Checks should be made payable to Private School and Service.



**Families wishing for additional financial assistance must complete and submit a PSAS application.**

These applications can be picked up at the school's office.

***Tuition Assistance is not available for Pre-K.***

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