

Become a Part of Our School Community

St. John's School provides a balanced curriculum for grades Pre-K through Eighth. All teachers employed at our school are credentialed. In addition, St. John the Baptist School is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and the Western Catholic Educational Association. All grades have teacher aides, thereby facilitating a lower student-teacher ratio, and fostering greater individualized instruction for students. Catholic values and the California Common Core Standards are the foundations upon which St. John's School develops its general curriculum. For more information please visit our website, www.sjbs.org.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

St. John the Baptist Catholic School, the Catholic Church, and our families join together in partnership to provide a caring, Catholic environment. In this environment, our students will achieve their full potential as productive, responsible members and leaders of tomorrow's world.

OUR PHILOSOPHY

St. John the Baptist Catholic School is an expression of the Church's educational mission to proclaim the gospel, promote community and give service. Striving to form and foster a personal and communal life of faith within the Catholic community, this school and the Church join in partnership with the parents, the primary educators, to provide a Catholic education that recognizes the sanctity and uniqueness of each student. Together, we are dedicated to educating the whole child in a caring environment that guides and supports spiritual, intellectual, social, psychological, and physical growth in our students.

Our unique position as Catholic educators allows us to be instrumental in proclaiming the Gospel and modeling Christian values through observable actions. St. John's students emulate our example in prayer, worship, celebration and service to others. Responding to God's love, St. John's community recognizes, appreciates, and respects its cultural diversity. We encourage our students to value the cultural richness that they are a part of. In teaching as Jesus did, we nourish the gifts and talents of these children as they become independent, productive, and responsible Christians, weaving the multicolored tapestry of tomorrow's world.

OUR HISTORY

St. John's School has been educating students since 1987. We are a family-oriented community which partners with parents to provide the best education possible for our students. Here at St. John's, your child will not only receive an excellent academic education, but also one that is permeated with Catholic values. Our students feel as if they are part of a family, and even after they graduate, they constantly come back to visit the teachers, to help tutor students, to work in the office, or to run programs that help the needy in our community. We are all aware of the need for a solid academic education in today's world, however, our society is in need of individuals who are imbued with a value system that respects life and works with the community to better our world. This is what a St. John's student will experience and strive toward. Our graduates' successes, both academically and as productive, Christian persons, prove that our school is a great place to learn.

Tuition and Capital Fund

There are 3 tuition payment options: (1) Pre-Pay (2) Semester Basis (3) Monthly. Monthly payments are **automatically** deducted from either your checking or savings account, we use a firm called F.A.C.T.S. When you set up your F.A.C.T.S. account during registration you will have the choice of a 9, 10, 11, or 12 months payment plan. The Capital Fund payment may be made in the same way as the tuition payments.

CAPITAL FUND (Pre-K – 8th Grade)

\$450 per family (tax deductible)

2017-2018 KINDERGARTEN - 8th GRADE TUITION

	1 Child	2 Children	3 Children	4 Children
Catholic:	\$7,700.00	\$14,630.00	\$17,710.00	\$19,250.00
Non-Catholic:	\$9,240.00	\$17,560.00	\$21,255.00	\$23,105.00

2017-2018 PRE-KINDERGARTEN TUITION

Pre-K Program A: \$6,800: 4 hour curriculum only - 8:05 AM - 12:05 PM).

Pre-K Program B: \$10,300: 7 hours (4 hrs. curriculum plus 3 hrs. ext. care**, 8:05 AM - 3:05 PM).

Pre-K Program C: \$11,600: 10 hours (4 hrs. curriculum plus 6 hrs. ext. care**, 8:05 AM - 6:00 PM).

Pre-Kindergarten program is a separate program therefore no multi-child reduction in tuition.

FINANCIAL AID

The BASIC Fund provides scholarships to thousands of Kindergarten – 8th grade students each year. Their scholarships are awarded on a first-come first-served on the basis of financial need. The awards are based on household size and income; they usually cover 25%-75% of a school's tuition, up to \$1,600 per student per year. Scholarships are awarded on a first come, first served basis beginning in January until March 10th. Applications received after the March 10th deadline will be placed on a wait-list, and will be awarded periodically through the summer as funds become available. For more information visit their website: www.basicfund.org.

We do try to offer financial help to those families who sincerely want a Catholic Education for their child, but find that financially it is a hardship. Because funds are very limited only currently enrolled families are eligible to apply for financial assistance from the school. Financial Aid is usually in the range of \$150-\$300 per year and is based on need. If at any time during the school year there are financial difficulties or an emergency, please notify the Principal, Mr. Brazil. Arrangements can be made before your account becomes delinquent.

Other Fees

Application Fee (non-refundable, per student)	\$70.00
Registration Fee (non-refundable, due at time of acceptance & yearly thereafter. Fee may increase yearly)	\$500.00 per student

PTG

PTG Fee \$50.00 (1 student), \$65.00 (2 students), \$80.00 (3 students), \$95.00 (4 students)

Family Fundraising (Pre-K - 8th Grade)

1 Child Family	\$650.00
2 Child Family	\$850.00
3 Child Family	\$1,050.00
4 Child Family	\$1,250.00

Family Service (Pre-K - 8th Grade)

To pay out of the program (not perform any service activities) \$800.00

MISCELLANEOUS FEES

Extended Day (K-8th grade)	(Up to one hour) \$7.00
	(Flat rate applies if more than one hour) \$17.00

Hot Lunch Program

Choicelunch: Monday - Friday	\$5.90 - \$7.10 each
After School Sports (Grades 5-8)	\$90.00 per student
Yearbook	\$TBD per book

CLASS FEES (DUE DECEMBER 1)

The current fee structures below are for the 2016-2017 school year.

Kindergarten Graduation	\$35.00
Kindergarten Graduation (if you have cap & gown)	\$20.00
First Communion (2nd grade)	\$65.00
6th Grade Science Camp	\$360.00
7th Grade Retreat	\$130.00
8th Grade Retreat	\$190.00
8th Grade Graduation & Confirmation	\$210.00

Application Process and Admission Criteria

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. **Complete the online application on our school website, www.sjbs.org.**
2. **Submit the following items to the school office:**
 - \$70.00 application fee
 - Birth Certificate
 - Baptismal Certificate (Catholic students, only)
 - First Communion Certificate (Catholic students entering Grade 3 and above)
 - Immunization Records (yellow card or print out from physician)
 - The most current Report Card (**required for students applying for 1st - 8th grade**)
3. After submission of the above items, an appointment will be scheduled for the Pre-Kindergarten Interview or Grade K – 8th Entrance Testing.

If your child is accepted for enrollment, an acceptance letter will be mailed to you as soon as possible (within 1-2 weeks) after the interview/testing. The following form will be included with the acceptance letter and will need to be submitted with the fee by the date listed on the form.

- Preliminary Registration Form and Registration Fee

The following forms (if applicable) will be included with the acceptance letter and will need to be completed by the date listed on the Admission/Registration Requirements sheet.

- Physician's Report - Child Care Centers, Pre-Admission Health Evaluation (Pre-Kindergarten applicants)
- Report of Health Examination and TB Risk Assessment for School Entry (Kindergarten applicants)
- Report of Health Examination and TB Risk Assessment for School Entry (1st Grade applicants**)
- Authorization to Release School Records (For students applying for 1st - 8th grade)

***If this was done when child entered Kindergarten, previous school or parent must provide us with a copy otherwise this form will need to be completed again.*

ADMISSION CRITERIA

Acceptance is based on age requirement for the grade applied for and specific criteria of readiness and performance. Exceptions cannot be made on the age requirement.

Priority is given to:

1. Families who currently have children enrolled at St. John's.
2. Registered, supportive parishioners at St. John's or St. Elizabeth's in Milpitas.
3. Children of other Catholic Parishes.
4. Non-Catholic Students.

* Please note that Non-Catholic students who are accepted for admission must attend religion class and other religious activities of the school.

*These priorities are guidelines only. The pastor and principal shall have broad discretionary authority in the application of these guidelines to specific situations.

St. John the Baptist School, a Catholic school in the Diocese of San Jose, mindful of its mission to be a witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students of any race, color and national and/or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. The school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and/or ethnic origin, age, sex, or disability in the administration of educational policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school administered programs. St. John the Baptist does not unlawfully discriminate against any applicant for employment on the basis of sex, age, disability, race, color and national and/or ethnic origin.

School Wide Learning Expectations

Upon completion of eighth grade, a St. John the Baptist School student will be:

A **person of faith** who:

- Loves God.
- Lives a Christian life through prayer and action.
- Celebrates the sacraments.
- Is responsible and makes good choices.

A **life-long learner** who is:

- Self-motivated and cooperative.
- An effective communicator.
- A critical thinker.
- A responsible citizen.
- Displays and uses knowledge of technology.

An **emotionally well-rounded individual** who:

- Helps and respects all of God's people and all living things.
- Has self-esteem.
- Demonstrates self-discipline.
- Shows a cheerful and polite attitude.

A **physically well-balanced individual** who:

- Shows teamwork, leadership, and independence.
- Plays honestly and fairly.
- Cares for and respects his or her body.
- Recognizes the importance of nutritious food.
- Is physically active.

Parent Commitment

We do have certain expectations of all parents. Since these expectations are binding on all parents, they are in effect a pre-requisite for acceptance and registration in the school. Expectations are:

- **Honor the Financial Agreement regarding tuition payments.**
- **Commit to St. John's Capital Fund Pledge. (This is tax deductible)**
- **Fulfill the Family Service Obligation** (perform service for the school).
Examples of family service jobs are: hot lunch/yard duty helper, fundraiser event helper, sports coach, etc. If unable to commit to an activity you have the option to payout by check or cash at registration or you may add the payout fee to your tuition payments.
- **Fulfill the Family Fundraising Obligation** (raise money). *Several fundraising opportunities may be available during the school year to help raise these funds. Such as, Scrip (gift cards), Walk-a-thon, etc. The Fundraising Obligation balance is due in April 2018. There is also the option to payout by check or cash at registration or you may add the payout fee to your tuition payments.*
- **Attend Parent-Teacher Conference** (a 15-minute appointment with your child's teacher, held in October (weekdays) between the hours of 12:45-4:00 PM).
- **Attend Mandatory Parent Meetings such as; Back to School Night, PTG General Meeting, etc.**
- **Read the School Handbook upon receipt (August) and be knowledgeable of school policies.**
- **Read the School Bulletin on a regular basis (emailed twice a month on Wednesday).**
- **Complete the Online Mandatory Safe Environment Training (required by the Diocese of SJ). Website information will be given to you if your child is accepted for enrollment.**
- **Complete the Mandatory Fingerprinting – Cost: \$67 (required by the Diocese of SJ). Fingerprinting must be done by a specific company, company information and request for live scan form will be given to you during your registration appointment, normally in May.**

Important Dates and Misc. Information

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR

- January 29, 2017 - Priority Application Period Opens
 - February 17, 2017 - Priority Application Period Closes
 - February 20 - 24, 2017 - School Closed - Winter Break
 - February 28, 2017 – Priority Applicant Interview/Testing, Pre-Kindergarten – 8th Grade (by appointment, only)
 - March 9, 2017 - New Student Acceptance Letters Mailed Out
 - April 7, 2017 - Non-refundable Registration Fee of \$500.00 Per Student Due
 - April 14 - April 21, 2017 - School Closed - Easter Break
 - April 25, 2017 – New Parent Information Meeting
 - May 22, 2017 – New Families Registration for the 2017-18 School Year
 - June 26 - August 2, 2017 – School Office Closed for Summer Break
 - August 17, 2017 – School Begins For Grades K – 8. Pre-K Begins School on August 18, 2017 with an Open House.
- ❖ **Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis through December 1st.**

SCHOOL SCHEDULE (KINDERGARTEN – 8th GRADE)

The first bell for school rings at 8:05 AM. All K – 8th grade students, line up in their respective grades for the morning prayers and flag salute. Recess is from 10:00-10:15 AM. The students have time for a snack and play. Lunch is from 12:00 PM until 12:30 PM for grades 5-8 and 12:15 PM until 12:55 PM for grades K-4. Dismissal is at 3:05 PM. Every Wednesday there is a 12:45 PM dismissal for all grade K thru 8 students.

EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM (KINDERGARTEN – 8th GRADE)

St. John's has an Extended Day Program on-site for grades K thru 8. It opens at 6:30 AM and closes at 6:00 PM. It is available every day when school is in session, except the last day of school in June. During holidays and vacation the Extended Care program is closed. Payments are due every two week.

UNIFORMS

All students (Pre-K – 8th grade) wear uniforms on a daily basis. Our uniforms are purchased through Dennis Uniforms. The store location, cost sheet, and dates of the on-campus sales event will be included with the New Parent Information Packet.

LUNCH

St. John's does not have cafeteria facilities; therefore, we ask that parents provide all snacks and lunches for their student. Hot Lunch is available Monday-Friday by Choicelunch for a separate fee, lunches must be pre-ordered and paid for online.

TRANSPORTATION

St. John's does not have a bus or transportation program. Each parent is responsible for driving their student to and from school and sports activities. Parents may form carpools to facilitate transportation.

TECHNOLOGY

School Library/Resource Center with automated circulation system, Closed-circuit educational television system, Discovery Streaming Video, iPads, Mobile computer labs, desktop computer lab, interactive white boards, multi-media projectors, and a STEM lab.

School and Extra-Curricular Activities

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES / COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

- Book & Toy Drives
- Buddy Class Program
- Class Retreats for Grades 7-8
- Clothing and Food Drives
- Diocese of San Jose Layette Project
- Science Camp for Grade 6
- Spanish Class for Grades 1-2
- St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
- Student Government
- Support of Foreign Orphanage

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- After-School Sports for Grades 5-8
- Altar Servers' Group
- Chess Club
- Junior Knights Sports for Grades 1-4
- Parish School Choir
- Piano, Guitar, and Voice Classes
- Robotics Club
- Scouts
- Soccer Camp
- Yearbook Club

Pre-Kindergarten

The Pre-K program is a five days a week program. Admission of qualified students is on a first come, first served basis. Due to California State licensing, each family is required to make an annual commitment to ensure certified caregivers are available. ****See Tuition Sheet for Pre-K Tuition Rates. ****

PRE-K ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS (2017-18 School Year)

Applicants must be 4 years old by September 1, 2017. They must also speak and understand English and be potty trained, no exceptions can or will be made.

PROGRAM CHOICES

Program A: 8:05 AM to 12:05 PM, curriculum only

Program B: 8:05 AM - 3:05 PM, curriculum followed by 3 hours of extended care**

Program C: 8:05 AM - 6:00 PM, curriculum followed by 6 hours of extended care**

**Extended Care: consists of group playtime, arts & crafts, snack & rest time, and organized games.

PROGRAM CURRICULUM

- Our Pre-K program is activity based with an emphasis on learning at a developmentally appropriate pace. We direct the social, physical, psychological, and emotional development of each student to prepare them for Kindergarten. The daily schedule includes religion, sharing, outdoor play, snack time, story time, music and movement, motor skills, and planned learning activities.
- Coloring, cutting, pasting, etc. help the students develop their fine motor skills while being introduced to letter names and sounds of the alphabet. Nursery rhymes and rhyming are used daily to build language skills. Various activities, games and puzzles are planned around numbers, shapes, and counting.
- Reading followed by class discussion helps the students understand the daily story and build their vocabulary. Public speaking and responsibility are encouraged through sharing, leading the class in songs and rhymes, being a classroom helper and performing at parish and school assemblies.
- Gross motor skills are developed daily. Students are given opportunities to run, jump, hop, skip, balance, and play with balls along with a weekly guided physical education program.
- Jesus is always in the classroom as a part of our everyday activities. Students are reminded that Jesus is in everyone's heart. They are taught to make the Sign of the Cross, pray the Hail Mary, Our Father, and the Glory Be, and participate in school Masses. We teach our students that they are children of God.

SNACKS/LUNCH

Parents provide snack for their own student. Parents may either provide their student with lunch or pre-order lunch through Choicelunch. Program A students do not eat lunch at school but may still order from Choicelunch.

UNIFORMS

Children wear the regular uniform of the school; school P.E. uniforms are required on P.E. day.

Kindergarten

Lovingly known as "GOD'S PROJECT" where the seeds of learning are planted and nurtured in the garden of New Beginnings and Infinite Possibilities! Where, through a values-based curriculum, and a caring partnership between home and school, each "Special Child" grows in the knowledge of: Religion, Language Arts, and Mathematics, Science, Social Studies and Fine Arts. Kindergartners connect and apply what they learn. They develop competencies and creative skills in problem solving, communication, and management of time and resources that contribute to lifelong learning.

KINDERGARTEN ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS (2016-17 School Year)

Applicants must be 5 years old by September 1, 2017. No exceptions can or will be made.

RELIGION

Students learn to identify God as a Creator who loves all people. Students reflect on their role in caring for God's creation. Kindergartners at St. John's School discuss and share how they thank God for all that they have been given. The students also recognize that prayer is talking with God. They learn about how the Holy Family is an example for all families, and that Mary is the Mother of God. Experiences in Mass and prayer services help the students to demonstrate reverence in Church. Kindergartners listen to and retell Bible stories. They learn some important words and actions of Jesus and focus on how a Kindergartener can follow Jesus' commandment to "love one another." Students in Kindergarten learn to recognize the needs of the poor, reflect on and demonstrate the importance of giving and sharing, and gain a deeper appreciation of different cultures.

LANGUAGE ARTS

Students learn about letters, words, and sounds and apply this knowledge to begin reading sentences. They build comprehension skills by identifying the basic facts of stories. They begin writing short sentences and begin speaking in coherent sentences. They can retell familiar stories and predict what will happen in stories.

MATHEMATICS

Students count, compare and classify objects by attribute; identify and extend patterns by shape, size or color; explore the concept of time using tools such as a calendar or clock; compare length, weight and capacity of objects; and describe geometric shapes such as circle, triangle, square, rectangle, cube, sphere and cone.

SCIENCE

Students identify major structures of common plants and animals (for example, stems, leaves, arms, wings) as well as characteristics of mountains, rivers, oceans and deserts. They perform all kinds of investigations, such as sorting objects by one or more physical attribute. They learn to apply the scientific method to all forms of learning.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Students are introduced to relationships, including how one event is connected to another and how geography affects events. They learn about historical figures, individual responsibility and the rules that govern society, the backgrounds of American citizens and the basics of local and national governments.

FINE ARTS

Students create, perform and participate in visual arts. They apply artistic processes and skills, using a variety of media. Beginning skills in the use of tools and processes are demonstrated, such as the use of scissors, glue, and paper. They draw and paint pictures to express feelings and explore ideas, both real and imaginary. In music, students sing age-appropriate songs from memory. Through the playing of simple instruments and dance movements, they demonstrate awareness of beat, tempo and melody.