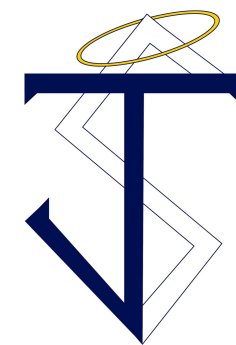




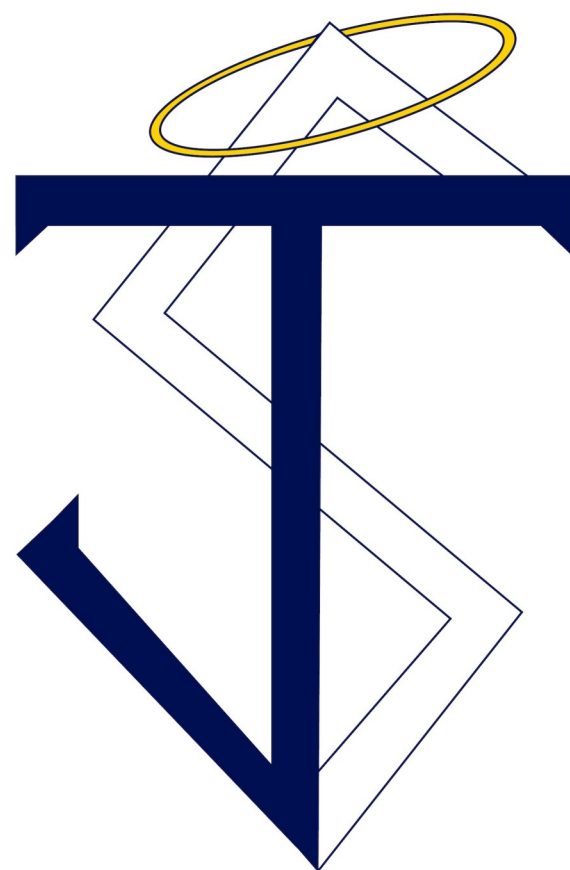
St. James Catholic School



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- St. James School is a member of the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA).
- St. James School is fully accredited through Cognia and Missouri Nonpublic Schools.
- St. James School welcomes students of every faith, race and ethnic background to our school community.

Growing Together: Faith, Family & Friends

St. James Catholic School

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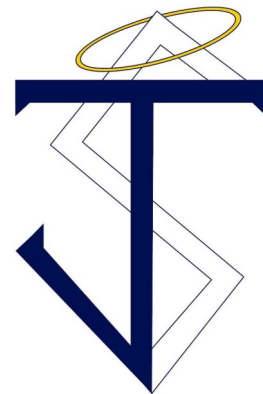
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What Our Saints Think

“I like playing with my friend!”



-SJS Early Childhood Student

“I love it here. We get to have fun and play outside a lot.”



-SJS Early Childhood Student

“We get to go to church with our Big Buddies!”



-SJS Kindergarten Student

“Recess is so fun, and lunch...I like lunch a lot!”



-SJS First Grade Student

“In 5th grade we change classrooms for different subjects, it's like I have both 5th grade teachers!”



-SJS Fifth Grade Student

“I love that we have Chromebooks now!

It makes it so much easier to do my homework.”



-SJS Middle School Student



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C.L.A.S.S.

CONNECTING LEARNING ASSURES SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS

Creating successful schools with collaboration skills, brain research and character education.

St. James School has adopted the C.L.A.S.S. philosophy. The C.L.A.S.S. philosophy is grounded in the belief that best teaching practices are based on the understanding of the human brain, a systemic understanding of human beings and the interactions among human beings and the environment. The science of the brain continues to evolve significantly. LIFESKILLS and Lifelines are a part of the C.L.A.S.S. program used to enrich the learning environment of students and teachers. To learn more about this program, visit their website:
www.joyofclass.org.

LIFESKILLS and Lifelines are the Building Blocks of St. James School and the C.L.A.S.S. Program

CARING: To feel and show concern for others

COMMON SENSE: To use good judgment

COOPERATION: To work together toward a common goal or purpose

COURAGE: To act according to one's beliefs

CURIOSITY: A desire to investigate and seek understanding of one's world

EFFORT: To do your best

FLEXIBILITY: To be willing to alter plans when necessary

FRIENDSHIP: To make and keep a friend through mutual trust and caring

INITIATIVE: To do something of one's own free will

INTEGRITY: To act according to a sense of what is right and wrong

ORGANIZATION: To plan, arrange, and keep things orderly and ready to use

PATIENCE: To wait without complaining

PERSEVERANCE: To keep at it

PRIDE: To be satisfied by doing your personal best

PROBLEM-SOLVING: To create solutions in difficult situations and everyday problems

RESPONSIBILITY: To respond when appropriate; to be accountable for your actions

SENSE OF HUMOR: To laugh and be playful without harming others

Principal's Welcome



Hello! My name is Jennifer Scanlon-Smith, and as principal of St. James School, I'd like to welcome you and thank you for taking time to learn more about our school. I feel blessed to be the principal of St. James and look forward to continuing its longstanding tradition of excellence. Our school has been educating children in the Catholic tradition since the 1955-1956 school year.

St. James School provides children in preschool through grade 8 with a Catholic education aimed at empowering children to achieve their full academic and Christian potential, by becoming prayerful, lifelong learners and good stewards of God's gifts.

As a fully accredited Diocesan School, we are committed to delivering academic excellence in family classroom environments, plus we have exciting opportunities beyond the classroom through which students can learn and grow as scholars and individuals throughout their years. We recognize and celebrate the diverse learning styles, interests, talents, and cultures of our students and strive to offer a rich variety of meaningful learning experiences that will inspire innovative thinkers and confident learners.

Our mission is to provide academic excellence through a Christ-centered curriculum in a preschool through eighth grade school while believing that each child is a unique creation of God. St. James students have a variety of opportunities to participate in extra-curricular activities such as scouts, sports, service projects, Mad Science club, chess, dance, choir and band. As each student moves through our programs, we will support his/her effort to become a responsible decision-maker and a good citizen of our school and of our community. St. James School cultivates respect for self and others.

In addition, St. James School has a dedicated and experienced staff, an active PTO and School Advisory Committee, and a deep partnership with caring and committed families. Parental involvement is prevalent and welcome in our school.

We'd love to introduce you to our school community. Here at St. James School, *We Are Growing Together; Faith, Family and Friends*. The lessons learned here, both in and out of the classroom, prepare each child for service to the local and global community.

We welcome you to come and see what a difference our school makes. We will give you a tour of our campus, answer your questions and introduce you to our St. James family.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Quick Facts About St. James School

- Weekly Mass for 1st-8th grade and Prayer Service for early childhood and kindergarten (kindergarten attends Mass after Christmas)
- Daily school hours: 7:45 AM-3:10 PM
- Extended care: 7:00AM - 7:30AM: \$1.00 daily charge
- Extended care: 3:10PM - 6:00PM: Additional charge applies
- Uniforms are worn in k - 8th grade. For convenience, we offer a uniform store for families
- Registered Nurse and full time health room
- 3rd - 8th grade one-to-one Chromebook program
- Rotating enrichment classes for all students, including early childhood
- Electives for middle school students changing quarterly
- Sycamore Education - web-based student information system
- Active School Advisory Committee and PTO
- Successful yearly auction supports school programs and enrichment activities
- Enrollment between 350 - 400 students
- Iowa Assessment Standardized Testing aligned for high academic achievement
- Student leadership opportunities



Standardized Testing

St. James students in 3rd-8th grade take the Iowa Assessments. On average, over 76% of our students routinely score at proficient or advanced levels in reading and math. Our 4th grade students also participate in the CogAT test each year.

Some past auction themes.....

Save the Date!

Friday, October 9, 2020

Annual St. James School Auction



30 Years & Counting!

St. James Annual School Auction

For 30 years, the St. James School auction has positively impacted the school and parish, and the surrounding Liberty community.

This auction is our one and only required fundraiser. It directly impacts our school and PTO budget each year.

All attendee's MUST be 21 years of age to attend. There is no exception to this Diocesan policy.

Each family is given two options for participating in the annual auction.
Option one: participate in the event (which includes: purchase of two auction tickets and procuring auction items with a total value of \$150.00.)

Option two: "Buy-Out" from participating in the auction for a fee of \$500.00.

Protecting Our Students

Locked Down Facility

The safety of our students is always our number one priority. Our building is always locked when students are present. Visitors must be buzzed into the office where they can sign in to the building.

Circle of Grace

The Circle of Grace program educates and empowers children and young people to be active participants in their safety. Teaching divine sacredness, along with healthy and unhealthy boundaries and an action plan, Circle of Grace teachings maximize a child's ability to seek help.

TIPS & Signs of Suicide

TIPS is a comprehensive platform for reporting, tracking, and documenting incidents and concerns.

Our school uses (SOS Signs of Suicide) to teach suicide prevention to students. The program provides suicide prevention efforts and helpful tools for supporting children's mental health.

VIRTUS®: Protecting God's Children for Adults

This national program has been adopted by more than 100 U.S. Dioceses to ensure safe environments in all parishes, schools, early childhood centers and programs for youth. Attending this program is mandatory for all clergy, employees, volunteers, and parents who interact with children.

Volunteer Requirements

For all who would like to volunteer at St. James School, please be sure you have completed the following Diocesan volunteer requirements. If you have any questions, call the school office.

1. Create an account at: www.virtus.org.
2. Choose the Kansas City-St. Joseph Diocese in Missouri as your diocese.
3. Sign up to attend a free, 3 hour class entitled "Protecting God's Children." (These are offered at a variety of times, days and locations across the diocese.)
4. Complete the "Ethics and Integrity Ministry" document. (You will read 4 PDFs and answer one question for each as you go through it.)
5. Complete a background check. (Be sure to have your driver's license number and addresses for the past 10 years handy.)



New Family Enrollment Checklist

Welcome to St. James School! We are very excited to have you join our school family! Below you will find our new family enrollment checklist. Your enrollment process is complete when each item is marked off. Please contact the school office if you have any questions 816-781-4428.

Yearly Enrollment Checklist

- ◇ Complete the online enrollment form
- ◇ Release of records has been signed and submitted to the school office (if transferring from another school)
- ◇ Tithing parishioners must have a current pledge card on file and be up-to-date on your tithe (pledge year runs Jan. 1st - Dec. 31st)
- ◇ School fees have been paid at the school office
- ◇ Copy of birth certificate turned into school office
- ◇ Copy of baptismal certificate turned into school office
- ◇ Current shot records turned into school office
- ◇ Rest mat purchased for early childhood & kindergarten students
- ◇ Submit deposit for family café account
- ◇ Purchase uniforms from school store
- ◇ Purchase school supplies (list posted on the school website)

***New Family Tip:** Don't wait until school starts to begin purchasing H.O.P.E. cards. The H.O.P.E. program runs March through February. Be sure to indicate that you are a school family when making purchases.

Home of the Saints!

Parish Mission Statement

"We, the community of St James, are a prayerful and Eucharistic people who treasure our Catholic traditions. We strive to grow in our faith by being good stewards of the gifts God has given us and by sharing God's truth with all. As the Body of Christ, we are called to love and serve everyone, especially the marginalized, with joy and hospitality."



School Mission Statement

The St. James Catholic School Community, a ministry of the parish, empowers students to achieve their full academic and Christian potential, become prayerful, lifelong learners and good stewards of God's gifts.



Our School

As lifelong learners, students are constantly being provided with opportunities to develop academic skills through use of technology such as Chromebooks, STREAM activities, and classroom activities to promote growth and development. Other ways our students grow are through development of relationships through retreats and other interactions between varying grade levels. As a school, we strive to meet students where they are to help them unlock a love of learning, God, and His creation.



H.O.P.E. Card Program

The H.O.P.E. (Help Our Parish Educate) Program provides our parish with money through the cooperation of area stores. Participation in the H.O.P.E.

Program is required of all school families for fulfillment of your financial commitment to St. James School. Each family must purchase a minimum of \$1500.00 per year (beginning in March through February of the following school year). If you choose not to participate, you have the option of a "Buy-Out" for a total of \$500 per year. A list of gift cards can be obtained from the school office or on the church website.



Here is a list of some of the gift cards that we keep on hand:

- * Rancho Grande
- * Hy-Vee
- * Price Chopper
- * Walmart
- * Target
- * B&B Theaters
- * Chipotle
- * Homegoods
- * Sprouts
- * Home Depot
- * Best Buy
- * McDonalds
- * Panera
- * Red Robin
- * PetSmart
- * Amazon

Just to name a few.....

Extended Care Program

Extended care is available most school days. Extended care is not available on holidays, snow days, first day and last day of school or any day that school is not in session. Notice will be given ahead of time on certain noon dismissal days that we will not have extended care via school newsletter and parent calendar. Extended care is from: 3:00PM - 6:00PM for early childhood, and 3:10PM - 6:00PM for kindergarten - 8th grade. Snacks are provided by parents. Payments for extended care are due each Friday. Payments are only applied for the days that services are used. If bills are not paid weekly, your child will no longer be able to attend extended care until reconciled. Our program has been approved by the State of Missouri, Fr. Mike Roach and the Parish Council.

Olweus Program

At St. James School, we take all reports of bullying seriously. Through our Olweus program, we discuss how to treat others and how to respond to bullies using scenarios through role play exercises. We also try to help students understand the difference between bullying and teasing. This is what we are saying at school if you would like to reinforce the information at home.

The Olweus Bullying Prevention Program further defines bullying as:

- When someone repeatedly and on purpose says or does mean or hurtful things to another person who has a hard time defending himself or herself
- Involves an aggressive behavior
- Typically involves a pattern of behavior repeated over time
- Involves an imbalance of power or strength

St. James School incorporates the Olweus bullying definition into our Anti-Bullying Policy when addressing bullying behavior.

Three Key Components of Bullying Behavior

1. Involves an aggressive behavior.
2. Typically involves a pattern of behavior repeated over time.
3. Imbalance of power or strength.

St. James School Anti-Bullying Rules

1. We will not bully others.
2. We will help students who are bullied.
3. We will include students who are left out.
4. If we know that somebody is being bullied, we will tell an adult at school and at home.
5. Do the right thing, treat people right.

Affordable Catholic Education

Tithing vs. Tuition

St. James School

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Parents,

At St. James Catholic School, we try to inform families of all options for education. One of the topics that often comes up is that of cost. We like to be as up front about our pricing as possible, including providing information about tithing vs. tuition. For families who are not Catholic, we ask you to pay tuition.

St. James Catholic School is supported by the general revenue of the parish rather than tuition payments due to the low number of tuition paying families. The benefit of this arrangement is that all contributions made to the parish as a tithe are tax-deductible. The success of this non-tuition model depends upon the conscientious cooperation of all our parishioners/school families in supporting the parish according to their ability. It costs the parish upwards of \$5400 to educate each student, and our parents are asked to be mindful of this in determining their level of parish support.

Hopefully this will answer the most commonly asked questions, but if you have any more, feel free to contact Fr. Mike Roach or Jennifer Scanlon-Smith, school principal for details.

Kind Regards,

Tithing Model

- Tithing is a financial contribution to the church. Generally, a tithe is considered to be 10% of income. (5% to parish, 1% to diocese, 4% to either church or other organizations)
- In order to participate in a tithing education, your family must be registered and active Catholics at St. James Parish.
- This is defined as a family who:
 - Attends Sunday Mass regularly
 - Receive the Sacraments regularly
 - Contributes with financial support of the Parish with fulfillment of yearly pledge
 - (The pledge year runs from Jan. 1 - Dec. 31)

Tuition Option

- Tuition costs can vary year to year. Parents are welcome to pay yearly, by semester, or monthly (from August - May).
- A schedule of fees can be found in the school office.

"If there is a child that you can't feed or educate, give that child to me. I will not refuse any child." -Mother Teresa

Curriculum

The general curriculum for all grades includes studies in the following areas: Religion, language arts, math, science, social studies, spelling, technology, library science, music, band, physical education, Spanish, art, handwriting, cursive, cooperative learning skills and Olweus Bullying Prevention.

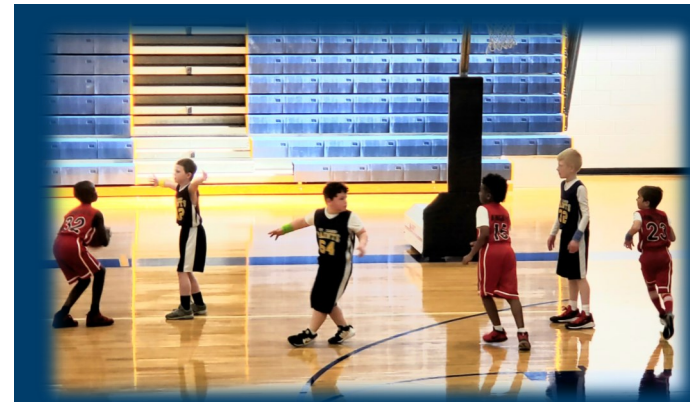
Integrated study trips are offered to support curriculum.

Academic Advantage Enrichment Programs

- ⇒ St. Pius X High School Honors Algebra
- ⇒ Retreats
- ⇒ Family Groups
- ⇒ Ambassador Program
- ⇒ Freckle Math
- ⇒ Accelerated Reader Program
- ⇒ Knights of Columbus Essay Contest
- ⇒ Duke TIP Program
- ⇒ Big Buddies/Little Buddies
- ⇒ Integration of Chromebooks & iPad Technology
- ⇒ Middle School Electives
- ⇒ Service Projects and Community Outreach
- ⇒ Academic Interventionist
- ⇒ Academic Enrichment
- ⇒ Online parent portal for parents to access assignments and grades
- ⇒ Student Council



Extracurricular Programs at SJS



Athletics

- ⇒ Football: Begins in 2nd grade with flag football
- ⇒ Volleyball: Begins in the 3rd Grade
- ⇒ Basketball: Begins in the 2nd Grade
- ⇒ Cross Country: Begins in 4th Grade
- ⇒ Track: Begins in 4th Grade

Other Programs Offered

- ⇒ Art Camp
- ⇒ Mad Science
- ⇒ Chess Club
- ⇒ Bricks 4 Kidz
- ⇒ Tippi Toes Dance
- ⇒ Scouts
- ⇒ Band 5th - 8th Grades
- ⇒ Extended Care
- ⇒ Summer Camp



SMART Clubs:

Established to extend on the school's commitment to Howard Gardner's Multiple Intelligence Theory, they provide an opportunity for students and teachers to interact in a multi-aged setting. SMART Clubs build upon school-wide community building activities. Students truly enjoy engaging in activities that focus on their personal strengths.

Family Groups:

Started to enable students to REALLY get to know students in other grade levels and build relationships. All activities are designed around meeting this objective. Each group is made up of students from kindergarten - 8th grade and assigned to a teacher. Family groups meet around a theme. Students work together on a project geared towards strengthening their faith and friendships. Middle school students are encouraged to be leaders and set examples for other students in the family group.