

## **Welcome to St. John School**

Thank you for your interest in St. John Lutheran School. For over 165 years, St. John has served the New Orleans community with a commitment to quality Christian education. St. John's philosophy emphasizes high expectations for student achievement in a faith centered environment. Our low student/teacher ratio, safe campus, strong academics and caring, qualified Christian educators enable us to enact our purpose daily. The Gospel message of God's love is conveyed daily to each child in attendance at our school. We care about the whole child: mind, body and spirit.

St. John offers classes for students in kindergarten through eighth grade. All our teachers have education degrees and have been certified to teach. St. John has an approved status for a nonpublic school determined by the Louisiana BESE Board and is accredited by the National Lutheran School Accreditation Board and Cognia.

St. John Lutheran School serves the whole community and admits students of any race, color, religion, and national or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs and activities at the school.

## **Our Mission, Purpose, and Philosophy**

The mission of St. John Lutheran Church and School is to share the grace and love of Jesus through worship, education, and service to the world around us.

The school's unique purpose is to provide an excellent Christ-centered educational program in which children are given an opportunity to grow academically, spiritually, emotionally, socially, and physically; developing their God-given potential with the help of dedicated and qualified Christian educators.

We believe that as Christians, we respond to God's love for us by demonstrating that love in all aspects of our lives, therefore we teach the Gospel and encourage our students to show a love of God in appropriate behavior, words, actions, and lifestyle.

We intentionally teach and promote a school culture where the love of Christ sets the tone and students display a respect for others, a love of learning and most importantly, a strong faith in the Lord. "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6



## **The Lutheran School System**

St. John is part of the Southern District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The elementary schools of the LCMS date back to the decade between 1830 and 1840, when a number of Lutheran congregations were organized by German immigrants in Midwestern states and established Christian Day Schools for their children.

### **General Information**

#### School Hours

School officially begins at **8:25 a.m.** and ends at **3:15 p.m.** Students are allowed in the classroom beginning at 8:15 a.m. and afternoon pick-up ends at 3:30 p.m.

#### Extended Care

Morning care begins at 7:00 a.m. and afternoon care ends at 6:00 p.m. (An additional fee is charged for the use of this service. \$4.00/hour)

#### Technology

St. John utilizes interactive whiteboards, document cameras, laptops and Chromebooks for student use.

#### Music/Computer Class/Library/Art

Kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup> grade students have music three times a week. 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students have music two times a week and computer class once a week. All students have access to the library and are allowed to check out books and bring them home. In addition to our school library, each classroom has a collection of age-appropriate books. Students will have art class once a week.

#### Chapel Services

School chapel services are held each Wednesday at 8:35 a.m. in the sanctuary. This is a special (age appropriate) worship experience led by our pastor for our students and teachers. An offering is collected each week to support various ministries and charitable organizations. Each class will take a turn helping to lead chapel once a year.

#### Lunch Program

Hot lunch is available daily. Lunches are federally subsidized; therefore, free and reduced prices are available to those who qualify.



### School Dress Guidelines

St. John has a mandatory school uniform and dress code. Boys are required to wear khaki uniform pants or shorts with a logo shirt. Girls may also wear the khaki uniform pants with a logo shirt, or the school plaid shorts or school plaid jumper or skirt. A complete set of guidelines may be found in the Parent Handbook.

### St. John Parent Handbook

A handbook is distributed to all school families on an annual basis at the Parent Orientation held in August. Each family is expected to acknowledge receipt of the handbook and to support the expectations and guidelines set forth in the handbook. A copy of this handbook may be found on our website.

## **Registration and Enrollment Requirements**

### Age Requirements

Students entering kindergarten must be five years of age on or before September 30<sup>th</sup>.

### Interview/Testing

All applicants must participate in an interview session administered by St. John personnel. Students entering grade one or higher will also be tested for appropriate placement.

### Academic Records

The application process for students entering first grade and above includes our receipt of academic records from previous schools. Copies of report cards and standardized test results must be faxed or mailed to us by the previous school.

### Immunizations

The State of Louisiana requires that all students must be properly immunized prior to the start of the school year and the school must keep a copy of the immunization record on site.

### Social Security Card and Birth Certificate

Parents of applicants must present a social security card and a birth certificate to the office personnel. A copy of each will be made for our records.



**Application/Enrollment Checklist**

- Complete the Registration Form and mail or return it to the school office with the registration fee. (This fee is only refunded if the child is not accepted for enrollment.)
- Arrange an appointment for the interview/testing process.
- Provide the child's birth certificate, social security card and immunization records to the school office for copying.
- Arrange for copies of report cards and standardized test scores to be sent by the previous school. *(This does not apply to students entering kindergarten.)*
- Sign up with the bank for a tuition loan.

*\*Students registering after June 15<sup>th</sup> must also pay the Curriculum and Development Fee at the time of registration.*