

# St. John Notre Dame School

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## What is the school's philosophy and mission?

Mission Statement: *Learning and Serving with Christ*

St. John Notre Dame School (Jr. K through 8) is the primary educational ministry of St. John the Baptist Parish of the Diocese of Sacramento. We are a faith community committed to learning and serving with Christ. We provide a quality Catholic education primarily for the parishioners of St. John the Baptist Parish through a culture of continuous improvement dedicated to spiritual growth and academic excellence.

St. John Notre Dame School exists to serve children. We strive to inspire lifelong learning to help our students mature into healthy people of faith, thought, integrity and action. We recognize parents as the primary educators of their children. Our goal is to help our students develop to their fullest potential as they begin to take their place as responsible Catholic citizens in our society.

## Is the school accredited?

Yes, the school is accredited by the Western Catholic Educational Association/Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

## What is the school and class size?

There is one class each of grades Jr. K - 8, with class size being 12 for Jr. K and 36 for K-8<sup>th</sup>.

## What about teacher-to-student ratio?

Grades 1 and 4 have full-time aides, creating a ratio of 1:18. Grades 2, 3, and 5 have part-time aides; Kindergarten has 1 full-time and 1 part-time aide, creating a ratio of 1:12 when both aides are present. Instruction in grades 6-8 is departmentalized.

## What is the curriculum?

As a part of the Diocese of Sacramento, the school's curriculum standards are Diocesan and are aligned with the California State Standards.

## What is the cost, and is there any financial aid?

Tuition rates for the 2010-2011 year are:

	<u>Parishioner</u>	<u>Non-Parishioner</u>
For 1 student:	\$ 4,010.00	\$ 4,790.00
For 2 students:	\$ 7,260.00	\$ 9,130.00
For 3 students:	\$ 10,090.00	\$ 12,900.00
For 4 students:	\$ 11,940.00	\$ 16,320.00
Jr. Kindergarten	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,500.00

Tuition payments can be made monthly, semi-annually or annually. Registration fees are \$270.00 per child per year. Financial aid is available to all SJNDS families upon request and is granted based on financial need.

**Are there any other requirements for enrollment?**

Yes. Each family is required to perform service and earn PIP (Parent Involvement Program) points through participation in officially sanctioned Parents' Club events. Parents and students must also accept the school's philosophy and mission, the leadership of the pastor and principal, and abide by the school's rules and regulations published in the Parent-Student Handbook distributed each spring.

**How do you determine who is accepted?**

The priority for acceptance is:

1. Families with siblings currently enrolled who are registered, active parishioners;
2. Families who are registered, active parishioners and who are or who have been concurrently on the waiting list;
3. Catholic students transferring from another Catholic school;
4. Families who are registered, active parishioners and are new to St. John Notre Dame School;
5. Active Catholic families from neighboring parishes;
6. Non-Catholic families.

**What is the school's annual calendar and daily schedule?**

The school operates on a traditional ten-month calendar. Classes begin in late August and conclude in early June. There are 180 days of instruction. The school day begins at 8:00 a.m. and dismisses at 3:00 p.m. for grades 1-8.

**What about technology and foreign language?**

We believe in the effective and appropriate use of technology by teachers and students to facilitate learning. The school has a lab of 18 high-speed computers with Internet access and two part-time technology teachers who instruct grades 1-8. We have interactive white boards in every classroom, document cameras, Qwizdom student response systems, and a mobile technology lab equipped with 18 laptops. Spanish is taught in Jr. K and grades 1-8.

**What about extra-curricular activities?**

SJNDS participates in the Diocesan Parochial Athletic League for grades 5-8 in volleyball, flag football, golf, basketball, cross country, and track with "Little Dribblers" basketball for grades 1-4.

**Is there before and after school care?**

There is before and after school care every day that school is open beginning at 6:30 a.m. and closing at 6:00 p.m. Please see the literature on the Extended Day Program for more information on fees and tuition.

**How often do children go to liturgy?**

The pastor is very supportive of the school and arranges for us to celebrate as a school community every Friday morning at the parish 8:15 a.m. liturgy. In addition, students gather Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings as a school family for prayer and on Wednesday mornings for a School-Wide Prayer Service.