

SSPJ Frequently Asked Questions

Question: What grades do you serve?

- SSPJ School serves students in Nursery through grade 8.

Nursery Half Day Program: 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

2 Days - Tuesday/Thursday

3 Days - Monday/Wednesday/Friday

5 Days - Monday - Friday

Nursery Full Day Program: 8:30 am - 2:50 pm

2 Days - Tuesday/Thursday

3 Days - Monday/Wednesday/Friday

5 Days - Monday - Friday

Pre-Kindergarten

5 Day/Full Day 8:30 am -2:50 pm

Question: How old does my child need to be to start school?

- Kindergarten students must be 5 years old by December 1st of the applying school year.
- Pre-K students must be 4 years old by December 1st of the applying school year.
- Nursery students must be 3 years old by December 1st of the applying school year.

All students applying for admission must be fully toilet trained – pull-ups are not permitted.

Question: What are your school hours?

- K - Grade 8: 8:50 AM - 3:00 PM
- Full Day Nursery & Pre-Kindergarten: 8:30 AM - 2:50 PM
- Half Day Nursery: 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Question: Do you offer extended hours? **YES**

- Before Care: 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM \$10 per day, per child, as needed.
- After Care: 3:00 PM - 5:45 PM \$15 per day, per child as needed

Our school families are grateful for this program and never need to worry if something unexpected comes up. Pre-registration is encouraged but not required.

Question: What academics does your school offer?

- SSPJ is dedicated to providing a Catholic education that nourishes respect for individual diversity, fosters cooperative learning, promotes global awareness, and instills 21st century skills needed in today's society. Our primary commitment is to integrate the Gospel message with the spiritual, intellectual, emotional, social, and physical development of our students, thus enabling them to become the leaders of tomorrow.
- Academically, our expectations are high and our historical performance is exceptional. SSPJ offers an exciting curriculum and energized teachers with the latest technology and courseware to support each student. Courses include: reading, math, English, science, computer, religion, art, music, physical education and foreign language classes.
- Algebra I and Living Environment are offered to all students in Grade 8. These classes give students the opportunity to take the Regents exams before starting High School.

Question: Do Catholic schools offer the same thing as public schools?

- Being a Catholic School, religion and faith are interwoven throughout each grade and curriculum. This shared spiritual focus creates a special sense of community among the children.
- Families who share the Catholic faith get these values reinforced daily as their children receive religion instruction, attend weekly mass, altar serve, and prepare for the sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation.
- Focusing on more than just academics, we teach our children the values that are at the very foundation of a successful life.

Characteristics such as:

Hard Work, Discipline, Punctuality, Neatness, Kindness, Generosity, Responsibility, Honesty, Patience, and Perseverance.

Question: What is your enrollment?

- SSPJ is a small Catholic Parish School with one of each grade. Class sizes range from 15 - 28 students and SSPJ School currently has approximately 210 students.

Question: Is tuition paid all at once, or can I make payments?

- SSPJ collects tuition through **FACTS Management**. It is an easy, safe, current way to manage your tuition payments.
- Tuition is payable in 10 monthly installments August - May or may be paid in full.

Question: Do you offer financial aid? **YES**

- Tomorrow's Hope Foundation Scholarships are available for students in Kindergarten through grade 8.
- Awards are based on current economic circumstance and financial need.
- SSPJ families have received up to \$3,500 in award money.

Question: Do you offer discounts for a family who enrolls multiple children? **YES**

- SSPJ offers a 2 and 3 family discount with the 4th child attending free of charge.

Question: Do you offer sports? **YES**

- SSPJ students in grades 6 - 8 participate in the CMSAA.

Cross Country, Soccer, Cheer, Basketball, Softball, Bowling, and Volleyball

Question: Extracurricular activities? **YES**

- Drama Club
- Odyssey of the Mind
- Choral Club
- Stained Glass Club
- Cheer Club
- Sign Language Club
- Sports Club
- STEM Mad Science Fun Club
- Study Skills Club
- Story Hour Club
- Band is offered during the school day through Paul Effman Band Company.

Question: Do students wear uniforms? **YES**

- Nursery and Pre-K students wear shorts/tee shirts or sweatpants & sweatshirts.
- All other grades have specific uniforms including gym uniforms. All uniforms are available to purchase through an outside company.
- Most uniforms are available for free through our “Uniform Bank”, gently used, donated from current and graduated students.

Question: Do students have transportation? **YES**

- Students enrolled in Kindergarten - grade 8 are provided buses through their home school districts.