



## Blessed Sacrament School Little Knights FAQ's

### **What programs are offered at BSS?**

The Little Knights program offers a Preschool program that serves ages three and four and a Pre-Kindergarten program that serves students age four and five who are entering Kindergarten the following school year.

#### **Full day Little Knights Preschool:**

Hours: 7:45 a.m.-3:00 p.m. with early arrival program available at no charge from 7:15 – 7:45 a.m.

5 days            Tuition: \$6,310            Enrollment Fee: \$265

3 days (MWF)   Tuition: \$4,010            Enrollment Fee: \$265

For an additional fee, there is an after school care program available from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. For information about the after school program, please contact our After School Director.

#### **Half day Little Knights Preschool:**

Hours: 7:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m. with early arrival program available at no charge from 7:15 – 7:45 a.m.

5 days            Tuition: \$3,790            Enrollment Fee: \$265

3 days (MWF)   Tuition: \$1,920            Enrollment Fee: \$265

#### **Full day Pre-Kindergarten:**

Hours: 7:45 a.m.-3:00 p.m. with early arrival program available at no charge from 7:15 – 7:45 a.m.

5 days            Tuition: \$6,310            Enrollment Fee: \$265

3 days (MWF)   Tuition: \$4,010            Enrollment Fee: \$265

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#### **Half day Little Knights Pre-Kindergarten:**

Hours: 7:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m. with early arrival program available at no charge from 7:15 – 7:45 a.m.

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3 days (MWF)   Tuition: \$1,920            Enrollment Fee: \$265

Students enrolling for 5 days have first priority for available openings.

## **Will I be asked to send in school supplies?**

In each of the classes, you will be asked to send in some basic supplies such as crayons, scissors, glue, tissues, etc. The list of supplies varies depending on the class in which you are enrolled.

## **How old does my child need to be to attend the Little Knights program at BSS? What is the birthday cut off for the program?**

In order to enroll in Preschool, children must be 3 years old before August 31<sup>st</sup> of the school year. In the Pre-Kindergarten program, children must be 4 years old on or before August 31<sup>st</sup> of the academic year they will enter school.

## **How many children are in each class? What is the student: teacher ratio?**

**Preschool:** Up to 15 children with one teacher. Up to 20 children with two teachers.

**Pre-Kindergarten:** Up to 15 children with one teacher. Up to 25 children with two teachers.

## **Do children have to be potty trained? Can children wear “Pull Up” Diapers?**

All children entering the Little Knights program must be completely toilet trained. Pull Ups or diapers of any kind are not permitted in the classroom.

## **Do you offer a “Mother’s Morning Out” Program for younger children?**

No. While we would love to offer such a program, we don’t have any available classroom space at this time. We may offer a MMO program in the future if we can resolve the space issue. We do offer a complimentary weekly “Time for Twos” program which is led by our Program Director, Jill Zang Glenn.

Blessed Sacrament School’s Time for Twos program is designed as a gentle introduction to school. Our program encourages children to work in a group, explore new materials, and make age-appropriate development transitions.

## **Can I get a tour of the facility?**

Yes, our Admissions Director is happy to schedule a tour of the Little Knights program for you. You are welcome to bring your child with you when you visit the school. Contact Jose Rico Benavides, Director of Admissions for a tour.

## **Can I come and observe the classrooms?**

Safety is our top priority here at BSS; because of the ongoing pandemic and in order to protect our students and staff, during the 2020/2021 we will not be doing observations. We will revisit this policy next year. However, you can schedule a google meet experience and join our class remotely when the Little Knights do their Circle Time. Please contact Mr. Rico to schedule a meet at [jricobenavides@bssknights.org](mailto:jricobenavides@bssknights.org)

## **Is the Little Knights program accredited?**

Yes. The Little Knights program, along with the elementary school and middle school, is accredited by AdvancEd which includes the SACS (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools). The standards for AdvancEd accreditation of preschool programs are very similar to those required for NAEYC accreditation.

## **Is the Little Knights program licensed by the state of North Carolina?**

No. Early childhood programs that are accredited by SACS (now part of AdvancEd) are not required to be licensed by the state. The standards that must be maintained for continued accreditation meet or exceed the standards required by the state.

## **Do you provide snack or lunch for the children?**

In the Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten program, children should bring 1 snack and a drink for morning snack time.

Full day Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten students may either bring lunch from home or they may buy the lunch offered through the MyHotLunchBox program.

- In order to provide a safe experience for all of our students, snack eaten in the Little Knights classroom need to be peanut free. Lunch and snacks eaten in the After School Room (ASR) may include peanut butter.

## **If I enroll at BSS, is my child automatically accepted into the Kindergarten class?**

Admission to Kindergarten at Blessed Sacrament School requires a separate application process. Parish affiliation, involvement, participation, and support (time, talent, and treasure), status of siblings, and preschool enrollment are all factors that may be considered when accepting students applying for Kindergarten at BSS.

## **What if my child has food allergies?**

The teachers and staff of BSS are very aware of the serious nature of many food allergies. If your child has food allergies, you will be asked to fill out an Allergy Action Plan for him/her. If your child must have an Epi-pen or Benadryl on hand in case of allergic reaction, you will be asked to provide 2 Epi-pens to keep on campus. (1 in the classroom, 1 in the nurse's office) A BSS Medical Form detailing dosing instructions and signed by a physician must be on file for each medication.

## **Do the children in the Little Knights programs wear uniforms?**

Little Knights DO NOT wear uniforms.

## **What kind of curriculum is used in the Little Knights program? What types of things/activities do they do?**

Our main goal is to create a safe and nurturing environment where young children can learn and explore. We believe that a basic understanding of the beauty of God's creation and of His unending love and forgiveness for all people helps to set young children on a positive path for friendships, behavior, and knowledge of their own self-worth.

Weekly activities in the classrooms include arts and crafts, music, movement, alphabet and number activities, science and sensory activities, dramatic play, block play, writing activities, and manipulative toys such as puzzles and peg boards. In both the preschool and prekindergarten programs, there is significant emphasis placed on social skills and language skills.

The Little Knights program at BSS follows the curriculum guidelines developed by the Diocese of Raleigh. Classroom teachers use the teaching methods and activities that they have found to be most effective with their age group as they address each of the curriculum standards set forth by the diocese. The Diocesan Curriculum for Early Childhood Programs includes activities and skills for each developmental area in which children learn and grow. These areas include spiritual, social, emotional, cognitive, language and physical motor skills. An overview of the Diocesan curriculum guidelines for Early Childhood programs is available on line at: <https://dioceseofraleigh.org/sites/default/files/inline-files/PreKCurriculum.pdf>

### **What about religion? Do the children attend Mass?**

The children in both the preschool and prekindergarten classes use a religion curriculum which includes many activities and stories designed to help young children appreciate the beauty and wonder of God's Creation and His love for all living beings.

The students are not participating in mass this year in order to enforce social distancing rules mandated by the State of North Carolina and the Diocese. We will revisit this policy next year.

### **Do the full-day students take a nap?**

The children in the full day Little Knights classes have rest time scheduled each day for approximately 1 hour. The children are asked to rest quietly on their mats, but they are not required to sleep during this time.