

2024-2025 Enrollment Deadlines Important Dates to Remember

- Priority enrollment applications accepted through March 8, 2024 for returning families.
- May 15, 2024
 - *Deadline for submitting financial aid with Tuition Assistance Data Services at www.mytads.com*
- August 1, 2024
 - *Capital Use Fee due.*
 - *Signed Financial Agreement form due.*
 - *Updated Immunization forms due (Kindergarten and Gr. 7).*
- August 1, 2024
 - *Kindergarten physical forms due (exam must be done after April 01, 2024).*

All forms must be completed, signed, and turned in to the school office by the dates indicated, unless otherwise noted.

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St. John's Lutheran School 2024-2025



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1st-8th Grade Open Enrollment Information

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Registration Checklist



This checklist is provided to assist parents.

Forms & Other Necessary Documents:

- Completed application
- Copies of most recent report card and standardized test scores
- Copy of applicant's birth certificate
- Copy of applicant's current immunization record
- Student Recommendation form from transferring school

Fees:

- Registration fee of \$275.00 (due with application form, non-refundable)
- Assessment fee of \$50.00 (due with application, separate check)
- Optional: Financial Aid Application, submitted through Tuition Assistance Data Services – www.mytads.com (due by May 15, 2024)

Forms and Fees due *after* acceptance:

- Signed Financial Agreement form (will be mailed during the summer)
- Capital Use fee of \$200.00 (due by August 1, 2024)
- Completed Student Health Forms (Includes both the Allergy Action Plan and Medication Administration Authorization) *Only for students that require school personnel to administer health/medical intervention.*
- Extended Care Registration Form (if needed)



Required Fees

Due when returning each application

- Registration and Book fee \$275 per child/per year
(Reg. & book fee is non-refundable)
- Assessment fee \$50 (for all new incoming students)
- Capital Use fee \$200 per child/per year
(C/U Fee due by August 1, 2024)

Tuition

Yearly tuition (may be paid monthly August-May)

- Tuition \$7770/yr (\$777/mo.)
- Paid in full by 9/1/24 \$7670/yr

Sibling Discount

- \$780 tuition reduction for the 2nd child \$6990/yr (\$699/mo.)
- \$1170 reduction for the 3rd & 4th child \$6600/yr (\$660/mo.)

Extended Care

Yearly amount paid August-May

- Before School \$2110/year (\$211/mo.)
- After School \$2650/year (\$265/mo.)
- Both \$3560/year (\$356/mo.)

Financial Aid

St. John's provides tuition assistance to families with demonstrated financial need. Families desiring financial assistance for their child to attend St. John's Lutheran School are encouraged to file a financial aid application online at www.mytads.com. Requests for financial aid must be submitted by **May 15, 2024** with Tuition Assistance Data Services (TADS).



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Superintendent's Welcome

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Welcome to St. John's. We are so happy that you've decided to explore our community. Our ministry-wide mission can be explained in a quick three word motto. *Love, Learn, Lead.*

Love

At St. John's we strive to love God and others – we work hard to cultivate an environment where meaningful Christian faith is nurtured and relationships are fostered and supported.

Learn

We are an institution that has and values high educational standards. We fundamentally believe that all students have the capability to succeed at St. John's if growing to one's potential is the common goal. We value working together, as a cohesive home and school team, in the best interest of student learning.

Lead

Our goal in nurturing the Christian faith is to build up courageous leaders who are enlivened with possibility, lead by example, act purposefully, and embrace new challenges.

Additionally, we believe our program is excellent because...

We believe each child is a unique and precious gift from God. We view the whole child and his/her needs to maximize individual growth.

We have an outstanding staff. From the office, to the classroom, to the kitchen and beyond, our team is comprised of high quality people who are equipped and qualified to help your child develop his/her God-given talents.

We have an outstanding academic program that challenges the whole child. Our students continually score above the national norms on standardized tests and are highly competitive in our county and state level academic competitions. St. John's is a National Blue Ribbon School. We are currently the only non-public school in Bakersfield to be awarded this high federal honor. As a National Blue Ribbon School we serve as a model of effective school practices for local and statewide educators. Annually, only 50 non-public schools receive this award across the United States.

Our educational program has been part of the Bakersfield community for 60 years. Over time we have been blessed with continued growth in quality facilities, academic programs, athletics, and music programs. We anticipate a full enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year, so please be aware of our registration deadlines.

I hope this booklet, as well as our personal contact, will help you make an informed decision about your child's future. We know it is one of the most important decisions you make, and we look forward to partnering with you in equipping this next generation of Christ-like leaders. I encourage you to keep up with current news on our website at www.sjlschool.org.

Please contact our staff if we can be of any assistance.

God's blessings upon you and your family,

Evan Anwyl
Superintendent

Enrollment Process Overview & Dress Code



Enrollment Process Overview

Applications will be processed after March 8 and will be considered if openings are available. The school will notify the family in writing if an applicant will be placed on a waitlist.

Enrollment Procedures

1. **Submit** completed application to the school office along with the registration fee of \$275.00, the most recent report card, current standardized test scores, birth certificate and teacher recommendation form.
2. Schedule an appointment with the Lower School Principal.
3. Complete student assessment with SJLS to determine proper placement (to be scheduled by the school after mid-March, should there be any classroom openings).

Class openings will be filled in the following order:

1. Qualified children currently enrolled in SJLS
2. Qualified children of staff employed by St. John's
3. Qualified siblings of currently enrolled students of SJLS
4. Qualified siblings of currently enrolled students of SJCC
5. Qualified new students from SJLC and the community

Students are "qualified" when they have successfully completed the enrollment process, submitted all paperwork and fees, have been successfully assessed, and are students in good standing. Since all grades have multiple classrooms, students admitted to St. John's will be assigned to the classroom deemed most appropriate.

Philosophy of Discipline

St. John's Lutheran School staff dedicates itself to following a set of core beliefs which provides a guide for dealing with student discipline. Each student is a unique individual, created by God, with unique personal, social, and educational needs. As a result, every disciplinary situation becomes unique in nature.

Consequences for misbehavior provide the best learning value when matched to the unique student and situation. The core beliefs guide our attempts to individualize disciplinary procedures and to help students see reasonable connections between their behavior and the resulting consequence which increases the odds for children learning from their mistakes.

Student Uniform and Dress Code

St. John's seeks to create a school environment that promotes learning and self-discipline. To help achieve these goals, and for a variety of compelling reasons further outlined in the SJLS Student & Parent Handbook, school uniforms are mandatory.

School Uniforms are required apparel and are listed on the school website. Another option is to purchase accepted items that can be found at local stores. See the detailed uniform guide for acceptable items.

PE uniforms for students in Grades 5-8 must be purchased from Dennis Uniform Company.



Non-Discriminatory Policy

St. John's is open to serve the whole community and admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students. SJLS has a non-discriminatory policy regarding its administration of educational policies, admissions, financial aid, athletics, and other school-administered programs.

Priority Enrollment

Due to limited classroom space, children and their siblings who are enrolled in the current school year have priority in registration for the next year provided deadlines are kept and fees are paid. Waiting families will be notified when space becomes available.

SJLS Students

Students must be a positive influence in the SJLS family through words and actions to improve the physical and spiritual conditions of the people, grounds, and programs. A six-week probationary period will be in effect for all new students to assure a positive adjustment of the applicant to SJLS.

SJLS is not equipped to serve as a "disciplinary school" or a "school for children with special needs," whether physically, emotionally, or educationally. We will admit students who we feel have the potential and desire to be successful. Therefore, we reserve the right to:

- a) examine records from previous schools;
- b) discuss the student's progress with former teachers and administrators;
- c) assess the student for grade placement before the student is admitted.

Health Requirements

Children must meet the health requirements of the state of California. New Kindergarten enrollees must have a physical examination before Kindergarten enrollment is completed. The physical examination must take place after April 1, 2024 and before the first day of school. Immunizations must be up to date to attend school.

Requirements

1. In order to apply for enrollment, children entering Kindergarten must be five (5) years old before September 1 of the year in which they enroll, (six years old for 1st Grade). (For example, an incoming Kindergarten student must be 5 years old or older by 9/1/24 to enroll for 2024-25 school year).
2. Proof of date of birth must be established at the time of initial registration.
3. All applicants must be self-sufficient regarding communicating, toileting, feeding, and dressing.



Our Mission

To be a premier educational center where Christian faith is nurtured, high educational standards are valued, and meaningful relationships are fostered.

Goals

Spiritual: Our school exists to provide opportunities for children and families to discover and strengthen their relationship with Jesus as their Lord, Savior, Teacher, and Friend, and then to reach out to others with the same Good News.

Academic: We are proud to offer high quality educational programs that educate children to become literate and productive Christian citizens while they discover and develop their own God-given talents and grow in their understanding of God's world.

Social: We provide opportunities for children to interact with one another, as well as others in the Bakersfield community and the world, to share God's Good News through Christ-like acceptance and respect for others.

Physical: We pledge to educate the whole child. Physical activities for play and recreation, as well as encouragement for positive physical fitness for the future will be part of each child's experience at St. John's.

Emotional: This is a place for Christian fellowship and forgiveness centered in the Word of God. Individual student strengths and abilities will be recognized, and a community of support will be developed to encourage one another as each student grows in discipleship.

Expected School-Wide Learning Results

As a Christian School, St. John's Lutheran will prepare life-long learners who are:

Responsible citizens who

- Communicate and reflect God's love and forgiveness.
- Are positive contributors to society.
- Respect and appreciate diversity, culture, and the arts.
- Demonstrate responsible digital citizenship.

Intrinsically motivated problem solvers and critical thinkers who

- Develop a strong work ethic.
- Demonstrate literacy.
- Apply listening skills.
- Develop and implement strategies to solve various problems and learn new skills.
- Analyze and apply new information through research and study skills.
- Maintain a healthy and balanced lifestyle.
- Demonstrate competent and responsible use of technology.

Effective communicators who

- Build a personal relationship with Christ.
- Apply God's Word in their daily lives.
- Set goals to evaluate progress.
- Articulate ideas constructively, clearly, and creatively.
- Are collaborative workers who recognize and develop everyone's strengths and abilities.



Who We Are

St. John's Lutheran School

In operation for over a half-century, St. John's Lutheran School (SJLS) is one of the more than 1,000 fully accredited and licensed elementary schools operated in the U.S. by churches of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. SJLS faculty consists of 29 full-time teachers, 7 part-time teachers, and numerous professional support staff. SJLS currently enrolls 450 children, grades K-8, with an average student:teacher ratio of 23:1.

St. John's Children's Center

Our exemplary preschool, St. John's Children's Center (SJCC), has a staff of over 27 full-time and part-time child care professionals who care for over 164 children, 12 months through 5 years of age, enrolled both on a part-time and full-time basis.

St. John's Lutheran Church

SJLS/SJCC's sponsoring organization is St. John's Lutheran Church (SJLC), founded in Bakersfield in 1904.

Administration & Governance

The chief administrator of St. John's Lutheran School & Children's Center is the Superintendent who supervises two K-8 Grade Principals, the Special Events Coordinators, and the Director of SJCC. The Superintendent is a member of St. John's Strategic Leadership Team, which collaborates with the SJLC Board of Directors, who in turn are accountable to the Voters Assembly (the members of SJLC). The Congregation is the chief governing body of SJLC.

We Believe and Teach What the Bible Says

1. Man was created perfect and holy, with a free will, by a loving God (Genesis 1:27-31 & 2:16-17).
2. Sin entered the world through Adam and Eve's disobedience and spread to all their offspring through the inheritance of a sinful nature (Romans 5:12).
3. Because of His boundless love for us, God rescued us through the redemptive act of His Son, Jesus Christ, from the punishment we and all people deserve by virtue of our sinfulness (Romans 5:8).
4. It is by the Spirit-created faith in Jesus Christ as our own personal Savior that we receive forgiveness of sins as a free gift from God (Romans 8:8-9).
5. As Spirit-filled Christians, we seek the total leadership of Jesus in every part of our lives. This is "Growing in Grace" (2 Peter 3:18), and we strive for such growth to happen through St. John's.



Accreditation

St. John's Lutheran School (SJLS) is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools & Colleges (WASC), with a six year accreditation granted in June 2019. In addition, SJLS is one of only 678 schools in the United States accredited via the rigorous National Lutheran School Accreditation (NLSA) process. We currently hold a seven year accreditation. State law requires California public schools to accept credit granted by St. John's.

Curriculum

The curriculum is established by the Superintendent and faculty and is aligned with the Core Knowledge Curriculum and the California State Department of Education Standards. In keeping with the mission of the school, teachers relate instruction and activity to life in Jesus Christ. Students experience daily Bible classes and a weekly all-school chapel worship time.

- *Core Virtues*—(one per month as an area of focus) Past Core Virtues include: Respect & Responsibility, Stewardship, Courage, Wonder, Gentleness & Humility, Honesty and Justice, Service, Mercy, Perseverance.
- *Christian Studies*—Study of the Old and New Testament, Church History, Memory Studies, & Basic Lutheran Christian Doctrine.
- *Language Arts*—Reading, Phonics, Grammar, Spelling, Literature, Writing, and Oral Language.
- *Mathematics*—Numbers, Arithmetic, Pre-Algebra, Algebra, and Elementary Geometry.
- *History/Social Studies*—Geography, History, Citizenship, U.S. Constitution, and Current Events.
- *Science*—Concepts in Life Science, Earth Science, and Physical Science.
- *Other*—Visual and Performing Arts (music, band, choir, strings), Physical Education, Spanish, Computer/Technology, Virtual Enterprise, Art.

School Hours & Extended Care

- Kindergarten-3rd Grade 8:15 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
- 4th-8th Grade 8:15 a.m.-3:15 p.m.
- Extended Care (optional) 7:00-8:00 a.m. & 3:00-6:00 p.m.

Gates open at 7:57 a.m. Students are not to arrive before 7:55 a.m. and must be picked up within fifteen (15) minutes after dismissal. St. John's provides Extended Care (EC) before and after school. If students arrive early or are not picked up on time, they will be checked into Extended Care and drop-in fees will be applied. When children are enrolled in the Extended Care program, they are enrolled on a full-time basis. Hourly use is reserved for family emergencies only.