



**St. Joseph School**  
*Building Lives of Purpose since 1856*





**A NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL,** St. Joseph School offers a vibrant Catholic environment with a strong curriculum of academic excellence for Pre-K 4 through 8th grade.



The school's curriculum utilizes creative instruction as well as **state-of-the-art technology** that keep students engaged in learning. Technology courses are essential to the St. Joseph School curriculum and are required to be integrated throughout each course of study from mathematics to religion.

# VIBRANT FAITH & LEARNING



St. Joseph School students in every grade enjoy a variety of activities, field trips, and service opportunities throughout the year to make their school experience well rounded and meaningful. Faith, academics, and social activities play an integral part of their daily life.

St. Joseph School welcomes families from all faiths and parishes.

## MISSION

St. Joseph School, an authentically Catholic community of diverse learners, prepares students to think critically, to work purposefully, and to live faithfully.



# ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

St. Joseph School inspires each child to discover his or her unique gifts as they grow and transform into young people of character, faith, and wisdom. Based on a proven curriculum, the school's program taught by our dedicated faculty empowers children to continually challenge themselves. We go beyond the basics to nurture the best in each child.

**HISTORY** Founded on the grounds of St. Joseph Parish as a one-room schoolhouse in 1856, the original structure of St. Joseph School

was destroyed by fire and was rebuilt in the aftermath of the Civil War. With many of the Irish quarrymen who settled here having served in Texas during the war, the area of Cockeysville including the St. Joseph campus became known as "Texas, Maryland." Built with a foundation of stone from the nearby quarry, the new facility opened in 1868 with two large classrooms that were shared by eight grades.

**FACULTY/STAFF** Our faculty is one of the greatest strengths of St. Joseph School. These dedicated and credentialed professionals nurture a love of learning in our students and encourage each child to realize his or her full potential. It's the ministry of Catholic educators to embody the faith in everything they do.



# ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

**WHAT MAKES A CATHOLIC EDUCATION SPECIAL?** At St. Joseph School, we believe it is the high standards, the moral foundation and the positive, compassionate energy that our students are immersed in every day.

**PRE-K PROGRAM** Our preschool program fully engages the family in the child's educational journey. Following the Archdiocese of Baltimore curricula and licensed by the Maryland State Department of Education, the Pre-K program is developmentally appropriate for our youngest learners and prepares a smooth transition to elementary school. Students enjoy the essential elements of a variety of subjects including religion, mathematics, science, art, music, physical education, Spanish, and multi-media technology.

**ELEMENTARY (K-5TH GRADES)** A variety of strategies and projects are used for students in these grades that include analyzing, writing, summarizing, and critical thinking. For example, in math, students develop number sense beginning with an emphasis on basic math facts. Manipulatives also are used to facilitate concept development and logistical reasoning, and to apply mathematics to problem solving. In language arts, students progress from basic writing skills to full expression, from the ability to read to a love of reading. Specialized instructors in art, music, library, technology, Spanish, and physical education supplement instruction by classroom teachers.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL (6TH-8TH GRADES)** Students in middle school learn in a departmentalized setting taught by faculty who specialize in particular subject areas in a cross-curricula team approach. Middle school students continue to pursue accelerated curricula in math, science (laboratory courses), and English. Students learn time management skills, note-taking skills, gain self-confidence and ultimately are prepared in every way for high school.



## SJS ACHIEVEMENTS

SJS students earn numerous awards, honors, and scholarships each year including the prestigious Knott Funds Elementary and Secondary Scholarships. The last two graduating classes\* received offers of grants and scholarships toward high school of approximately \$500,000. St. Joseph School follows the Archdiocesan Course of Studies as well as the regulations of the Maryland State Department of Education for non-public schools. The curriculum is adapted to meet our needs by the faculty, subject coordinators and principal. *\*Graduating class data of 2016 and 2017.*

# INNOVATIVE CLASSROOMS

12:1 student to teacher ratio

20 students per class average

99% of graduates attend their first-choice high school



## SIGNATURE PROGRAMS



**A SCHOOL-WIDE SCIENCE FAIR**, divided into a Lower School Science Fair engaging K-5 students in group projects and a Middle School Science Fair for individual projects is unique to SJS.

### THE ORATORICAL CONTEST

This signature program of the middle school, requires students to research, write, memorize, and perform a timed speech on the annual topic.

### LUNCH & LEARN

This educational student-run speaker series for the middle school, follows a Q&A format with professionals in various fields.



# STUDENT LIFE

## Before & After School Program

SJS offers an extended day care service with activities designed for each child's needs and interests supervised by St. Joseph School staff. Although the program is non-academic in nature, time is allocated for children to complete their homework. This program is held on the school premises from 7:00 a.m. to 8:05 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.



## CLUBS, OFFICES, AND ORGANIZATIONS

At SJS, there are many extracurricular activities for students.  
(Grade qualifications vary by club.)

- Abrakadoodle
- Arts & Crafts Club
- Altar Servers
- Band
- Choir
- Cooking Club
- Dance Club
- National Junior Honor Society
- Robotics and STEM
- Running Club
- Service Club
- Student Council
- Yearbook Club



## ATHLETICS

Basketball  
Lacrosse  
Soccer



## SJS Students ROAR

Respect, serving others, having a positive attitude, and learning about responsibility are the cornerstone values of St. Joseph School students.

Our PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions & Support) program has received state recognition.

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We show **Respect**

We serve **Others**

We have a positive **Attitude**

We are **Responsible**

# We ROAR!



### EASY TO APPLY

We offer online, rolling admission applications for your convenience.

VISIT:

[sjpray.org/admissions/apply-now](http://sjpray.org/admissions/apply-now)



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