

# Frequently Asked Questions

2023-2024

## Mission Statement

St. John Notre Dame exists to educate children, to encounter Jesus Christ and to form disciples.

## Vision Statement

St. John Notre Dame is committed to unveiling an authentic Roman Catholic ethos, rooted in Tradition and sacrament where students are formed for society and sainthood.

## 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 TK - 8, with an average class size of 36.

## What is the curriculum?

As a part of the Diocese of Sacramento, the school's curriculum standards are Diocesan and are aligned with the new state and national Common Core Standards in Math and English/Language Arts.

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

TK - 8 tuition rates for the **2023-2024** year are:

# of Students	Parishioner Rate			Non-Parishioner Rate		
	Monthly	Semi-annual	Annual	Monthly	Semi-annual	Annual
1	\$ 698	\$ 3,490	\$ 6,980	\$ 907	\$ 4,535	\$ 9,070
2	\$ 1,345	\$ 6,725	\$ 13,450	\$ 1,772	\$ 8,860	\$ 17,720
3	\$ 1,926	\$ 9,630	\$ 19,260	\$ 2,559	\$ 12,795	\$ 25,590
4	\$ 2,436	\$ 12,180	\$ 24,360	\$ 3,237	\$ 16,185	\$ 32,370

**Student enrollment fee** is \$460 per child, per year. Payment is made in two installments for current families: \$230.00 pre-enrollment paid by February 2023 and \$230.00 due by June 2023. For new families the \$460 is due upon acceptance. These fees partially cover the cost of books, insurance, art & science supplies, technology infrastructure, mandatory school supplies, yearbook, diocesan assessment, and health services. **Enrollment fees are non-refundable.**

**PIP POINTS:** Each family is required to perform at least 40 PIP POINTS (new families – at least 20 PIP POINTS the first year) of service in approved activities each year. Ten of these points must be fund-raising.

*\*Reminder: Enrollment for 2023-2024 is dependent on completion of PIP by 5/31/2023.*

**Parents' Club Hospitality Fee:** \$30 per family.

**Student Device Fee:** \$75 per student.

## 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.

**What is the school's annual calendar?**

The school operates on a traditional ten-month calendar. Classes begin in mid-August and conclude in late May.

**What about technology?**

We have a 1:1 environment, with devices (iPads or Chromebooks) for every student from Transitional Kindergarten through grade 8. There are interactive displays and document cameras in every classroom. We believe in the effective and appropriate use of technology by teachers and students to facilitate learning. Technology is integrated throughout the curriculum as we migrate towards a STREAM based education model.

**What about extra-curricular activities?**

SJND 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 6:45 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.