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S.A.T. Test Results

Our test scores are good again this year.

Shouts-outs to third and fourth grades: Eighty-eight percent of third graders scored above the 50th percentile and fourth graders improved their overall performance three grade levels. We do not put a lot of emphasis on the tests, but the results help us determine what is working most effectively. Our students are smart, and we want them to have every opportunity to excel. If you have not gotten your child's test results, go by Mrs. Stone's office.



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Welcome

To the 2018-19 school year at St. John's Day School!

We have planned another great year. Our Open House is Thursday, August 2, from 3:00-7:30 p.m. You can drop off school supplies at that time. A general information meeting will take place in the gym at 7:00 p.m. on that night.

Instruction

We have made several changes in order to optimize instructional opportunities. Technology will be offered one time per week for K5-6th graders. In addition, writing in the computer lab will be offered to 4th through 6th graders one time per week. These classes will be taught by Mrs. Alawine. Collaborative teams will teach music. The music team is Jay Luter, Juna Broome, and Michelle Graham. Students will have music three times per week; instruction will include working with the instruments and choreography as well as the usual singing and performing.

Lisa Graham, Nancy Pitts, Cindy Silfies, and Carrie Mann make up our upper elementary team. Mrs. Graham will teach language arts; Mrs. Pitts will teach math; Mrs. Silfies will teach reading, and Mrs. Mann will teach

science for grade K5-6th. By departmentalizing, we are able to capitalize on the teachers' areas of expertise and experience, giving students maximum learning opportunities. Math has been our instructional nemesis for several years. We don't want to be "behind" in any area, and Mrs. Pitts comes to us from the Jones County School system with an excellent reputation and history of getting students to high levels of achievement in math.

The same is true of Mrs. Silfies whose experience includes extensive training in reading. Our students are capable; we want each one of them to learn at the highest level possible.

Tara Richardson is our new art teacher. She is planning lots of activities for this year.

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Central Creativity

Students will go to Central Creativity one time per week just like last year; the cost will be \$10.00 per visit per child. I believe in this program strongly, and its effectiveness is reflected in the test scores. Carrie Mann will escort students to and from the center and will coordinate her science lessons with the Central Creativity program. Students who do not attend Central Creativity will be supervised by an assistant and will work on reading and math.



I am looking for corporate sponsors or individuals to help defray the costs of Central Creativity. A child can be sponsored for \$40 per month.



Tuition

We have several payment plans available for tuition. If you elect to pay monthly, your payments must be made by automatic draft. We have included a form for you to complete with your August invoice. Remember that this is 12-month financing, and payments will be due in June and July even though school is not in session.

Students will not be admitted to the 2018-19 school year if there is an outstanding balance.

In spite of our best efforts, some expenses occur that are not part of tuition. This is the “nickel and dime” syndrome that most schools have. A list of possible expenses is attached.

Board of Trustees

We have three new members of the Board of Trustees: Chris Daniels, Marisa Martin, and Brittney Pickering. David Casey, Brad Kent, Parker Leggett, and Cindy McKenzie rotated off the Board after serving faithfully. Our school Board is an energetic, forward-thinking group of parents who have worked hard to make the school financially stable and capable of sustained growth.



P.E. & T-shirts

Physical Education classes will now meet on Thursday. Children should wear athletic shoes and action-appropriate clothes. No sandals on Thursday.

We will order t-shirts as usual. In addition, we will have collared shirts available to order. Since we have P.E. on Thursday, students may dress nicer for chapel on Wednesdays. We will continue to go to the church for chapel on the first Wednesday of each month.