



SAINT JOSEPH SCHOOL

- NEEDHAM -

SAINT JOSEPH SCHOOL PROVIDES A **SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT, INNOVATIVE AND CHALLENGING** CURRICULUM TO SUPPORT ALL GRADE LEVELS, AND ENCOURAGES STUDENTS TO **STRIVE TO BE BETTER** THAN YESTERDAY THROUGH THEIR COMMITMENT TO **GOD** AND SERVING THEIR **COMMUNITY**.

Admissions Process

1. INQUIRE ONLINE

ADMISSION INQUIRIES ARE WELCOME AT ANY TIME. FAMILIES ARE ENCOURAGED TO BEGIN THE PROCESS IN THE **FALL** FOR THE FOLLOWING ACADEMIC YEAR. PLEASE **EMAIL OUR ADMISSIONS TEAM** AND FILL OUT THE **INQUIRY FORM** ON OUR WEBSITE.

2. TOUR OUR CAMPUS

SCHEDULE A **TOUR** BY FILLING OUT THE **ADMISSIONS TOUR REGISTRATION FORM** ON OUR WEBSITE. ONCE SUBMITTED, YOU WILL RECEIVE AN EMAIL TO SCHEDULE YOUR INDIVIDUAL TOUR, OR YOU MAY CONTACT ADMISSIONS DIRECTLY VIA EMAIL.

3. COMPLETE AN ONLINE APPLICATION

ALL APPLICANTS ARE REQUIRED TO FILL OUT AN **ONLINE APPLICATION** ON FACTS. **FACTS** IS USED BY MANY BOSTON ARCHDIOCESE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE AN EFFICIENT AND CENTRALIZED APPLICATION PORTAL AND TUITION PAYMENT SYSTEM. **THERE IS A NON-REFUNDABLE \$125 APPLICATION FEE.**

4. STUDENT SCREENING & SHADOW DAY

STUDENTS ENTERING GRADES K - 8 WILL SCHEDULE A DAY TO **VISIT THE SCHOOL**. A SCREENING WITH OUR ADMISSIONS TEAM AND/OR LEARNING SPECIALIST WILL OCCUR AT THIS TIME.

5. DECISION NOTIFICATION & ENROLLMENT

ONCE ADMISSIONS DECISIONS ARE MADE AND APPLICANTS ARE NOTIFIED, ENROLLMENT MUST BE COMPLETED AND **SUBMITTED ONLINE**.

Saint Joseph School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.



Criteria for Admission

Priority consideration is given to students with siblings currently enrolled.

Each student must successfully complete a grade-appropriate **screening test**.

Children should be the following **age** on or before September 1.

Little Sharks : 2 years 9 months (rolling)

Preschool : 3 years old

Pre-Kindergarten : 4 years old

Kindergarten : 5 years old

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AT SAINT JOSEPH SCHOOL, **FAITH UNITES AND STRENGTHENS US.**

STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO LOVE AND SERVE GOD AND THEIR COMMUNITY WITH **INTEGRITY, UNDERSTANDING, AND RESPECT.**

BUILT ON THE FOUNDATION OF A **TRADITIONAL ROMAN CATHOLIC EDUCATION**, STUDENTS LEARN THROUGH EXPERIENCE, WORKING TOGETHER IN A CHALLENGING AND INSPIRING ENVIRONMENT.

ROOTED IN OUR FOUR PILLARS OF **FAITH, VIRTUE, INTELLECT, AND STEWARDSHIP**, OUR MISSION IS TO PROVIDE AN EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE THAT, TOGETHER WITH OUR FAMILIES, CULTIVATES **WELL-ROUNDED** INDIVIDUALS WITH A DEEP SENSE OF **FAITH AND PURPOSE**, AND A STRONG FOUNDATION FOR **LIFELONG SUCCESS.**

OUR SCHOOL IS COMMITTED TO DEVELOPING **LIFELONG LEARNERS** AND ENCOURAGING **PERSONAL GROWTH**, WHILE CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS' UNIQUE ABILITIES AND TALENTS.

STUDENTS ARE **EMPOWERED AND PREPARED** TO ACHIEVE THEIR OWN ACADEMIC SUCCESS AT SAINT JOSEPH SCHOOL AND BEYOND.



MODERN
FACILITIES



FAITH-BASED
EDUCATION

"Saint Joe's is not just a school, it is an amazing community of supportive and caring people. Our children are excited to go to school each day and are thriving academically and socially. The teachers are dedicated and highly effective at focusing their instruction on the individual child. The curriculum is not only academically rigorous, but also emphasizes the importance of serving each other and the community. Sending our children to Saint Joe's is one of the best decisions we have made for our family, and the school has continued to exceed our expectations! "

- Anne & Nick Scola



SUPPORTIVE &
TALENTED STAFF

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BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

AT SAINT JOSEPH SCHOOL, EDUCATION GOES FAR BEYOND THE CONFINES OF THE CLASSROOM. WE ARE THRILLED TO PRESENT OUR VIBRANT ARRAY OF EXTRACURRICULAR CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES DESIGNED TO IGNITE PASSION, FOSTER GROWTH, AND ENRICH THE LIVES OF OUR STUDENTS. FROM COMPETITIVE ATHLETICS TO INTEREST CLUBS AND PERFORMING ARTS, WE BELIEVE THAT THE JOURNEY OF SELF-DISCOVERY IS BEST ACHIEVED THROUGH DIVERSE EXPERIENCES.

Extra-Curriculars & Community Programs

COMPETITIVE ATHLETICS ENGAGE IN THE THRILL OF COMPETITION AND TEAMWORK AS YOU REPRESENT OUR SCHOOL IN EXHILARATING SPORTS. CHOOSE FROM AN ARRAY OF COMPETITIVE ATHLETICS THROUGHOUT THE SEASONS.

INTRAMURAL ATHLETICS STAY ACTIVE AND HAVE FUN WITH FRIENDS THROUGH OUR INTRAMURAL ATHLETICS PROGRAM. CHOOSE FROM A VARIETY OF SPORTS TO PLAY IN A FRIENDLY AND INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT.

INTEREST CLUBS EXPLORE YOUR PASSIONS AND CONNECT WITH LIKE-MINDED PEERS BY JOINING ONE OF OUR DYNAMIC INTEREST CLUBS.

PUBLIC SPEAKING & DEBATE CLUBS SHARPEN YOUR COMMUNICATION SKILLS AND ENGAGE IN THOUGHT-PROVOKING DISCUSSIONS THROUGH OUR PUBLIC SPEAKING AND DEBATE CLUBS.

PERFORMING ARTS UNLEASH YOUR CREATIVITY AND EXPRESS YOURSELF THROUGH THE CAPTIVATING WORLD OF PERFORMING ARTS.



"At Saint Joseph School, we believe in nurturing not only academic excellence but also personal growth and faith. As we celebrate our 70th anniversary and the honor of being named a **National Blue Ribbon School**, we are reminded that together, as a community, we can illuminate the path forward for each other. Our students are not only prepared for academic challenges but are also guided by strong moral values, ready to face adversity with confidence and faith."

- Mrs. Kristen Fiumara
Head of School



Saint Joseph School is well-served by a strong partnership between parents, school administrators, and teachers, evidenced by a robust volunteer program and frequent opportunities to connect on school-related issues. One of the best parts of our school community is being part of the "Parent School Association" (PSA). You'll meet fellow parents, plan fun school-wide events, and get a chance to be involved in your student's school life.

PSA EVENTS HIGHLIGHTS: Trunk-or-Treat, Gingerbread House Decorating, Field Day, and End-Of-Year Party.



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EARLY CHILDHOOD SCHOOL

SAINT JOSEPH SCHOOL IS A FAITH-FILLED INSTITUTION THAT NURTURES CHILDREN TO DEVELOP THE ABILITY TO ASSESS AND INITIATE ACTIONS INDEPENDENTLY, HELPING TO RAISE CONFIDENT, CREATIVE, AND COMPASSIONATE KIDS.

2.9 Little Sharks, Pre-School, Pre-K

THE **LITTLE SHARKS PROGRAM (AGE 2.9)** PROVIDES A NURTURING ENVIRONMENT THAT ENCOURAGES EXPLORATION, SOCIAL INTERACTION, AND **EARLY LEARNING SKILLS** THROUGH DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE ACTIVITIES. CHILDREN ENGAGE IN **PURPOSEFUL PLAY** AND BEGIN TO BUILD THE FOUNDATIONS FOR FUTURE ACADEMIC AND SOCIAL SUCCESS.



THE **PRESCHOOL PROGRAM (AGE 3)** BUILDS ON EARLY LEARNING EXPERIENCES WITH A STRONG FOCUS ON SOCIAL SKILLS, LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT, AND GROSS MOTOR ACTIVITIES. THROUGH **STRUCTURED PLAY** AND **GUIDED EXPLORATION**, STUDENTS BEGIN TO DEVELOP ACADEMIC READINESS AND A LOVE OF LEARNING IN A SUPPORTIVE, FAITH-BASED ENVIRONMENT.

THE **PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAM (AGE 4)** IS A BRIDGE BETWEEN PLAY AND ACADEMICS. **THREE ACADEMIC INSTRUCTIONAL PERIODS** ARE PAIRED WITH PLAY-BASED ENRICHMENTS AND SPECIALTY CLASSES.



PURPOSEFUL
PLAY



The Saint Joe's Value

- » Affordable **Before** and **After Care** offering an extended day from 7:15am - 5:30pm. *Limited spots available.*
- » Nurturing environment created by **certified**, masters-leveled **teachers**.
- » **Dedicated building** for Little Sharks, Preschool, and PreKindergarten with **separate playground**.
- » Early Childhood School students have **dedicated Spanish, Library, Music**, and **Physical Education** times with the Saint Joe's specialists.



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LOWER SCHOOL

GRADES K-4 PROVIDE AN UNPARALLELED EDUCATION COMMITTED TO HELPING EACH STUDENT REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL WHERE STUDENTS ARE EMPOWERED TO DIRECT THEIR OWN LEARNING. ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH AN EDUCATIONAL ENVIRONMENT BASED ON FAITH, VIRTUE, INTELLECT, AND STEWARDSHIP, SAINT JOE'S IS COMMITTED TO ESTABLISHING A STRONG FOUNDATION IN ACADEMIC AREAS WHILE CULTIVATING THE VIRTUOUS LEADERS OF TOMORROW.

Grades K-4 at Saint Joe's

STUDENTS COME FROM **OVER 30 COMMUNITIES** IN THE GREATER BOSTON AREA

OUR CLASSROOMS RANK AMONGST **THE BEST IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON**, SCORING IN THE **75TH PERCENTILE** ACROSS ALL SUBJECTS ON MAP TESTS (MEASURES OF ACADEMIC PROGRESS)

GRADE 1 STUDENTS SURPASSED THE PROJECTED GROWTH ON MAP TESTS BY ALMOST 20%, **OUTPERFORMING BOTH THE LOCAL AND NATIONAL NORMS**

OVER 60% OF SAINT JOSEPH STUDENTS **SCORE ABOVE THE 80TH PERCENTILE** IN BOTH READING AND WRITING

ALL FACULTY ARE LICENSED TEACHERS AND OVER 95% OF THE FACULTY HOLD AT LEAST ONE **MASTERS DEGREE**

SAINT JOE'S GRADUATES HAVE BEEN ADMITTED TO SOME OF **THE BEST ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS IN THE AREA**

SPECIALTY
ENRICHMENT
CLASSES

The Saint Joe's Value

- » Affordable **Before** and **After Care** offering an extended day from 7:15am - 5:30pm. *Limited spots available.*
- » State-of-the-art **STREAM Lab** and **Library**, and dedicated **Art, Spanish, and Music classrooms.**
- » Inspired by Faith, students are taught to be **good stewards of the community** they are a part of.
- » **School Counselor** and **Special Educator** available to support families in need.
- » Average class size of **15 students** and a **high Teacher-to-Student ratio** with a full roster of **teaching assistants** and **enrichment specialists.**



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UPPER SCHOOL

GRADES 5-8 OFFER A COMPREHENSIVE PREPARATORY ACADEMIC PROGRAM, SUPPORTING STUDENTS FOR SUCCESS AS THEY TRANSITION TO THE BEST HIGH SCHOOLS IN THE AREA. THROUGH A COMBINATION OF EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING, MEANINGFUL DIALOGUE, AND CHALLENGING ACADEMIC PURSUITS, OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP ESSENTIAL INTELLECTUAL SKILLS FOR FUTURE LEARNING.

Grades 5-8 at Saint Joe's

DEDICATED AND **KNOWLEDGEABLE TEACHING STAFF**, 98% OF WHICH HAVE AT LEAST ONE **MASTER'S DEGREE, AND AN AVERAGE TENURE OF 20-YEARS**

FULL-TIME SCHOOL COUNSELOR

PROJECT-BASED **INTERACTIVE LEARNING** METHOD

READILY ACCESSIBLE TECHNOLOGY AVAILABLE INCLUDING **CHROMEBOOKS, SCIENCE TABLETS, APPLE TVs, AND 3D PRINTERS**

SPECIALTY ENRICHMENT CLASSES IN MUSIC, ART, TECHNOLOGY, LIBRARY RESEARCH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION, STUDY SKILLS, SPANISH, AND, HEALTH AND WELLNESS

STUDENTS COME FROM **OVER 30 COMMUNITIES** IN THE GREATER BOSTON AREA

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PROGRAM **DESIGNED TO CULTIVATE WELL-ROUNDED INDIVIDUALS** WITH A **DEEP SENSE OF FAITH AND PURPOSE**, AND A STRONG FOUNDATION FOR **LIFELONG SUCCESS**.

HOLISTIC CURRICULUM

Saint Joe's graduates have been admitted to some of the best academic institutions in the area including:

- » The Roxbury Latin School
- » Saint Sebastian's School
- » Ursuline Academy
- » Montrose School
- » Xaverian Brothers High School
- » Catholic Memorial
- » Thayer Academy
- » Nobles and Greenough School
- » Dana Hall School
- » The Rivers School
- » St. Paul's School (NH)

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