

SAINT JOSEPH SCHOOL · NEEDHAM, MA

# New Parent Orientation

2026–2027

*Welcome to the Saint Joseph School family!*



**Faith · Virtue · Intellect · Stewardship**

*Our Four Pillars*

# Mission, Vision & Values



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## OUR MISSION

Saint Joseph School, in partnership with our families, provides an exceptional Traditional Roman Catholic education committed to helping each student thrive academically, spiritually, and socially. Rooted in our four pillars of Faith, Virtue, Intellect, and Stewardship, our mission is to provide an educational experience that empowers well-rounded individuals with a deep sense of faith and purpose, and a strong foundation for lifelong success.

## PORTRAIT OF A LEARNER

A Saint Joe's student pursues excellence, is driven by a love of learning and intellectual curiosity, and actively seeks ways to serve others. Their journey is deeply anchored in faith and morality, as they strive to strengthen their relationship with God and the community they serve.

## STUDENT MOTTO

*Accept Jesus in our hearts.  
Aim to serve others.  
Achieve academic excellence.  
Aspire to change the world.*

# Academic Excellence



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## Individualized Learning

- MAP Testing tracks individual growth each year
- Differentiated instruction for every learner
- Small class sizes for personalized attention
- Teaching Assistant in every grade through Grade 2

## Curriculum & Enrichment

- Traditional, rigorous academic curriculum
- Spanish language instruction starting in Preschool
- Music and visual arts throughout
- Gym class and recess through Grade 8

## Activities & Faith

- Drama (after-school, Grades 4–8)
- Band (after-school, Grades 1–8)
- Daily prayer and Mass throughout the year
- Service learning and community outreach
- Character formation rooted in Catholic values

# Important Dates – September 2026

*All dates subject to change – sync the school calendar at [saintjoes.com](http://saintjoes.com) for live updates.*



## September 1

New Student Orientations

## September 2

First Day of Classes

## Sept 4–7

Labor Day Break – School Closed

## September 10

PSA New Parent Welcome Reception

## September 11

PSA Meeting 8:15–8:50am & Opening School Mass (K–Gr. 8) 9am

## September 23

Back-to-School Night – Early Childhood & Lower School

## September 24

Back-to-School Night – Upper School

## September 25

Professional Development – No School

## More Dates

Full calendar at [www.saintjoes.com](http://www.saintjoes.com) – sync to your phone!

# Contact Us

[www.saintjoes.com](http://www.saintjoes.com) | Main: 781-444-4459 | Early Childhood: 781-444-4459 x3



## LEADERSHIP TEAM

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### **Attendance: [Attendance@sjs-needham.org](mailto:Attendance@sjs-needham.org)**

Absences, late arrivals, early dismissals – CC homeroom teacher

### **Health Office: [HealthOffice@sjs-needham.org](mailto:HealthOffice@sjs-needham.org)**

# General Info & School Hours



## 3 DIVISIONS

- Early Childhood Building – Little Sharks 2.9, Preschool, PreK
- Lower School – Kindergarten through Grade 4
- Upper School – Grades 5 through 8

## SCHOOL HOURS

- Arrival window: 8:00–8:10am
- Upper School students: locker access from 7:50am
- Morning announcements at 8:10am, followed by attendance
- Dismissal: 2:30pm (ECB) / 2:40pm (K–Grade 8)
- All late arrivals & early dismissals via main office at 90 Pickering (ECB: via ECB office)

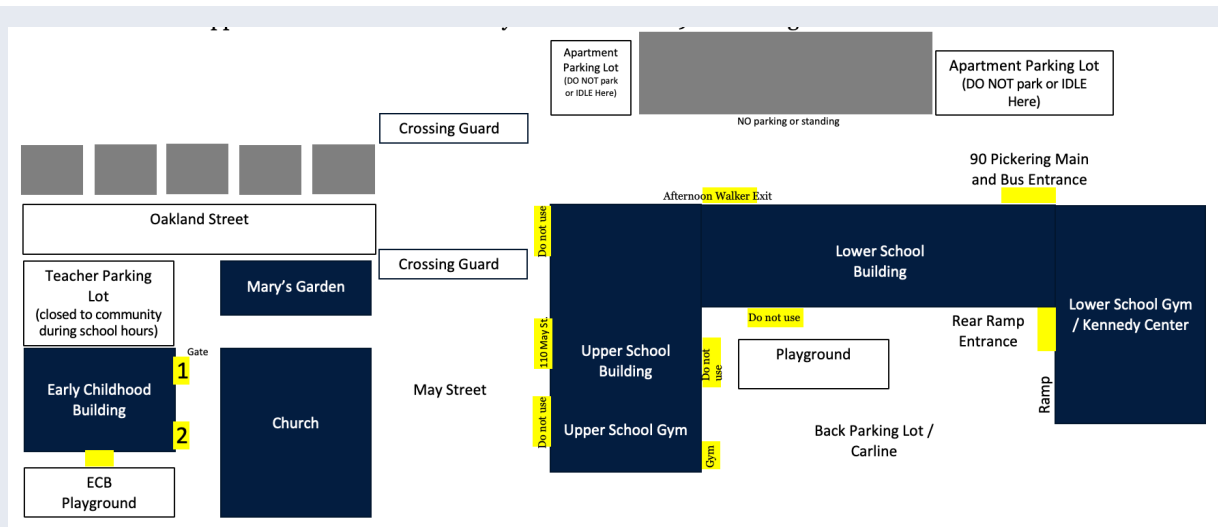
## BEFORE CARE

- Hours: 7:15–8:00am | Drop-in, no reservation needed
- Open to all students | Enter via back ramp/parking lot doors
- \$4 per day, charged via FACTS account

## AFTERCARE

- Available 2:30/2:40pm–5:30pm daily
- Open to all students – pre-registration & contract required
- More info: [saintjoes.com](http://saintjoes.com) › School Life › Aftercare
  - Registration opens June 1

# Arrival & Dismissal Locations



## ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL

### Little Sharks 2.9

Arrival: Door #2 – parents bring students inside |  
Dismissal: back parking lot gate

### Preschool

Arrival: ECB playground | Dismissal: back parking lot gate

### PreKindergarten

Arrival: Door #2 | Dismissal: back parking lot gate

### Lower School (K–4)

Arrival: 90 Pickering main & rear OR 110 May St door | Dismissal: 2:40pm

### Upper School (5–8)

Arrival: 90 Pickering main & rear OR 110 May St door | Lockers open 7:50am  
Dismissal: 2:40pm

*All late arrivals and early dismissals via main office at 90 Pickering St. (ECB students: via ECB office).*

# Supplies & Uniforms

*School supplies are provided as part of your student's tuition.*



## SEND DAILY

- Backpack
- Water bottle
- 1 Snack\*
- 1 Lunch\*
- School uniform and sneakers
- **\*Early Childhood Building is a NUT FREE facility, snack and lunch must be nut free**
- **\*K-gr. 4 snacks must be NUT FREE, lunch can have nuts**

## UNIFORMS

- Available via Lands' End: [landsend.com](https://www.landsend.com) | Code: 900054420
- Uniform closet available to take or leave uniforms

## GYM UNIFORM (ECB Daily)

- Navy blue sweat/nylon shorts or pants with school emblem
- Saint Joseph School light gray tee with school emblem
- Approved sweater/sweatshirt/fleece permitted year-round
- Socks and sneakers

## K-8 REGULAR UNIFORM

- Girls: plaid jumper/skirt or khaki shorts/pants + navy polo
- Boys: navy logo polo + khaki pants or shorts
- More details: [saintjoes.com](https://www.saintjoes.com) › School Life › Uniforms

# Lunch Programs

*We offer 2 hot lunch programs, and you are always welcome to send in a lunch from home.*



## Lunch Box by EZ School Apps

- Offered Monday–Thursday
- Managed via [EZSchoolApps.com](https://EZSchoolApps.com) – families select & pay online
- Opt in or out at any time
- More info provided in August

## Pizza Fridays

- Offered every Friday | Needham House of Pizza
- Pizza and chicken nugget options available
- No nuggets served during Lent
- ECB students: 1 slice + rice crispy treat
- Opt-in at the start of each school year

# After School Activities

*Competitive athletics, intramural sports, clubs, and performing arts – something for every student.*



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## Clubs

- Meets 1x/week, 8-week sessions (Fall, Winter, Spring)
- Past offerings: LEGO, chess, karaoke, cooking, soccer, crafts
- Fall: Sept 21 – Nov 13
- Winter: Dec 7 – Feb 12
- Spring: March 15 – May 14

## Sports

- Fall: Cross Country (Gr. 3–8), Field Hockey (Girls 5–8)
- Winter: Basketball (Gr. 3–8), Ski Club (Gr. 5–8)
- Spring: Volleyball (Girls 5–8)

## Yearlong Programs

- Speech & Debate (Gr. 4–8)
- Band (Gr. 1–8)
- Choir (Gr. 3–8)
- Drama (Gr. 4, 5, and 6–8 separately)
- Student Council (Gr. 2–4 and 5–8)

# Staying Connected



## HOW WE COMMUNICATE

- **Weekly Scoop**
- All-school email newsletter, sent every Sunday afternoon
- **Teacher Blasts**
- ECB & Lower School: every other Friday | Upper School: as needed
- **Summer Start-Up Guide**
- Sent via email in August with all forms and info to start the year
- **Email Format**
- first initial + last name @sjs-needham.org

## FAMILY PORTAL & SOCIAL MEDIA

- **Family Portal**
- Update family info, access tuition/financial data, view report cards & grade book, and more!
- **Social Media: @stjoesneedham**
- Facebook: facebook.com/stjoesneedham
- Instagram: instagram.com/stjoesneedham
- LinkedIn: linkedin.com/company/saint-joseph-school-needham

*Sync your calendar!*

*Visit [saintjoes.com](http://saintjoes.com) to find and sync the school calendar.*

# School Calendar



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You can sync the school calendar to your phone, Google Calendar, or Outlook!

**1**

Visit [saintjoes.com](http://saintjoes.com) and click the Calendar tab in the navigation menu.

**2**

Look for the Subscribe or Sync button (looks like a mini calendar) to add to your preferred calendar app.

**3**

All school events and key dates will automatically appear and update in real time.

Full calendar: [www.saintjoes.com](http://www.saintjoes.com) | Questions? Contact the main office at 781-444-4459

# School Spirit Store



Items available 24/7, all year long – new items added seasonally!

## HOW TO SHOP

- Visit SquadLocker.com
- Find the link at saintjoes.com under the Support Us tab
- [teamlocker.squadlocker.com/#/lockers/saint-joseph-school-store](https://teamlocker.squadlocker.com/#/lockers/saint-joseph-school-store)

## WHAT YOU'LL FIND

- Spirit wear: sweatshirts, tees, hats, bags
- Seasonal and limited-edition items
- Great for new families and gifts!

*Note: Spirit store items are separate from required school uniforms. Uniforms available via Lands' End (Code: 900054420).*

# Volunteer Opportunities

*We are always looking for parents to help out! Volunteers make Saint Joseph School the community it is.*



## Parent School Association (PSA)

- [PSA@sjs-needham.org](mailto:PSA@sjs-needham.org)
- 2026–2027 Chairs: Kaitlyn Carberry, Kristin Kaye, Carrie Powers
- Room Parent – be the classroom connector
- PSA Event Committee Member
- Recess / Lunch Monitor
- Links to sign up: [saintjoes.com](http://saintjoes.com) › Community

## Other School Volunteers

- Classroom volunteers
- Library volunteers
- Field trip chaperones
- **All volunteers must have a CORI form and VIRTUS certificate on file one month prior to event**
  - [VIRTUS.org](http://VIRTUS.org) > Archdiocese of Boston – Can be done over the summer!

# Student Orientations



**Save the Date: New Parent PSA Welcome Reception**  
Thursday, September 10, 2026 at 6:00pm

## EARLY CHILDHOOD

**Tuesday, September 1, 2026**

- Little Sharks 2.9: 9:00-9:30am
- Preschool: 10:00-10:30am
- PreKindergarten: 11:00-11:30am

## LOWER SCHOOL

**Tuesday, September 1, 2026**

**8:30–9:30am**

- All incoming Kindergarten
- New incoming Grades 1–4

## UPPER SCHOOL

**Tuesday, September 1, 2026**

**8:30–9:30am**

- All incoming Grade 5
- All incoming Grade 6
- New incoming Grades 7–8



# Welcome to the Saint Joseph School Family!

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*We are so glad you are here.*

## Let's Go Saint Joes!

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