

“Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. But it did not collapse; it had been set solidly on rock. And everyone who listens to these words of mine but does not act on them will be like a fool who built his house on sand. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. And it collapsed and was ruined.” - Matthew 7: 24-27



SAINT LOUISE PARISH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

As the above Bible verse states, a strong foundation is crucial. Giving your child a Catholic school education is a fundamental way to assure he/she will receive a solid foundation not just in academics, but in morals and faith formation. Graduates of St. Louise Parish School leave us with a strong foundation and go on to do extremely well in high school, in college, and in life.

We are pleased you are interested in enrolling your child in St. Louise School. The faculty and I are very proud of our school and trust you will find us not only committed to academic excellence but also to the spiritual and personal growth of your child. I know it is certainly a commitment to send your child to a Catholic school, what with required tuition, fund raisers, and volunteering. But when you consider this is an investment in your child's future, it's well worth the extra effort! You will be extremely glad you chose a St. Louise education!

Attached you will find valuable information, including our school's brochure, admissions policy, frequently asked questions, and recent test results. The general procedures for applying to St. Louise School follow:

1. Commencing in November, families interested in applying for the 2019-20 school year may begin the application process. **The early application period for accepting the application paperwork from new families is January 31 through February 14, 2019** Applications submitted during this period will be given priority over later applications.
2. The first step in the application process is to contact the school office to make an appointment for a "Tuesday Tour" – which consists of a class observation, a tour given by 8th grade students, and a meeting with me. We hold these "Tuesday Tours" on select Tuesday mornings in December, January, and February.
3. At your meeting with me, you will receive two required application forms:
 - a) The **Current Teacher Recommendation of New Student Form**. Your child's current teacher is to complete the recommendation form and send it to us.
 - b) The Student Application Form's **Addendum for Newly-Applying Children**. This is to be completed by you, with applicable documents attached.
4. A third required form - the **Student Application Form and Emergency Information** – is to be completed online at <http://www.stlouiseschool.org/application>.
5. The fourth and final required form we need for your application - the **Parent Contract** - will not be available until January 31, due to the time needed to set tuition rates for next year. You may stop by the

office beginning January 31, to pick up the 2019-2020 contract. You are to complete and return the contract to the school office, along with paying the \$220 one-time **Application Fee** online at <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1369/DirectDonate/61180>.

Not so coincidentally, our all-school Open House is on January 31, from 6:30-7:30 p.m., so this would be a convenient time to pick up the contract while your entire family is here touring the school and meeting the grade PreK through 8th grade teachers that evening.

6. If your child is entering grades 1-8, please give us copies of two report cards: your child's final report card from last June 2018, and his/her most recent report card from this current 2018-19 school year.
7. We also request your child's most recent standardized test scores. If recent test scores are not available, we may want to do some testing at our school. Additionally, applicants for grades 6-8 may be interviewed by an administrator and/or a teacher. You will be notified if testing or interviewing is necessary.
8. Applicants for kindergarten will be assessed for kindergarten readiness by the kindergarten teachers starting in March. Kindergarten applicants can sign up for a March assessment date beginning in February. Kindergarten applicants must be recommended for admittance by our kindergarten teachers after this assessment, and must be 5 years old on or before August 31.
Please Note: Applicants for Pre-K are not assessed, but we do require them to be fully potty-trained and 4 years old on or before August 31. Students entering 1st grade must be 6 years old on or before August 31.
9. After the entire application process is completed, you will be notified whether or not your child is admitted or if he/she is in an admission waiting pool due to a large number of applicants. The order of preference for admitting children is detailed in our admissions policy, which you'll find on our FAQ sheet.

Besides the all-school Open House on Thursday, January 31, which will have all our PreK through 8th grade classrooms open, we also have a special Open House on January 10, solely highlighting our grade 6-8 curriculum and hosted by our teachers in these middle school grades. Both Open House evenings run from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., and both of these special events allow you and your children to tour the school together and visit with the teachers, asking them questions specific to their grade levels. We'll serve refreshments, and our vice-principal, Mike Fuerte, and I will be greeting you both evenings to answer any general questions you may have.

If you have any more questions or need more information, please call our school secretaries, Lola Bazan or Mindy Morgan, at 425-746-4220, or email me at danf@stlouiseschool.org.

I'd like to end by assuring you that if you give your child the gift of a Catholic school education, you will see God's blessing on both him/her and your whole family, and you will not regret it. Much more than spending for gymnastics lessons, select soccer expenses, or the latest technological gadget, the money you spend on a St. Louise School education is the best investment you can make for your child.

Sincerely,



Dan Fitzpatrick, Principal

"Train the young in the way they should go; even when old, they will not swerve from it." -Proverbs 22:6