

*“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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**D**ear 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, and frequently asked questions. The general procedures for applying to St. Louise School follow:

1. The first step in the application process is to contact the school office to make an appointment to meet with me or our vice-principal, Mike Fuerte. We can answer your questions about St. Louise, as well as give you a tour of the school. We will also hand you some of the following forms and other school literature. You may set up this appointment through our school secretaries, Lola Bazan or Mindy Morgan, at 425-746-4220, or at [lolab@stlouiseschool.org](mailto:lolab@stlouiseschool.org).
2. At your meeting with an administrator, 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 the parent and applicable documents are to be attached.
3. A third required form - the ***Student Application Form and Emergency Information*** – is to be completed online at <http://www.stlouiseschool.org/application>.
4. The fourth required form we need for your application - the ***Parent Contract*** – is to be completed and returned to the school office, along with paying the \$220 one-time ***Application Fee*** online at <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1369/DirectDonate/61180>.

5. The final form is the **Authorization for Automatic Payments** (or *EFT Form*), which is to be completed with an attached void check, as this will set up your automated tuition payments. You may choose to submit this initially with all of the above paperwork, or wait and submit it after you have been notified of acceptance (see # 9 below).
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 need to be assessed for kindergarten readiness by the kindergarten teachers. We will set up a date for this soon after we receive all of your kindergarten application paperwork. 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 accompanying admissions policy. After acceptance, your [EFT Form](#) is to be completed (if it wasn't already done as noted above in step #5).

**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 contact me directly at [danf@stlouiseschool.org](mailto: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.

*"Train the young in the way they **should** go;  
even when old, they will not swerve from it.\**

*-Proverbs 22:6*

Sincerely,



Dan Fitzpatrick, Principal