



St. Louise Parish School
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Saint Louise Parish School Fact Sheet

HISTORY

St. Louise is a Pre-K through 8, co-ed, Roman Catholic school which was opened in 1961 by the Sisters of St. Joseph. It continues 50 years later with a committed lay staff who carry on Catholic school traditions of value-based education, well-disciplined classrooms with high academic standards, strong parental support, and a curriculum that is infused with Gospel values.

FACULTY, ADMINISTRATION, AND STAFF

For the 2011-12 school year, the St. Louise teaching faculty is comprised of 29 certified teachers - 22 full time and 7 part time - including specialists in math, reading, art, music, computer, physical education, library, and student-services. With 466 students, the student to teacher ratio is 18:1. The staff also includes 5 instructional assistants, 4 before-and-after-school care supervisors, a development director, secretary, bookkeeper, and school nurse. The principal is Dan Fitzpatrick, who has been the administrator at St. Louise since 1988. Joanie Staiger has been St. Louise School's vice-principal since 1995.

UNIQUE FEATURES

- Daily prayer and religion classes are the backbone of the religion curriculum with bi-monthly all-school liturgies and Masses. Service projects are conducted school-wide and by individual classes.
- A pre-kindergarten class for four year-olds meets four mornings a week. With a teacher and instructional assistant, the student to teacher ratio in Pre-K is 9:1.
- Kindergarten classes attend for the full-day, with a full-time teacher and full-time instructional assistant, for a student to teacher ratio of 13:1.
- St. Louise is a parent participation school. Our families are strengthened by greater school involvement, while our children benefit in innumerable ways from their parents working as library workers, classroom helpers, office assistants, and playground supervisors, to name just a few.
- St. Louise is a state approved and accredited school. We are accredited by the Western Catholic Educational Association (WCEA).
- Fundraising is an integral part of the financial support of the school, allowing tuition to stay at an affordable rate. All families participate in the school's four major fundraising events: the Auction, the Annual School Gift Campaign, Charger Cards, and a Fall Fund Raiser to be determined for 2012.
- Financial assistance based on need is available.

CURRICULUM

High academic expectations from our teachers are one of the reasons why we have hard working students and well above average scores in the state-testing assessments. The curriculum at St. Louise consists of religion, language arts, reading, social studies, science, math, physical education, computer education, library skills, art, music, handwriting, personal safety, and drug education, with a study skills program integrated throughout the curriculum. All curricular areas are updated and evaluated by the staff on a regular basis.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Affordable daycare is provided by the St. Louise Kids' Club on-site between 6:30 and 8:20 a.m. and between 3:00 and 5:45 p.m. (2:00 and 5:45 p.m. on Mondays). Space is limited, as the maximum enrollment in Kids' Club is 50 children. See www.stlouiseschool.org/kidsclub for more information on the program, enrollment, and fees.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

All grade K-8 students have different opportunities to participate in extra-curricular offerings. K-8 students may participate in soccer and cross country athletic programs, while grade 4-8 students are also able to play on our basketball, volleyball, baseball, and track teams. A drama program, a speech team, a chess club, a robotics club, a choir, an art club, and a science club are offered after school for various grade levels. Band is offered before school for grade 5-8 students. Fifth graders comprise our safety patrol program, sixth graders participate in environmental education camp, and seventh and eighth graders attend weekly elective classes, which enrich their education by providing unique learning experiences.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

A complete packet to submit for admissions consideration includes an application form, tuition contract, application fee, current report card and standardized test scores, and a recommendation from the child's current teacher. For kindergarten entrance, a readiness assessment is conducted by our teachers after all paperwork is received. For junior high students, an interview with the administration may be conducted. Informal testing of students may be required in other grade levels.

TUITION

Tuition is based on the number of children in a family enrolled at St. Louise Parish School and the family's parishioner status. A reduced "contributing parishioner" tuition rate is available for registered/contributing parishioners from these Catholic parishes on the Eastside: St. Louise, Mary Queen of Peace, Our Lady of Sorrows, Holy Innocents, Blessed Teresa, and St. Anthony's Mission. Tuition may be paid on a monthly basis from July through June. The following are the tuition rates for this current school year. They will be slightly increased in February for the 2012-13 school year.

NUMBER OF GRADE K-8 CHILDREN	CONTRIBUTING PARISHIONER	NON-PARISHIONER OR NON-CONTRIBUTING PARISHIONER	ADDITIONAL FEE FOR KINDERGARTEN
one K-8 child.....	<input type="checkbox"/> \$4,752 (\$396/month).....	<input type="checkbox"/> \$7,644 (\$637/month)	
two K-8 children	<input type="checkbox"/> \$8,844 (\$737/month).....	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15,192 (\$1,266/month)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$900(\$75/month)
three or more K-8 children	<input type="checkbox"/> \$11,844 (\$987/month).....	<input type="checkbox"/> \$22,776 (\$1,898/month)	
PRE-KINDERGARTEN TUITION			
one Pre-K child.....	<input type="checkbox"/> \$3,336 (\$278/month).....	<input type="checkbox"/> \$4,944 (\$412/month)	
two Pre-K children.....	<input type="checkbox"/> \$6,672 (\$556/month)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$9,888 (\$824/month)	