

# ***Frequently Asked Questions about Saint Ann School***

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## **What grades are offered at Saint Ann School?**

Saint Ann School enrolls students in Kindergarten through Eighth Grade. Each class is capped at 20 students.

## **What are school hours?**

School begins at 7:30 AM and dismisses at 2:40 PM. Saint Ann School also offers an afternoon Extended Day Program allowing students to stay until 6:00 PM.

## **How much does it cost to send my child to Saint Ann School?**

The 2024/2025 tuition for a one-child family is \$553.83 per month on a 12-month basis. Detailed tuition information is available at the school office or call 760-375-4713.

## **Is tuition assistance available?**

Yes, the Diocese of Fresno provides tuition assistance to needy families, regardless of religious denomination. Additionally, Saint Ann School offers in-house tuition assistance. More information on tuition assistance is available at the school office or call 760-375-4713.

## **Why should I choose to send my child to Saint Ann School?**

- Saint Ann School prepares students to be knowledgeable, faithful and responsible Christians who compassionately serve others.
- The environment of our school is unique. School families form a closeknit community whose members support the school and each other. Teachers strive not only to help students achieve academically but also to grow in spirituality and maturity. Students are expected to behave in a respectful and Christ-like manner and are held accountable for their actions.
- School staff provides continuous communication with families. Parents are informed of school and classroom activities & events through weekly newsletters from each teacher and the principal. Parents are encouraged to call, e-mail, or meet with the teacher whenever they have a concern about their child.

## **Does Saint Ann School offer music, art, and language classes?**

Yes, Saint Ann School offers both music and art classes on a weekly basis. Language classes for Spanish, French, German, and Mandarin are also offered in some classes using Rosetta Stone and enhanced with mentors from the local community.

## **How do I know my child is learning what he/she needs to go to high school?**

Saint Ann School is fully accredited by the *Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)* and the *Western Catholic Educational Association (WCEA)*. The curriculum is based on standards set by the Diocese of Fresno and the State of California. Standardized test results indicate that most Saint Ann School students perform above grade level compared to the national average.

## **My child struggles in school. How can Saint Ann School help my child be successful?**

Our small classes allow students to receive more individual attention than they would in a public school class of 30 plus students. Teachers engage students in developmentally appropriate activities to help them master the knowledge and skills required at each grade level. When a student has difficulty, teachers consult with our Student Success Team to determine additional strategies to help the student. Classroom aides are available to work with individuals and small groups of students. Saint Ann School also collaborates with Sierra Sands Unified School District to test students for learning difficulties and to consult with educational specialists to develop learning plans for them.

## **Does Saint Ann School offer any extracurricular activities for the students?**

Students are involved in Band, Choir, Student Council, and California Junior Scholastic Federation, to name a few.

## **Will my child be able to participate in sports?**

Saint Ann School participates in 5<sup>th</sup> Grade boys & girls basketball, Middle School boys & girls basketball, and Middle School girls volleyball.

## **What is the school uniform?**

The Saint Ann School Uniform consists of plaid shorts for the girls and solid gray shorts for the boys. Gray pants are also available for both boys & girls. All shorts & pants are available through our uniform exchange at a minimal cost. Students are required to wear polo shirts with the school logo as well as sweatshirts with the school logo. Red polos & sweatshirts are worn in the K to 5<sup>th</sup> grades, and black polos & sweatshirts in the Middle School. Polos & sweatshirts, along with other Spirit Wear, may be purchased in the school office.