

# School Overview 2023-2024

Choosing the right educational option for your child is one of the most important decisions you will make. It's important that your child's school is an educational partner with like-minded values and goals, dedicated to helping your child reach his or her social, emotional, intellectual, physical, and spiritual potential.

## MISSION & VISION

We are a destination to Serve, Learn, Love, Lead...as Disciples of Christ.

## CAMPUS DYNAMICS

St. John XXIII Catholic School (SJ23) is located at 1802 N. Wisconsin St. in Port Washington, WI. We serve students in Preschool (Pre-3) - 8th Grade. In addition to the regular classrooms, our building features top-of-the-line security, a private wing for both the Early Childhood Program and Elementary School, and Middle School grade levels, a Greenhouse, an Early Childhood Outdoor Classroom, a Wrap-Around Care room, Music & Band room, Art room, Innovation Center, Cafeteria, and Gym. Our building greatly enhances our learning environment and improves the quality of our educational offerings to all ages.

## CURRICULUM

SJ23 offers its students a challenging academic curriculum grounded in faith. Our students thrive in our nurturing, co-curricular environment as they obtain skills necessary to be successful, compassionate learners, innovators, educators, researchers, and leaders for the rest of their lives. Our curriculum includes: Math (including Pre-Algebra & Algebra), English Language Arts (ELA), Science, Social Studies, Religion, Technology, Physical Education, Art, Spanish, and Music. Beginning Band starts at the 4th grade level, and Concert Band & Jazz Band are available to students in 5th-8th grade. Our integrated, hands-on curriculum based on Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM) engages students of all academic levels. It promotes a deeper understanding of real-world concepts and helps students to become critical thinkers, thoughtful listeners, and effective speakers. In addition to the regular curriculum, middle-school students have electives in the areas of Visual Arts, Coding, Forensics, Extended Enrichment, and more!

## INSTRUCTOR/STUDENT RATIO

The average class size is 16 students. The instructional faculty to student ratio is 1:8.

## TECHNOLOGY

We believe that technology enhances traditional and hands-on teaching methods to further our students' educational journey both in and outside the classroom. Students use iPads and Chromebooks to accomplish goals and become respectful, knowledgeable, digital citizens.

## INNOVATION CENTER

A student-centered environment dedicated to a deeper understanding of real-world concepts and their relationship to each other. It provides a collaborative meeting space with a multi-media area and includes flexible seating and 3D Printers.

## STUDENT SUPPORT

We support students' individual learning needs and help them reach their highest potential by providing one-on-one and small-group student enrichment. In grades 5-8, we have regularly scheduled FLEX time for intervention, project time, reteaching, acceleration, and enrichment. We nurture our students' emotional and social growth by focusing on relationships, adolescent challenges, healthy minds and bodies, as well as other topics that promote positive outcomes.

## SOCIAL EMOTIONAL COACH

The Social Emotional Coach helps students gain and effectively apply the knowledge and skills necessary to manage and understand their emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy towards others, develop and maintain positive relationships with peers, and make responsible decisions. Along with being a support to students, the Social Emotional Coach collaborates with teachers and parents to meet the needs of our students and provide information and professional development in the areas of social emotional health.

## SERVICE, DISCIPLESHIP, & COMMUNITY

All students in K5-8th grade participate in weekly Mass or prayer services, retreats, and numerous service projects throughout the year. K4 students attend Mass twice per month. At the Middle School level, students work in the St. Peter's Food Pantry, serve at St. Ben's, and serve in many other areas of our local and global communities.

## ADMISSION & ENROLLMENT PROCESS

The application includes a non-refundable application fee and tuition contract. To enroll, the following items need to be completed and/or submitted to the School Office: Tuition Contract, New Student Profile, New Family Enrollment Form, a copy of the student's Birth Certificate, and Immunization Record.



## PRESCHOOL (PRE-3)

- AM (Half-Day): 8:20 AM-11:30 AM
  - 3 Days (Flexible Schedule)
  - 4 Days (Flexible Schedule)
  - 5 Days (Monday-Friday)
- Full-Day: 8:20 AM-3:30 PM
  - 3 Days (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)
  - 3 Days (Monday, Wednesday, Friday)
  - 5 Days (Monday-Friday)

## PREKINDERGARTEN (K4)

- Five Day Program (Monday-Friday)
  - AM (Half-Day): 8:20 AM-11:30 AM
  - Full-Day Enrichment Program with SNAP integration: 8:20 AM-3:30 PM
    - Learning is a SNAP through Science, Nature, Adventure and Play. *Learn more by visiting our website!*

## KINDERGARTEN (K5) – 8TH GRADE

Monday-Friday: 8:20 AM-3:30 PM

## EXTRACURRICULAR CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

- Beginning Band (4th - 5th Grade)
- Concert Band (6th - 8th Grade)
- Jazz Band (6th - 8th Grade)
- Boys & Girls Basketball (5th - 8th Grade)
- Boys & Girls Volleyball (5th - 8th Grade)
- Student Council (5th - 8th Grade)
- Weekly Food Pantry Staffing (7th & 8th Grade)
- St. Ben's Food Kitchen (7th & 8th Grade)
- Retreats (K5 - 8th Grade)
- Service Projects (Pre-3-8th Grade)
- Construction Club (K5-4th Grade)
- Sign Language (1st - 8th Grade)
- Church Choir (3rd - 8th Grade)
- Liturgical Choir (3rd - 8th Grade)
- Spanish Club (5th - 8th Grade)
- Future City Club (5th - 8th Grade)
- Chess Club (5th - 8th Grade)
- Origami Club (2nd - 8th Grade)
- Yearbook Club (6th - 8th Grade)
- *\*Additional Extracurricular Clubs offered each trimester*

## BUS ARRANGEMENTS

Arrangements can be made through Johnson Bus Company at 262.284.5330.

## WRAP-AROUND CARE

Wrap-Around Care is available to all registered SJ23 Preschool-6th Grade students on all regular, early dismissal, and in-service school days (pending attendance). This Program is an extension of our classrooms and reflects the values of our faith in a warm, supportive, family atmosphere. We aim to enhance and support the emotional, social, and academic goals of our students.

Hours: 6:30-8:20 AM | 3:30-6:00 PM

Parents may elect to use our wrap-around care services at any time during the school year by completing a registration form and returning it to the school office (one week prior to the intended start date). All information and enrollment forms can be found in the Wrap-Around Care Handbook online.

## TUITION OPTIONS & TUITION REDUCTION PROGRAMS

- SJ23 offers tuition assistance to families who find meeting tuition expenses for their child or children a financial challenge. Families who apply for tuition assistance are able to negotiate tuition payments through this program. A dedicated fund has been established to assist families interested in giving their child or children the gift of Catholic education.
- The Welcome Scholarship is a one-time, 15% discount (per child), given to any first-time families attending SJ23, or families returning after a major absence (two or more years).
- We are so fortunate to offer the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP) to our families, parishioners, and community as a whole. The WPCP is a statewide private school voucher program, and allows students whose families meet certain income qualifications the ability to attend a participating private or religious school of their choice – tuition free. The open application period for the 2023-24 school year is February 1 – April 20, 2023.

## QUESTIONS?

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