



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Mission: St. John the Baptist Catholic School is an enduring community, welcoming students to be known and loved, to excel academically, to thrive spiritually, and to lead with generosity and joy.

Ages and Number of Students

St. John the Baptist Catholic School offers preschool to 3-5-year-olds. We have two classrooms and are licensed for up to 42 students. We always have at least one teacher for every ten students. Our classrooms are mixed-age rooms that include students who are one academic year and two academic years away from Kindergarten. St. John the Baptist Catholic School mandates that preschool students are supervised by trained adults at all times.

Days offered

We are open Monday through Friday when school is in session. St. John's does not currently offer summer programming for preschool students. Our full-day schedule is 8:30 am-3:30 pm. Before-school care is available starting at 7:00 am, and aftercare is available until 5:30 pm.

Tuition: 2025-2026

Full Day (8:30 AM – 3:30 PM)

5 Full Days – \$680/mo (Mondays-Fridays) (Full year = \$6120)

3 Full Days – \$410/mo (Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays) (Full year = \$3690)

2 Full Days – \$272/mo (Tuesdays and Thursdays) (Full year = \$2448)

Before- and After-School Enrichment (BASE)

Before School (7:00-8:45 AM) \$7/day

After School (3:30-5:30 PM) \$8/day

Enrollment Schedule

- **November 1, 2025:** Financial Aid application opens for K-4 through TADS and Pre-K through Schulze Early Learning Scholarship. See the Financial Aid section below for further details.
- **November 28, 2025:** Online enrollment/registration begins through the TADS system for current students.
- **January 13, 2026:** Enrollment due for current PreKindergarten through 4th-grade families for a \$50 (PK) and \$100 (K-4) per student registration fee to be applied toward 2023-2024 tuition and to hold your spot.
- **January 17, 2026:** Online applications open through the TADS system for new students.
- **January 27, 2026:** New students accepted based on enrollment priority list. Applications received after this date will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.
- **February 22, 2026:** Applications due in the TADS system for K-4 financial assistance.
- **March 22, 2026:** TADS financial assistance awards through Aim Higher and Catholic Service Appeal will be announced to families.

Enrollment Priority List

1. Current St. John's School students (PreKindergarten through 4th Grade)
2. Siblings of current St. John's School students
3. Children of St. John's Catholic Church parishioners
4. Children of St. Mary (New Trier) and St. Mathias (Hampton) parishioners
5. Open to all

Financial Aid

Scholarships are available through the Schulze Family Foundation. Contact the school office for more information.

Fees

\$40 Activity Fee

\$50 Registration Fee (applied towards tuition if registered by the timeline above.)

Daily Preschool Schedule

8:30-8:50	Students go to class as they enter
9:00-9:15	Prayer and Pledge/Morning Meeting
9:50-10:00	Clean up
10:00-10:40	Specialist and Snack
10:45-11:15	Circle Time - Phonics - Story
11:15-11:35	Recess
11:45-12:30	Lunch
12:30-1:00	Centers/Reading/Art
1:00-1:25	Clean up & Bathroom
1:25-1:45	Social Studies/Religion/Story
1:45-2:15	Rest time
2:15-2:40	Bathroom Wash Snack Pack
2:40-3:10	Recess
3:20-3:30	Dismissal

Curriculum

St. John the Baptist Catholic School Preschool Program utilizes Mother Goose Preschool Curriculum and rotates Mother Goose themes Monthly. Mother Goose includes themes such as Safari, Garden, Dinosaurs, Human Body, Winter, Rainforest, and many more. We also use Groves Academy curriculum for beginning reading skills. Our religion lessons come from the Image of God series. Your preschooler will learn age-appropriate social, emotional, physical, intellectual, and spiritual skills. Our preschool students get one specialist class per day. These include Art, STEM, Physical Education, and Music.

Social

Cooperating and problem-solving with peers
Recognizing emotions in others
Conflict resolution practice and modeling

Emotional

Making personal choices
Sharing ideas, thoughts, and feelings with the group
Identifying and naming feelings

Physical

Continue to focus on large muscle development, motor skills, and coordination

Dressing independently

Develop spatial awareness by movement to music

Safety training

Intellectual

Asking and answering open-ended questions

Understanding a sequence of events

Recognizing and writing letters and numbers

Participating in read-aloud exercises

Identifying numbers, patterns, counting, and estimating items

Spiritual

Learn prayers, Bible stories, songs, and activities

Routines

Teachers develop and maintain daily routines and set consistent limits to help children develop a sense of trust and promote learning. Guidance includes encouraging children to talk about how they feel. Teachers model language and actions to express feelings.

Teachers recognize and affirm positive behavior throughout the day. Teachers' response to unwanted behavior may include: ignoring the behavior, redirecting the activity, calm clear words to encourage positive ways the child can express themselves and discuss the problem.

Conferences

Parent-Teacher conferences will be held in October and March. In addition, parents and staff are encouraged to request conferences whenever they deem it necessary.

Arrival

Students who arrive before 8:30 should be walked in and signed into before school care.

Students who arrive between 8:30-8:50 should be dropped off in the carline. Do not drop off in the carline if an SJB adult is not outside. If a student arrives after 8:50 they should be walked into the office and signed in.

Dismissal

Children will be dismissed as parents arrive. Parents picking up at 11:30 can come into the office, and the student will be sent to the parents. Parents picking up at 3:30 should wait in the parking lot and walk to the door to ensure their student does not go into the lot without them. Their student will be called and will walk out. The school must have written authorization from the legal guardian to release a student to someone who is not a legal guardian

Immunization Records

Minnesota State law requires that all children in a licensed early childhood program be immunized against certain infectious childhood diseases: polio, measles, mumps, rubella, diphtheria, chicken pox, tetanus, pertussis, and hemophilias influenza B. Proof of immunization must be on file before the first day of attendance. In addition, the State requires a completed form, signed by a physician, to be on file. These forms will be provided when you register your child.

Medication

No medications will be administered by school staff. Tylenol, cough drops, throat lozenges, and other non-prescription drugs may not be brought into the school for administration by staff or self-administration. Exceptions may be made upon consultation with the school principal for emergency, life-sustaining medications.

Allergies/Diet Restrictions

Parents are responsible for notifying staff of food allergies and/or diet restrictions upon the child's enrollment. Dietary restrictions will be posted in the food area. We will refrain from serving any items on the individual's restricted list. Depending upon the restrictions, alternate snack items might be required from the parent.

Mandated Reporting

St. John's staff and volunteers are mandated reporters and are required to report any suspected maltreatment to the proper authorities.

School Closures

SJB will email the contact list used for this newsletter, post on our Facebook page, and also announce on Fox 9, WCCO, and KSTP. Our policy is to follow the Hastings district and to use the pastor's and principal's discretion on days Hastings is not in session.

Program Plan Updates

This program plan must be evaluated in writing annually by a staff person qualified as a teacher under part 9503.0032

Availability of Plan

This program plan is available to all parents/guardians upon request.

Contact

Principal: Pam McSweeney (pmcsweeney@sjb-school.org)

Office Secretary: Adrienne Stelzer (office@sjb-school.org)

Preschool Teacher: Shannon Allen (sallen@sjb-school.org)

Preschool Teacher: Michelle Meyer (mmeyer@sjb-school.org)

Preschool Teacher: Katie Armitage (karmitage@sjb-school.org)

Activities:

St. John's preschool students participate in a variety of activities that are indoor and outdoor, quiet and active, and teacher-led and child-initiated. These include:

Choice Time at tables

- puzzles
- play-dough
- small blocks
- lacing cards
- manipulatives
- board games
- coloring
- work with teachers in small groups

Circle Time

- Greeting song - Shapes
- Stories - Letters & Phonics
- Prayer - Buddy Bag
- Calendar - Graphing Activities
- Weather - Numbers
- Theme

Centers

- Sensory table
- Dramatic area
- Manipulatives
- Construction w/ blocks
- Cars, trucks, animals
- Dolls, House, Barn, etc.
- Science trays
- Computers
- Art projects - painting, crafts, letter of the week
- Math activities
- Puzzles
- Music

Structured PE, Art, STEM, Music class

Imaginative Play

- Bakery
- Pizza Shop
- Holiday Stations
- Space Center
- Post Office
- Fire Station

Outside

- Playground
- Maple syrup
- Kites
- Weather
- Bug catchers
- Community garden
- Harvest and planting
- Fossils
- Measurement

Religion

- Nativity plays
- Acting out bible stories