



THE LOVE OF KNOWLEDGE. THE COURAGE TO USE IT.











CULTIVATING A LOVE OF LEARNING FOR A LIFETIME



We want the best for your child – and while preparing for a demanding high school and college education is important, we want more for them. At St. John's, we celebrate learning as a joyous, lifelong pursuit.

All of our students take pride in their accomplishments, develop their natural curiosity, and awaken an inner drive to think independently, critically, and creatively. While exploring, creating, and collaborating, St. John's students develop a deep love for the learning process. And when children love to learn, they will thrive throughout life, in an unpredictable world. St. John's students experience an immersive education in a lively place to learn, where self-expression is encouraged. Our school's Episcopal roots and emphasis on community service give rise to thoughtful, intelligent, service-minded leaders.







OUR MISSION

We are dedicated to a program of academic excellence designed to train the mind, strengthen the character, and enrich the spirit of each student in a Christian environment.

OUR SCHOOL

St. John's Episcopal School is a fully accredited pre-k through eighth grade coeducational school in East Dallas. Created as an outreach of St. John's Episcopal Church in 1953, we are the oldest Episcopal school in Dallas. The school is accredited by both the Independent Schools Association of the Southwest (ISAS) and the Southwestern Association of Episcopal Schools (SAES), both of which are members of the National Association of Independent Schools' (NAIS) Commission on Accreditation.*

OUR FOCUS: PRE-K THROUGH EIGHTH

In the 10 years between pre-k and eighth grade, children change tremendously. Our academic program is age-appropriate and allows students to progress naturally and confidently. In lower school, we harness children's innate curiosity while cementing essential knowledge and skills. In middle school, we provide more vigorous challenges as students become more abstract, self-aware thinkers.

We've also designed an environment that allows kids to be kids. Without an upper school, students aren't pressured to grow up too soon. Our students further benefit from the opportunity to take an active role in deciding which upper school they will attend, a process that may help them select a college later in life. We guide students in researching upper schools, preparing for interviews, and deciding which school best fits with their interests. By eighth grade, the right fit for upper school will be clearer than when your child was first entering school. Allowing your child to weigh in on which high school they will attend empowers them to take greater ownership of their success.

Our graduates leave St. John's as well-prepared, grounded, confident leaders sought by the area's best upper schools.

*NAIS certifies that the **Independent Schools Association of the Southwest (ISAS)**, a member of the Commission on Accreditation, has voluntarily submitted to a rigorous and impartial review of its accreditation program and demonstrated its adherence to the Criteria for Effective Independent School Accreditation Practices. NAIS commends ISAS and confirms its confidence in the quality of the association's accreditation program for its independent schools. The Southwestern Association of Episcopal Schools (SAES) is a member in good standing of the NAIS Commission on Accreditation. It has voluntarily agreed to abide by the Commission's Criteria for Effective Independent School Accreditation Practices and to submit to a thorough review and evaluation of its accreditation standards, criteria, and procedures. SAES is recognized by three state agencies and by 11 Episcopal dioceses within the six states served by the association. At St. John's Episcopal School, our students are unique and so is our style of education. Immersive, flexible, and collaborative, we encourage students to think critically and creatively.

AN IMMERSIVE EDUCATION



OUR INNOVATIVE AND COLLABORATIVE APPROACH MAKES LEARNING FUN. ST. JOHN'S IS DESIGNED TO BE STUDENT-CENTRIC, NOT TEACHER-CENTRIC – AFTER ALL, CONVERSATIONS ARE MUCH MORE COMPELLING THAN LECTURES.

IMAGINE

St. John's is committed to the use of technology to enhance curricular content and build our students' awareness of the larger world as they develop skills for the 21st century. Access to iPads begins in pre-k and by third grade it is integrated into the curriculum. Our Imagine 1:1 iPad Initiative gives students more opportunities for collaboration, higher confidence levels with the use of technology, efficiency in completing tasks, and increased independence toward becoming continuous learners.

EXPLORE

Our project-based approach guides students to learn about subjects by exploring open-ended questions and solving challenges through creativity and collaboration. It requires that students have fundamental skills in reading, writing, and math, combined with skills like teamwork, problem solving, research gathering, time management, information synthesizing, and utilization of hightech tools.

REFLECT

Each St. John's student has a digital portfolio that captures their key learning experiences as they progress and grow each year. This program promotes self-reflection, which is vital to deeper and more meaningful learning about oneself, as well as a stronger education. In the end, our graduates better understand the material they have studied, and can clearly articulate who they are.

CONNECT

Students build understanding by making connections. We integrate our curriculum so students can grasp the big picture. By identifying areas where subjects like social studies, math, science, reading, writing, art, music, and even physical education cross paths, students develop a meaningful understanding of the complex associations and influences within each topic.









"I may have left St. John's, but I will never truly leave here because my entire education and life started in these hallways and classrooms. How can you forget something you've always

KELSEY MONTGOMERY CLASS OF 2008

ST. JOHN'S STUDENTS ARE NOT LIMITED TO LEARNING SOLELY IN THEIR CLASSROOMS. OUR STUDENTS SPEND TIME OUTDOORS AND ENGAGE IN PHYSICAL ACTIVITY. IT'S GOOD FOR THE BODY AND MIND. (AND IT'S MUCH MORE FUN THAN SITTING AT A DESK ALL DAY.)

EXPLORING THE CAMPUS

With a winding creek lined by old-growth trees, our 10-acre campus provides a wealth of outdoor learning opportunities, like taking nature walks to study plant life, flying kites to observe wind dynamics, or studying tadpoles in our creek.

COLLABORATIVE CLASSROOMS

Our classrooms are designed for a dynamic and collaborative learning style — one where students participate in conversations, study in groups, and rearrange furniture for presentations and performances.

LEARNING THROUGH PLAY

Children learn through play — and we believe it's vital to education. At St. John's, students in every grade enjoy recess daily. On the playground, children socialize, resolve disputes, spend time outdoors, and get active.

ACTIVE BODIES, ACTIVE MINDS

Physical activity stimulates the brain, leading to better learning. Daily PE classes also teach coordination, encourage healthy lifestyles, and teach fundamentals for team sports.

LESSONS FOR LIFE

We want all students — from accomplished athletes to those brave enough to try new sports — to gain the benefits of athletic participation: improved fitness, skills, and character learned through teamwork, goal-setting, sportsmanship, and persistent practice.





A LIVELY PLACE TO LEARN









"After 23 years of teaching, I still love coming to work every day. It's rewarding to know I am making a difference in my students' lives and I love seeing how much each child grows during their time with us."

DONNA SANDS, SECOND-GRADE TEACHER





ENCOURAGING SELF-EXPRESSION

SELF-EXPRESSION IS A PATH TO GREATER SELF-AWARENESS AND CONFIDENCE. AT ST. JOHN'S, WE ENCOURAGE KIDS TO SPEAK OUT, STAND UP, AND BE MEANINGFULLY INVOLVED IN EVERYTHING THEY DO.

EXPRESSION THROUGH ART

Our Visual Arts Program allows students to speak through their art, whether in drawing, print-making, painting, or sculpting. As students develop a strong foundation of basic skills, our curriculum builds on these skills, enabling them to take on more complex projects. We encourage our students to focus on the process of creating art, not just the final product, leading to a more meaningful and enjoyable way of expressing themselves.

LEARNING THROUGH MUSIC

Children naturally respond to music, as singers, players, dancers, listeners, and creators. At St. John's, we cultivate this inherent response with an integrated approach to teaching music, which increases engagement and cognitive abilities. Students learn fundamentals like tone, rhythm, music literacy, vocals, and instrumental music. Understanding the patterns found in music is fundamental to learning — and it also increases the joy of music.

THE POWER OF PERFORMANCE

Our Integrated Drama program brings theater into the classroom, mixing creativity and academics. As students become immersed in their characters, they play different roles, improve speaking skills, learn about character development, and write and produce original works.

PRESENTING WITH CONFIDENCE

At every grade level, we provide opportunities for students to develop their presentation skills. By eighth grade, students are well-spoken, have a firm handshake, and understand the importance of making good eye contact. St. John's students stand out.





"The school is great at bringing
out the best in kids — whatever
talent they may have...this is a school
where each one can find himself or
herself and pursue his or her dreams."

TOM MAYO, ALUMNI PARENT AND FORMER PRESIDENT ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL, BOARD OF TRUSTEES



WE TEACH OUR STUDENTS THAT FAITH ISN'T ONLY ABOUT WHAT YOU SAY — IT'S ALSO ABOUT WHAT YOU DO. OUR STUDENTS LEARN THE IMPORTANCE OF DOING THE RIGHT THING, EVEN WHEN NO ONE IS WATCHING.

EPISCOPAL EDUCATION

The tenets of an Episcopal education include academic excellence, religious studies, worship, community service, and an inclusive community where the dignity of every human is respected.

FAITH IN ACTION

Each St. John's student grows into a special type of leader — one who shows empathy, compassion, and humility, helps others, has confidence in their beliefs, and does the right thing.

SERVING THE COMMUNITY

At every grade level, students participate in servicelearning projects, from collecting teddy bears for children, to visiting assisted-living facilities, to donating supplies to the Red Cross. Students learn civic responsibility, strengthen communities, and experience the joy of making a difference.

THE CAPSTONE OF A ST. JOHN'S EDUCATION

Eighth graders embark on student-driven servicelearning projects that serve as capstones to their education. These projects blend the best elements of a St. John's education – servant leadership, collaboration, meaningful and relevant learning, and a unique experience. Students research problems in their community, plan and evaluate solutions, and present their results to a communitywide audience.

EPISCOPAL ROOTS











"I cherish teaching in St. John's student-centered environment while partnering with a diverse group of learners who are curious, creative, and empathetic. By fostering their love of learning through the use of integration, innovation, and collaboration, I am confident that St. John's graduates are well-prepared academically, spiritually, and emotionally."

ROB KOWALSKI, EIGHTH-GRADE ENGLISH TEACHER AND SERVICE LEARNING LEADER

PREPARING TOMORROW'S LEADERS

St. John's students grow into interesting and interested leaders who are knowledgeable, wellrounded, articulate, confident, and morally responsible. They are sought out by the best high schools, prepared to navigate a demanding secondary education, and equipped to flourish along the path of lifelong learning.

COURAGE

Confidence comes easy when success is ensured – but courage is stronger. Courage is the power to venture off the well-worn path and try something new, when outcomes are unknown. St. John's rewards students who have the courage to question, believe, lead, follow, and stand up for their convictions.

SERVICE

St. John's is a strong community of families and educators who share a commitment to service, empathy, kindness, and faith in action. Every day, our students practice these values.

LEADERSHIP

St. John's graduates consistently stand out for their ability to lead with enthusiasm and determination. Even the most reserved children learn to lead in their own way.

LEARN WITH US.

We welcome your family to learn more about St. John's Episcopal School by attending an open house or scheduling a visit. You can also visit stjohnsschool.org to begin the application process.

YOUR CHILD'S POTENTIAL IS UNLIMITED. EXPLORE IT.



ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

Pre-k Through

Eighth Grade

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St. John's Episcopal School admits qualified students of any race, color, religion, gender, and national or ethnic origin.

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Visit our website for more information about our school, programs, and community. Find information about admission and financial aid processes and links to admission forms.

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See St. John's through the eyes of our Head of School, follow Meshea on Instagram @SJESDallasHeadofSchool.

OPEN HOUSE AND TOUR

RSVP for an open house, schedule a tour, or ask questions by contacting Director of Admission, Nancy Jacobs, at 214.328.9131 x103 njacobs@stjohnsschool.org