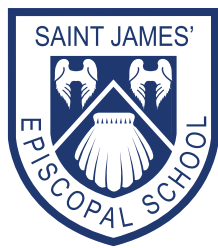


St. James' Episcopal School

2020-21 VIEWBOOK

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Welcome

ENGAGING HEART, MIND, AND SPIRIT

Welcome to St. James'.

Recognizing that each child brings unique talents, skills, experiences, and dreams to their educational journey is a fundamental belief of our school.

We provide a rich educational experience within a warm and diverse community. At St. James', we believe that an inclusive and joyful respect for all of God's creation, engaged and compassionate citizenship, and student-centered instruction imbue our students with a lifelong love of learning and academic confidence and success. St. James' is not just an education; it is an engaging, close-knit community that becomes part of your family and your life. We invite you to visit and learn more about us.



Developing Future Leaders

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EDUCATIONAL JOURNEY

Joyous and Student-Centered Learning

At St. James', our approach to teaching and learning blends student-centered instruction with joy and rigor. Through designing learning spaces with careful attention to the socio-emotional needs of our students, we ensure that all of our children are seen, heard, and affirmed.

Independent and Imaginative Learning

Our students learn best through an environment grounded in curiosity. We encourage our students to lean into creativity and wonder, while practicing kindness and compassion to one another and the school community.

Learning How to Learn

Successful students embrace grit and resilience. Our programs provide rich opportunities for children to develop lifelong habits of diligence and creative expression. We implement innovative, research-based best practices with extraordinary attention to students' overall growth and well-being.

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ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

St. James' offers a tuition-inclusive enrichment program where students can take a variety of courses to expand their learning.

Families may partner with the Dean of Students and the Learning Specialist to design further coursework for a student in Beyond School to continue to strengthen a child's skills and knowledge. Courses are offered in coding, robotics, writing, reading comprehension, journalism, Latin, Spanish and Korean, orchestra and the visual arts.

Go Beyond School!

Educating from the Start

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PRESCHOOL

The Preschool Program

Our preschool is a play-based, child-centered, nurturing program where teachers partner with parents to build trust in caring for their children. The children are active participants with their teachers in caring for their classroom, school, and community. We work in small groups across two classrooms: Dolphin and Butterfly. Our preschool offers an environment of collaboration where childhood is not rushed and children have opportunities to explore, discover, ask questions, and investigate.

The Kindergarten Readiness Program

In our Kindergarten Readiness program, teachers provide plenty of opportunities and activities to engage a child's natural curiosity about letters and numbers. We believe learning and play are linked, not separate. Fine motor skill development helps little hands prepare for the rigors of using writing tools like pencils and pens. Gross motor development on the playground is additionally supported with weekly P.E. classes at the K-6th campus. Playing together, taking turns, and sharing resources in the Tiger and Dinosaur classrooms are all very important skills we practice to get ready for Kindergarten.

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KINDERGARTEN – SIXTH GRADE

Kindergarten–6th Grade

Our Kindergarten – 6th Grade students cultivate skills as independent thinkers, skilled communicators, creative producers, effective researchers, and collaborative workers. Regular co-curricular studies in science, technology, Spanish, art, music, physical education, library, and religion enriches each student's learning journey. St. James' teachers encourage children to apply their knowledge to new situations and to search for creative solutions to problems. Everything we teach and do is the curriculum.

Reflective Learning

Motivating Through Action

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Through sport and movement, students participate in a sequential, differentiated athletics program that effectively fosters personal health, fitness, and safety.

Curriculum

The P.E. curriculum is designed to build upon each individual student's level of strength, flexibility, and endurance. The development of critical social skills including respect, communication, teamwork, and sportsmanship are emphasized and refined.

After School Athletics

St. James' has partnered with JMG SportsWise to bring top-notch, after-school athletic programs to our elementary campus. Students in Kindergarten–Sixth Grade have the unique opportunity to participate in interscholastic soccer, basketball, and volleyball competition, for which they prepare via varied exercise and team-building activities. These after-school sports programs allow elementary students to further develop the physical, intellectual, mental, and social skills that they learn in their classrooms. JMG SportsWise makes these active-learning opportunities possible by employing professional, semi-professional, collegiate, and international coaches with experience and expertise in both athletics and early-childhood education.





THE ARTS

Through experiences in art, music, dance, and drama, students at St. James' discover and nurture their artistic core.

As children from preschool through 6th grade are introduced to the fundamentals of the art forms, they learn how to learn. Arts education improves collaboration, communication, critical thinking, and creativity. Our arts programs support all core subjects and help children develop empathy, build bridges, and amplify their own voice and vision.

Nurturing Every Child's Passion

Engaging Heart

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CARING, COMPASSION, COMMUNITY

Being a member of the St. James' community offers a unique opportunity to be part of something bigger than ourselves.

For over half a century, St. James' has embraced the philosophy that teaching children kindness and empathy is essential to building academically successful students and even more importantly, good people. During these formative years we partner with the most important educators of all—the family—to collaborate in providing our students with the skills and values that will be with them for the rest of their lives.

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MATRICULATION

We appreciate the importance of middle school matriculation. We are one of only a few elementary schools in the city that employs a full-time Dean of Students.

The Dean meets with all rising third, fourth, and fifth grade families to build a multi-year plan for middle school admission; she also works closely with the senior administration in shepherding our sixth graders through the matriculation process. We provide tuition-inclusive test preparatory classes for the Independent School Entrance Exam, as we recognize the burden that added fees for such courses can place on a family. Students are also regularly coached in interview, writing, and conversational skills. St. James' sends its graduates onto excellent college preparatory schools in Southern California.

Engaging Spirit

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EPISCOPAL IDENTITY

At St. James' we welcome families from all faith backgrounds.

Our work as a faith driven institution is to see God's spirit in every person. We rejoice in the gifts of our diversity - diversity defined not only by our heritage, but by the uniqueness of each student. Through our chapel services and religion classes we help each student feel comfortable in their own spirituality.

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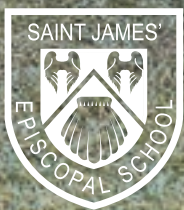


ALUMNI

“To have my nieces, nephew and my son attend and graduate from St. James’ is one of the things that I am most grateful for in life...”

“My brother, sister, three cousins, and I were fortunate enough to have been able to attend St. James’. That experience was so meaningful and impactful for us and we all have such wonderful memories. To have my nieces, nephew and my son attend and/or graduate from St. James’ is one of the things that I am most grateful for in life. We are truly blessed and highly favored.”

—James Lee, Class of 1986, *Parent of Lucas*



**We're all in this
together.**

Application Checklist

Financial Aid

Tuition + Fees: 2020–2021

At a glance

Grades Preschool-Sixth Grade

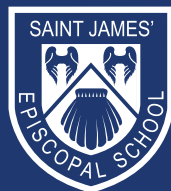
Enrollment 360 Students

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Application Checklist

PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN READINESS

Preschool (2-year-olds & 3-year-olds)

- ☐ Attend a Virtual Open House or Small Group Tour
- ☐ Complete an Application
- ☐ Complete the Parent / Guardian Questionnaire
- ☐ Attend a Preschool Family Interview

Kindergarten Readiness (4-year-olds & 5-year-olds)

- ☐ Attend a Virtual Open House or Small Group Tour
- ☐ Complete an Application
- ☐ Complete the Parent / Guardian Questionnaire
- ☐ Submit a Teacher Recommendation Form (needs to come directly from the teacher)
- ☐ Attend Parent Interview
- ☐ Attend Kindergarten Readiness Playgroup (TBA)

Preschool/Kindergarten Readiness Application **Due Date: November 30, 2020**

KINDERGARTEN—SIXTH GRADE

- ☐ Attend a Virtual Open House or Small Group Tour
- ☐ Complete an Application
- ☐ Complete the Parent / Guardian Questionnaire
- ☐ Submit a Teacher Recommendation Form (needs to come directly from the teacher)
- ☐ Attend Parent Interview
- ☐ Attend Kindergarten Playgroup (for Kindergartners) (TBA)
- ☐ Attend Kindergarten readiness screening

Additional items for 1st - 6th Graders:

- ☐ Submit Official Transcript from Current School
- ☐ Attend Virtual Visitation Day

Kindergarten through 6th grade Application **Due Date: December 4, 2020**

Kindergarten Readiness through 6th grade Supplemental Materials **Due Date: January 15, 2021**

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Calendar

PROSPECTIVE PARENT TOURS

Preschool

Saturday, September 26

Saturday, October 17

Saturday, October 31

Saturday, November 7

All Preschool tours are held between 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. or 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Parents may choose a time slot for a private tour at these times.

Virtual Open House

Saturday, October 26th, 10 a.m. - 12 a.m. Register on [sjsla.org](https://www.sjsla.org)

Teaching Kindness: The St. James' Affective Curriculum

Saturday, November 14th, 10 a.m. - 12 a.m. Register on [sjsla.org](https://www.sjsla.org)

PARENT INTERVIEWS

Parent interviews are held by appointment from October through February.

ASSESSMENTS

Assessments and visit days are held by appointment in January and February.

IMPORTANT ADMISSION DATES

- Preschool/Kindergarten Readiness Application Due Date: November 30, 2020
- Kindergarten through 6th Grade Application Due Date: December 4, 2020
- Tuition Assistance Applications Due Date: on the Same Date as the Application
- Kindergarten Readiness through 6th grade Supplemental Materials Due: January 15, 2021
- Preschool Admission Committee Decision: Decision letters will be emailed on February 6, 2021
- Preschool Enrollment Contracts Due: February 17, 2021
- K-6th Admission Committee Decision: Decision letters will be emailed on March 5, 2021
- K-6th Enrollment Contracts Due: March 15, 2021

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Financial Aid

COMMITTED TO YOU

As part of our mission as an Episcopal school, St. James' is committed to serving children in our community, regardless of a family's ability to cover the full cost of tuition. We offer a high-quality educational experience for your child in a kind community where families are partners with our school.

To assist in determining need and to protect the privacy of applicant families, St. James' uses **Financial Aid for Student Tuition (FAST)**, an autonomous firm serving many independent schools. The confidential FAST report helps a school to assess a family's ability to contribute toward the cost of tuition.

The Financial Aid Committee carefully evaluates this report for each family applying for aid and distributes available financial aid funds according to demonstrated need. Awards are determined separately and independent of admission decisions.

All financial aid awards are reviewed and recalculated each year, so re-enrolling families are asked to re-submit updated financial information and tax returns. Priority goes first to students currently receiving financial aid, then to returning students applying for financial aid for the first time, and finally to newly admitted students.

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Financial Aid Application Process

1. Complete an online FAST application by **Monday, November 30, 2020 for families applying for preschool and current elementary families, and Friday, December 4, 2020 for families applying for elementary school.** (There is a \$45 non-refundable fee when submitting your FAST application). Please note, in order for an application to be considered complete and on time, you must upload the requested documentation to FAST by the deadline (see step 2 below).
2. Make a copy of your signed 2019 Federal Tax Form 1040, including all W-2 and/or 1099 forms and schedules for both parents. Submit these forms directly to FAST; they will provide instructions after you complete the online application.

Please Note:

- It is imperative to complete your 2019 taxes so that you can meet the financial aid application deadline.
- Priority will be given to applications received by the deadline. Late applications will be considered only if financial aid funds are still available.
- Divorced or separated parents must each submit a tuition assistance application.
- The Financial Aid Committee is unable to review applications until they are complete.
- Financial aid awards are re-calculated each year for re-enrolling students and reflect any changes in a family's financial situation.

Tuition + Fees: 2020–2021

TUITION FEES: 2020–2021

\$19,200	Total Preschool Tuition
\$20,710	Total Kindergarten Readiness Tuition
\$27,340	Total Kindergarten – 4th Grade Tuition
\$25,250	Total 5th – 6th Grade Tuition
\$1,950	New Student Fee
\$1,600	Enrollment Fee due at Registration.

Monthly and Bi-annual payment plans available.

OTHER FEES

\$200	Technology/Arts Fee (K-6th grade only)
\$100	Parent Association Dues
\$45	Late Monthly Payment Fee
\$45	Non-sufficient Funds Fee
\$150	Change of Payment Plan Fee
\$45	Late-pickup Fee
\$300	Late Contract Fee

St. James' offers a variety of after-school enrichment classes and other programs throughout the school year. Costs vary depending on the class.

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At a glance



Grades	Preschool-Sixth Grade
Enrollment	360 Students
Boy-to-Girl Ratio	1:1

KINDERGARTEN-SIXTH GRADE:

Classes Per Grade	2
Average Class Size	22
Student to Adult Ratio	11:1
Students on Tuition Assistance	20%

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