

St. James Episcopal School Annual Report 2025 - 2026

St. James Episcopal School is a member in good standing with the National Association of Episcopal Schools. We are currently in the process of obtaining accreditation with the Alabama Independent School Association.

By design, an Episcopal school's education value is in its empowering program that provides a community of care, spiritual teachings, developmentally appropriate practices and academics combined with enrichment opportunities. Our SJES staff is committed to being faithful stewards of our church/school resources that provide an exemplary education every day for each child in our care.

School Year 2025 - 2026
August - January

- School Board

Misty Campbell - President, Jayne Edge - Vice President, Molly O'Keefe - Secretary, Cappi Sully - Vestry Liaison, Cheri Collins, Bill Goetter, Karen Hill, Annjo Lemons, Sara Majors, and Jenny Ross

A strong executive board has been so valuable to our growth these past two years. I would like to thank the entire school board for their dedication and unwavering commitment to our school community. Your role as a school board member has often been a demanding, volunteer position. Your willingness to take on this immense responsibility for the benefit of our students does not go unnoticed. I look forward to seeing the continued positive outcomes of your leadership.

- Advancement/Development

This year The Grants Committee was created for the purpose of seeking additional funds through grants and fundraising. This committee was made up of school board members and parish volunteers: Misty Campbell, Jayne Edge, Dee Gambill, Annjo Lemons, Sara Majors and Shelley Miller. The tireless efforts and dedication of this group resulted in receiving three Grants for St. James Episcopal Church and School.

Total Grants Awarded from the 2025 grant requests \$76,000.

J.L Bedsole Foundation
Crampton Charitable Trust
Fairhope Arts and Crafts Festival Foundation

Additionally, this year will be our first year to host the 1st Annual Second Saturday Golf Tournament. The tournament is scheduled for May 9th. Chair Sandy Stepan and Co Chair Annjo Lemons.

- Staff - 8 Teachers (30 months - 2nd Grade), 6 Teacher Assistants, 6 Enrichment Teachers , After School Staff includes 3 staff members + 5 Co-op students on rotating schedule
- 1 Office Manager, 1 Director of Admissions, 1 Chaplain
- Current enrollment - 86 students
- Marketing and Branding - Elements and messaging are designed to better align with current market demands along with future growth plans.
- The Summer Camp program continues to be successful and runs for 6 to 7 weeks. Classes offered are PK3, PK4, Kindergarten, First and Second grades.
- Catered lunch offerings are 3 days. We partner with local businesses for school lunches.
- Enrichment opportunities include: Weekly Chapel, Godly Play, Art, Music, Spanish, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math), YOGA for all ages and daily PE for Kindergarten, First and Second Grade. Religion classes for First Grade and Second Grade.
- Our 30 months through 2nd grade students benefit from a variety of onsite field trips with special guest visitors from our local community. Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade also have the opportunity to participate in offsite field trips. The 1st and 2nd grade classes attend biweekly visits to the Fairhope Library.
- Parish volunteers and staff drive for our field trips and our “Seasoned Saints” help out with special events on campus.
- Extracurricular activities include ballet, jazz, tap, Art Explorations, STEM class and Let’s Kick Soccer.
- Parents are responsible for organizing school fundraisers which financially benefit our school and they also help with school events on and off campus. Events included Zebedee-do-dah, Art Walk, Scholastic Book Fair, Uniform Resale Closet, Honey Baked Ham, Greer’s Apples for the Students Program.
- Annual Zebedee-do-dah Fundraiser - Monies raised (see financial report). Fundraiser Chairs - Lindsey Feenkner, Emily Hansen and Libby Sykora.
- Non-Public Schools Program funds Title II and Title IV allocated to St. James Episcopal School for professional development and academic enrichment.
- Professional Development opportunities - On Campus Security Training, CPR, First Aid training, Dyslexia/ Dysgraphia and Playology Revolution. Three teachers were afforded the opportunity to attend conferences. Early Childhood Education

Conference, Alabama Independent School Workshop, and National Teachers of Math Conference.

- St. James School partners with the St. James Church Outreach Committee. Childhood Cancer Awareness, Prodissee Pantry Food Drive, William H. Green Veterans Home, Cards to Nursing Homes and Shut-ins, Toys for Tots sponsored by USMC Reserve, Baldwin County Homeless Coalition coat drive, Baldwin Family Village, One World Running athletic shoe collection and Blood Drive.
- Notable Events on Campus
Scholastic Book Fair, Grandparent's Day, Episcopal Schools Week, Veterans Day Program, All Saints, Thanksgiving Program, Christmas Program, Mardi Gras Box Parade, Ash Wednesday Chapel, Dads Day Lunch, Easter/Spring Program/Egg Hunt, Art Walk, Mother's Day Tea, Field Day, End of Year Program and Kindergarten Graduation.
In light of current construction several events were postponed until the 2026 - 2027 school year.

St. James Episcopal School is currently in its 8th year of operation. Thank you to all who have been a part of this educational journey and contributed in your own ways to St. James Episcopal School. I am grateful for the support of so many. I want to express my gratitude and hope that you will continue to support our efforts as a school community, a source of evangelism and outreach.

Respectively submitted,

Shelley Miller, Director