

St. John's Lutheran School – Neillsville, WI

Information for prospective parents

We feel strongly at St. John's that true education seeks to educate the whole child. By birth and nature, all are sinful and are lost forever and cannot do anything to gain eternal salvation. Our only hope is the joyful news of the Gospel, that Jesus Christ suffered, died, and rose again to pay the price for all people's sins. This assures all people of the free gift of eternal life in heaven, and a richer, fuller life in His love here on earth. This message is only believed and comprehended through the Holy Spirit working in the means of Grace: in the Bible and the Sacraments of Holy Baptism and the Lord's Supper. This message is what we want to give to each of our students.

St. John's Lutheran School seeks to work alongside families in bringing Christian education to children. As a school, we dare not take the place of the family; but instead, we assist and work with the parents or guardians in helping these students with their walk of faith. We must work together as a unique team in raising children.

Parental agreement for admission

To accomplish our mission, participating families in our education program are to view the following policies as vital and nonnegotiable.

1. I agree and commit to the school's stated mission and all policies outlined in the Parents' Handbook and agree to the School Covenant.
2. My child and I will cooperate with the teachers and administration. Home and school will be supportive of one another in all areas of instruction and discipline. I will model appropriate behavior for my child when interacting with staff, other children, and other parents at school and related events.
3. I will receive the invitation and encouragement to worship regularly with my child.
4. I will receive the invitation and encouragement for my child and I to regularly study God's Word.
5. If I am not a member of a WELS church, I will be open to enrolling in the Adult Instruction class the first year of my child's enrollment so that I will know exactly what my child is being taught at St. John's. This class will be completed within one year to the satisfaction of our pastor.

Upon completion of the Adult Instruction class and if they accept the teachings of the WELS and desire to join, parents are invited to join St. John's congregation (becoming a member is NOT a requirement).

New classes normally begin in September, and end shortly after Easter. Please communicate any problems with completing these classes with me.

6. I will attend Parent-Teacher Conferences as scheduled.
7. Tuition and Book Bills must be current (or other School Board approved payment plan) by graduation in order for eighth grade students to participate in the graduation service.
8. I understand that if at any time my child's behavior makes educating the class difficult or impossible, my child will be immediately removed from class and/or school.

Failure to comply with any of these policies could constitute sufficient reason for a child's removal from school.

Enrollment process

1. Parent contacts principal and an interview meeting is scheduled.
2. Registration forms and documentation to be provided (including birth certificate, immunization records, and the like).
3. Transfer of records from previous school.
4. Recommendation for acceptance from principal to School Board.
5. Home Visit scheduled and conducted by classroom teacher.

Fees and Tuition Requirements

Each spring the School Board shall determine book bills and tuition rates for the upcoming school year. Rates are as follows for 2019-20:

Member Rates Gr. K-8

K-8 (includes \$30 technology fee) \$292

Non-Member Rates

Kindergarten \$292
(includes \$30 technology fee)

Grades 1-8 if 1st year at St. John's (includes \$30 technology fee) \$292

Grades 1-8 following years (includes \$30 technology fee) \$1,292

3K/4K Payment Plan. Children must be 3 by September 1st.

1. *Two days per week-\$662/year*
2. *Three days per week-\$862/year*
3. *Four-five days per week-\$1,012/year*

Additional Student

2nd child tuition rate is 75%. 3rd child tuition rate is 50%.

Book Bill, K-8

All children in grades K-8 are required to pay the \$292 book bill. The book bill is meant to help offset the cost of our various curriculum needs, along with any other resources or materials that the classroom may need throughout the school year.

For students in grades 3-8 who participate in sports, an extra \$25 per child will be added to the book bill.

Guide for Disciplinary Action

1. Serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in all we think, say, and do.
2. Misbehavior will be viewed as opportunities to grow spiritually and will be handled with natural and logical consequences instead of punishment when possible; application of Law (correction) and Gospel (forgiveness) along with prayer will be used.
3. Every attempt will be made to maintain the dignity and self-respect as a child of God of each student, parent, and teacher.
4. Students will be guided and expected to solve their problems without creating problems for anyone else.
5. Students will be given opportunities to make age appropriate decisions and live with the consequences.
6. Students are encouraged to request a conference with their teacher (or principal) whenever consequences appear to be unfair.

Arrival and Dismissal

Students should not arrive before 7:45 a.m. and should be off the property by 3:20 p.m. unless involved in an after-school activity. The school day begins at 8:15 a.m. Students are expected to be in their classroom by 8:00 a.m.

Wrap-Around Care

St. John's offers Wrap-Around Care from 5:45 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. and from 11:00 a.m. to 6:15 p.m. for students enrolled in Pre-K through 8th grade. Cost is \$4.00/hour per child.