

OPEN HOUSE 2016

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

CURRENT FACTS:

- Enrollment 1482, 350 Freshmen
- Languages offered – Spanish, French & Italian and Sign Language is an elective
- Tuition is \$9,950 – The Diocese will set it for next year in the Spring
- 13 Advanced Placement courses, 15 College Credit courses
- 25 sports, 58 teams include freshmen, JV and Varsity levels
- Over 40 clubs open to all levels of students

WHEN IS THE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAM? WHEN DO WE GET NOTIFIED OF ACCEPTANCE?

The exam is on **Saturday, October 29, 2016** at all of the Catholic High Schools including St. John's. You will be notified of acceptance around mid-January by e-mail or US Postal service. Remind students that those who place St. John's as **First Choice** are in a better position to be accepted and eligible for scholar awards! **Our School Code # is 698.** Extra Exam booklets are available in the Cafeteria. There is a make-up on November 5, 2016 (make-up is given at Chaminade or St. Anthony's).

WHERE CAN WE GET AN APPLICATION FOR THE Catholic High School Entrance Exam?

Online at www.CHSEE.org. Applications were due by October 5th. If you have not registered, you can register as a walk-in the day of the Exam. Late Registration fee is \$75.00. Booklets are available in cafeteria today at Admissions table or from our Guidance Department.

WHAT IS NEW AT SJB?

There is a newly designed and renovated Library. It has a full MAC Lab, a PC flex classroom space, a Research lab, and a multi-screen media wall. It has 9,000 volumes on site and 200,000 e-books and database available to students from their home or school computers. Also, a 3D printer and digital archiving capabilities provide interested students with experience in metadata building and coding. We are a Google school and have WIFI. Our Advanced Placement Program has grown. We have 13 AP courses, with the newest offerings in AP Physics and AP Music Theory and AP Computer Science Principles. There is also a new Wrestling Room on our third floor!

CAN STUDENTS GET COLLEGE CREDIT AT ST. JOHN'S?

Yes! Through St. John's University, Molloy College, and Adelphi University students can receive college credit in over 15 different courses plus there are 13 Advanced Placement courses through which credit can be earned.

WHAT IS THE GENESIS PROGRAM?

It is a research program students can apply to at the end of 9th grade. There is more info in the library today or contact Mr. Ken Bohman or Mrs. Nora Besendorfer.

IS THERE AN ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY POLICY AND WHAT KIND OF ACADEMIC SUPPORT IS THERE?

The passing grade at SJB is 70. For eligibility, students must maintain an overall average of 75%. Any student who falls below that average or fails more than one class in any quarter is ineligible to participate in any sports or activities. Extra help is offered by our teachers as well as NHS students for homework help in the library after school. Our Writing Lab also assists any student with writing assignments or college essays after school.

GUIDANCE SUPPORT?

Guidance classes are offered 1 quarter per year for each grade level as well as yearly advisement for course selections. College preparation begins with college night in October and family guidance meetings in Junior Year.

ART/MUSIC/DANCE?

One of the three intro courses is a NYS requirement for graduation. Also, there is a variety of elective options available in each discipline as follow-up courses.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES?

Service is a vital part of our school culture not just a requirement for NHS or a course. There is a minimum of 20 hours of service per year for all religion classes. Service is an essential part to many school clubs and campus ministry activities.

HOW BIG ARE YOUR CLASSES?

The student to teacher ratio at St. John's is 14:1. Most classes average between 28 and 34 students. Certain classes are even smaller, particularly electives.

HOW DOES SJB ASSIST STUDENTS IN MAKING THE TRANSITION TO 9th GRADE?

We ease them in!

- A. We have Orientation days in August called Forerunner Days that our Big Brother & Big Sister Mentors coordinate (team building, scavenger hunt etc.)
- B. 1st week of school there are two half days of orientation just for 9th graders to learn schedules, lockers and bus routine.

ARE COMPUTER SCIENCE COURSES REQUIRED?

Students must take one half credit in Computer Science to graduate. Students can continue in their study of Computer Science by choosing from several computer electives. All students have google e-mail accounts so they can access Plus Portals and see all their course pages and teachers can e-mail their students easily.

HOW UPDATED ARE YOUR COMPUTERS?

- Our renovated library is wireless and equipped with 80 new chrome books, 38 MAC computers as well as 4 inter-active TV's, 3D printer and digital scanner and 9 display video wall.
- We have two I-Pad carts that create mobile lab opportunities for all disciplines. Our entire school has WIFI coverage for institutional and event purposes. We have approximately 300 computers in the entire school. Our Physics lab is equipped with laptops and sensor probes to enhance lab experiments and reinforce physics applications.

WHY DON'T WE SEE THE TV STUDIO ON THE WEST SIDE TOUR? OR THE WEIGHT ROOM ON THE EAST SIDE TOUR?

In order to accommodate our tours today, we have to split our building tours today. You can see that space after your tour is completed. Just ask your tour guide for help.

ARE STUDENT ACTIVITIES RESTRICTED?

No, freshmen and new students are always encouraged to join student activities and sports teams.