

St. Paul School!

...frequently asked questions about

When can my child begin at St. Paul's?

Students must be four by September 1st in order to begin PreKindergarten.
Students must be five by September 1st in order to begin Kindergarten.

How do I apply to St. Paul School for my child?

Parents call the school and ask that an admission application and brochure be sent to their home. Provide the information for this to be done and give the name of our child and the grade he/she is applying for. You will be sent an application and a form that your child's present school is to complete and send directly to St. Paul School. In order for us to have an official transcript, your child's school report must go from school to school.

Once we have the application complete, the family will be invited for an interview provided there is a seat available. After a family interview with the Principal, the student will be invited to spend a day at St. Paul School. Decisions are made after this process has been successfully completed.

What is the tuition at St. Paul School?

Tuition for the 2007-2008 school year is as follows:

Grade	In Parish	Out of Parish
PreKindergarten	\$3,550.00	\$3,825.00
Kindergarten	\$3,300.00	\$3,625.00
Grades 1 – 8	\$3,500.00	\$3,775.00

Who are considered to be “in Parish” families?

In Parish, families are those who are *registered, worshipping and contributing* members of this parish. Families need not live within the boundaries of St. Paul Parish to be registered, as we have families from Hull, Cohasset and Scituate come to Mass each Sunday.

If I am an active member of my local parish, what are my chances of having my child attend St. Paul School?

Any family who is an active member of their parish, is most welcome to attend St. Paul School. On a seat available basis, we first accept siblings; then we accept registered members of St. Paul Parish; and members of the neighboring parishes are accepted on the recommendation of their pastors.

What curriculum does St. Paul School follow?

Our accreditation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges has affirmed the Archdiocesan Curriculum that is followed in every subject taught at St. Paul School. We have a syllabus for each subject from Kindergarten through Grade 8. Our school places a great deal of emphasis on technology and our 7th and 8th Grade students are enrolled in the Notre Dame Virtual School, which has on-line mini courses sponsored by the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur at Emmanuel College.

Does the school have standardized testing?

The Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Boston have given standardized tests since the 1930's and we test all subjects each year. Beginning in Grade 2, our students take the TERRA NOVA STANDARDIZED TESTS in Reading Comprehension, Vocabulary, Grammar, Arithmetic, Social Studies, and Science.

Our school also administers a Standardized Test for Religion called the ACRE TEST prepared by National Catholic Education Association and is given to students in grades 5 and 8.

Where do most of your graduates go to high school?

Over 90% of our graduates go to Catholic high schools in this area. All our students are required to take the Catholic High School Admission Test given in early November. During the past five years, the Catholic high schools have awarded between 25% and 40% of our graduates scholarships based upon the students' grades and admission test scores.

Our girls have gone to Notre Dame Academy (Hingham), Fontbonne Academy (Milton), Ursuline Academy (Dedham), Archbishop Williams High School (Braintree), Cardinal Spellman (Brockton) and Sacred Heart High School (Kingston).

Our boys attend *Xaverian Brothers High School* (Westwood), *Boston College High School* (Dorchester), *St. Sebastian's High School* (Needham), *Archbishop Williams High School* (Braintree), *Catholic Memorial High School* (West Roxbury) and *Sacred Heart High School* (Kingston).

Some families choose to attend their local public high school and our students are well prepared to continue their studies at their local public school.

What subjects are taught at St. Paul School?

Students take religion, phonics, reading, reading comprehension, spelling/vocabulary, grammar, arithmetic to algebra, social studies, and science. On a weekly basis, students take gym, music, art and computer science classes. Students in grades 5 through 8 take Spanish.

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