

# WELCOME TO ST. LAURENCE CATHOLIC SCHOOL “Committed to the trinity of parent, child, and educator”

Thank you for considering St. Laurence Catholic School for your child’s education. We are pleased that you took time to come by and visit with us. On the reverse side please find the admissions policies and procedures in effect for the upcoming 2008-2009 school year. We hope this information will be useful in answering your questions about St. Laurence Catholic School.

## HISTORY OF SCHOOL

St. Laurence Catholic School is part of a long and proud history of Catholic education in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. Prayerfully, we remember the many families who have contributed their volunteerism, financial support, and vision to help create the exciting school we all value so much. Our mission is to continue our tradition of educating responsible, faith-filled young people.

Established in 1992, St. Laurence Catholic School opened with 210 students in preschool through fourth grades and today has more than 740 students enrolled from preschool through eighth grades. The Middle School Program was added in 1995 and a competitive athletics program was added in 1996. St. Laurence graduated its first eighth grade class in May 1997. August of 1996 saw the completion of the present educational facility featuring classrooms, gymnasium, media center, art and music rooms, science lab, computer lab and chapel. April 2002 saw the completion of yet another addition to our existing facility. The new building wing houses additional classrooms, offices, storage areas, a dining area, an additional computer lab, and a dedicated acoustical band room. St. Laurence provides an Extended Day Program before and after school, beginning at 6:30 a.m. and ending at 6:30 p.m. each school day.

## CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

St. Laurence Catholic School is fully accredited through the Texas Catholic Conference Department of Education (TCCED) under the auspices of the Texas Education Agency (TEA). The school adheres to the policies and procedures of TCCED as well as the Archdiocese of Galveston - Houston. The school maintains membership in the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA), as well as several other professional associations.

The school offers a strong Catholic education for average to above average students at all grade levels. Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills, along with Archdiocesan Curriculum Guides, serves as the base curriculum. Educators at St. Laurence align their curriculum with state and archdiocesan curriculum guidelines as well as the mission and philosophy of St. Laurence Catholic School. Religion is taught to all students at all grade levels. Human sexuality is taught as part of religion each year under the guidelines of the Archdiocese.

Special education classes, Chapter1/remedial programs, gifted or advanced classes, ESL/Bilingual instruction, modified pace classes and behavior control classes are not available at St. Laurence Catholic School. Arrangements for individual or small group tutorials, occupational therapy, and speech therapy sessions are offered on campus at extra cost once need is determined. The school reserves the right to ask a student to leave the school at any time due to the inability of the school to meet the academic and/or behavioral needs of the student.

## SKILL BUILDER PROGRAM

The Skill Builder Program provides assistance to students with special needs or students requiring tutoring in academic areas. A teacher and/or a parent may recommend students for participation in the program. Students, who meet any of the following criteria, must be enrolled in the program for continued enrollment in school.

1. Students with an IEP (Individual Education Plans) from public, private or local sources that state this need as part of a child’s plan of action at the school.
2. Students who score below the 50th percentile in reading or math on the SAT10.

## TIMELINE FOR REGISTRATION

	<b>Parishioner</b>	<b>Non-Parishioner and Non-Catholic</b>
Applications available	January 31, 2008	January 31, 2008
Applications accepted	February 19-February 22, 2008	March 25 –March 31, 2008
Screening date	March 1, 2008	TBA

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**ADMISSIONS POLICY**

1. Admission is based on the availability of space, developmental, scholastic and behavioral qualifications of applicant, and resources available to meet student needs.
2. Age requirements:  
PreK Half Day – 4 years of age on or before September 1, 2008; must be potty trained  
PreK All Day – 4 years of age on or before September 1, 2008; must be potty trained  
Kindergarten – 5 years of age on or before September 1, 2008; must be potty trained  
1st Grade – 6 years of age on or before September 1, 2008  
2nd – 8th Grades – successful completion of previous grade level
3. Applications will be taken for available spaces only. Those wishing to be considered as vacancies occur will be placed on the waiting list.
4. All applicants are required to participate in admissions screening/testing.
5. Applicants for the elementary and middle school must meet the following criteria:
  - a. Grades of “C” or better in all academic areas
  - b. Standardized test scores appropriate for the level in reading, math, language, and the composite score
  - c. Behavior rating of satisfactory or better
  - d. Strong recommendations from previous teachers
6. Priority placement will be given to students presently enrolled in St. Laurence Catholic School, Preschool four-year-olds through 7th grade. New students enrolling in St. Laurence Catholic School will be prioritized for admission for remaining class openings based on the number of criteria met. Criteria are:
  - a. Siblings of students presently attending St. Laurence Catholic School.
  - b. Children of families who have been registered in St. Laurence Parish for at least six months prior to the opening of school registration. Allowances may be made for families moving into the Parish within the six month time period.
  - c. Children of families who have supported the Parish through regular contributions.
  - d. Children of families who have actively supported the Parish with their time and/or talents.
  - e. Children of families who have actively supported the School with their time and/or talents.
  - f. Non-Catholics will be considered if openings exist after families meeting the above criteria are considered.
7. All new students are admitted on a probationary basis according to Archdiocesan policy.
8. Parents are expected to disclose with appropriate school personnel, any significant confidential information, which may affect their child’s educational progress. Such sharing includes, but is not limited to, any of the following: diagnostic evaluations, medications or specific family situations. Failure to disclose such pertinent data at any time during the school year may result in subsequent dismissal.

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**2008-2009 TUITION AND FEE SCHEDULE**  
**REVISED JANUARY 2008**

**RETURNING FAMILY FEE – Due with application (Non-Refundable)**

- \$125** For Each Returning Student
- \$100** For Each Returning Student – Technology Fee

**APPLICATION FEE – Due with application (Non-Refundable)**

- \$125** For Each New Student
- \$100** For Each New Student – Technology Fee

**ADMISSIONS SCREENING FEE – Due with application (Non-Refundable)**

- \$175** Per Child making application to the school for the first time

**NEW FAMILY FEE – Due May 1, 2008 (Non-Refundable)**

- \$550** Per Family – Families new to St. Laurence Catholic School are charged this one time fee when a student is admitted.

**REGISTRATION FEE – Due May 1, 2008 (Non-Refundable)**

- PreK **\$370** Per Student
- PreK All Day & K **\$392** Per Student
- 1st – 3<sup>rd</sup> **\$370** Per Student
- 4th, 6th, 7th, 8th **\$430** Per Student
- 5th **\$445** Per Student

Registration Fee includes book rental, curriculum materials, Archdiocesan tax, accreditation fee, standardized testing, activities, class parties, field trips, most school supplies.

- NOTE: - 4th – 8th grade students must furnish their own binders.
- PreK All Day and K registration includes a mat fee.
  - 5th grade registration covers more extensive field trips.
  - Middle School students have an additional fee for an end of the year field trip outside the local area. Eighth grade usually takes an overnight trip.

**PTO DUES – \$15 Per Family Due May 1, 2008 (Non-Refundable)**

**ATHLETIC FEE – Due prior to the beginning of the athletic season. (Non-Refundable)**

- 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> **\$150** Per Student per sport for baseball\*, basketball, volleyball, golf, soccer, softball, and tennis\*
- \$100** Per Student for cheerleading
- \$125** Per Student for track
- \$ 50** Per Student for cross country

The Athletic Fee includes transportation to away games, use of school uniforms, equipment, league and referee fees, and stipends for coaches.

\*Fees subject to change based on number of participants for that sport.

**TUITION – (Non-Refundable)**

	*In-Full	**Semester	***Monthly
PreK 4-year-olds (5 Day ½ Day)	<b>\$4732</b>	<b>\$2366</b>	<b>\$473.20</b>
PreK 4-year-olds (5 Day All Day)	<b>\$5825</b>	<b>\$2912.50</b>	<b>\$582.50</b>
Kindergarten (All Day)	<b>\$5850</b>	<b>\$2925</b>	<b>\$585</b>
1st – 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>\$5225</b>	<b>\$2612.50</b>	<b>\$522.50</b>
6th – 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>\$5980</b>	<b>\$2990</b>	<b>\$598</b>

\*One Payment – Due August 1, 2008

\*\*Two Payments – Due August 1, 2008 and January 1, 2009

\*\*\*Ten Payments – Due **July 1, 2008** through April 1, 2009

10% Discount will be applied for each additional sibling. (Child with the highest tuition attends at full rate.)

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**EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM** – **\$30** Registration Fee for one child (Non-Refundable)  
**\$50** Registration Fee for two or more children

**BLOCK A**  
Before School  
6:30-7:45 a.m.

**BLOCK C**  
After School  
3:15-6:30 p.m.

Block A Only                      \$ 6.50 Per Day  
Block C Only                      \$15.00 Per Day  
There is no charge for Block A on days when Block C is used.

**\*\*EXTENDED DAY IS ONLY AVAILABLE FOR USE BY STUDENTS REGISTERED IN THE  
EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM.\*\***

**ADDITIONAL FEES**

Late Tuition	<b>\$25</b> per incident
NSF Checks	<b>\$25</b> per check
Late Pickup of Students	<b>\$1</b> per minute – Charge begins 15 minutes after the dismissal bell.

Opportunities will arise for students to purchase items or participate in activities and programs such as: school t-shirts/sweatshirts, yearbook, school pictures, birthday balloons, book clubs, hot lunches, community service projects, fund raisers for the school/clubs/PTO, high school preparation courses, etc.

**UNIFORMS**

All students are required to wear uniforms. Uniforms are purchased through Parker Uniform Company located at 4630 Hwy 6 S in Sugar Land. The telephone number is 281-494-6789. Uniforms are subject to their pricing. The school does maintain a limited inventory of used uniforms available for purchase through the front office.

PE Uniforms: Required for grades 5th– 8th and are sold through the PE Office.

**For additional information, please visit us on the web at [www.stlaurence.org](http://www.stlaurence.org)**