



### **What makes Saint John Paul II (SJPII) Catholic Academy unique?**

The richness of the Catholic faith coupled with a natural and exciting way for students to learn makes Saint John Paul II Catholic Academy a unique and once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for your family.



### **Are there any programs available to help offset tuition?**

Tuition scholarships are available to qualified families with limited income or extraordinary financial obligations. The Tuition Scholarship Application can be found in the Parent Resources section of our website. The Menominee Catholic Education Fund, our Parishes, and additional sources provide needed financial assistance. There are a variety of payment options available and a Scrip gift card program to help further reduce costs. Our goal is to make our Academy accessible for all families who desire a Catholic education.



### **My children already attend Religious Education weekly, why would I want to send them the Catholic school?**

At SJPII, we strive to graduate a Christ-like person who is prepared to live morally, spiritually, emotionally, and educationally as a contributing member of society. As educators, we will:

- Teach the Catholic Faith both doctrinally and through example
- Build rapport in order to enhance self-esteem within our school community
- Provide challenging learning experiences through an organized liberal arts curriculum that meets the needs of every student



### **Are Non-Catholic students welcome at our Academy?**

Yes, families of all faiths are welcome!



### **Is SJPII recognized by any accrediting agencies?**

St. John Paul II Catholic Academy participates in the Michigan Non-public School Accrediting Association (MNSAA). We have maintained accreditation by meeting our defined goals for school improvement (including comprehensive curriculum) as outlined in the annual report. We provide data in the Narrative Improvement Plan; initiate additional plans (School Improvement Plus); document staff certification; and provide required documentation for legal compliance obligations yearly.



## **How many students are currently in each class?**

Our average class size is 12 students. We currently have an approximate teacher:student ratio of 1:9, allowing for optimal individualization.



## **Is technology instruction offered?**

We reject the modern notion that the computer is on its way to replacing the teacher. Our focus is equipping students with an ability to order things correctly, including an ability to put science and technology at the service of man (and God), not the other way around. Beginning in the elementary level, students use our mobile laptop cart and computer lab. Our Title I reading program uses iPads. Each student is responsible for their online conduct and receives a Google Education student account and access to a Chromebook during their time enrolled.



## **What other extra-curricular activities are available at SJPII?**

SJPII offers a variety of clubs. Enrichment opportunities are offered throughout the school year for K-8 students. Clubs are added as students' interest dictates.



## **Are special education services offered for SJPII students?**

Eligible students participate in the Title I program. Special education needs are provided through programs and services in cooperation with Menominee Area Public School District and the Menominee County Intermediate School District.



## **What options are available for lunch?**

SJPII does not offer a hot lunch program. All students are required to bring a cold lunch to school unless it is noted that a special hot lunch day is occurring (e.g. monthly Home & School fundraiser lunches). Milk and water will be sold at lunch.



## **What are the school's hours?**

Normal office hours are Monday - Friday from 7:30 am - 3:30 pm. During the summer, the office is opened reduced hours; Tuesdays & Wednesdays 9:00 am - 4:00 pm and Thursdays 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.

The first bell rings at 7:50 am for K-8 students. Classes begin at 7:55 am, and students are dismissed at 3:00 pm.

Tuesday/Thursday 3-Year-Old Preschool session is held from 7:50 - 11:30 am, with drop-off between 7:40 - 7:50 am.

Monday/Wednesday/Friday 4-Year-Old Preschool session is held from 7:50 am - 3:00 pm, with drop-off between 7:40 - 7:50 am.



## **Does SJPII have a website?**

Yes, <https://www.jplicatholicacademy.org/>

We also have a Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/jpicatholicacademy>



## Does SJPII have a dress code?

All students attending SJPII are required to follow the dress code which ensures a neat, clean appearance and appropriate, modest dress for young Christians. As Christians, we emphasize that all students are made in the image of God and, as such, we require all students to exhibit a natural appearance including hair color, etc. Uniforms are a positive part of our environment, and every school day is, in general, a uniform day. For specifics, please reference our Student and Parent Handbook, which can be found in the Parent Resources section of our website. SJPII students also participate in Non-Uniform Days, which will be announced on the monthly calendar.



## Can I visit the school?

Please do! Parents/guardians are welcome to visit the school classrooms and/or join their children for lunch. Arrangements can be made by contacting the Academy office via email or phone.



## What Preschool and Kindergarten Readiness programs are available?

Our Preschool program recognizes that each child is a unique individual, and offers a warm, safe, supportive environment enabling each child to build self-confidence, self-esteem, and a sense of belonging. Children are encouraged to discover, share, and celebrate who they are in a nurturing environment that will help them know the love of God and of others, along with helping them develop a positive self-image. The Preschool and Kindergarten Readiness Programs follow the policies and procedures of SJPII. Our program is licensed by the state of Michigan.

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- The Kindergarten Readiness Program is for 4 year olds as well as young five-year olds who are not quite ready for kindergarten. Children enrolled in the Kindergarten Readiness Program will have the opportunity to develop those skills and routines necessary for a successful kindergarten experience on a consistent basis. Through directed center play, children have an opportunity to try out and master new skills, concepts, and experiences.




## Does SJPII provide busing?

Busing is provided by Menominee Public Schools. Information about bus routes, pick-up, and drop-off times may be obtained by calling the bus garage at 906.863.3331.

**Questions?**  
Contact the office!



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