

Facts & Figures

2012-2013

MISSION STATEMENT

Saint James is an independent, nonsectarian, college preparatory school with a student body broadly representative of college-bound students. We are committed to challenging and assisting students in realizing their individual potential and preparing them for lives of responsibility, service, and achievement.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Saint James is a thriving independent school. Prudent financial management and generous contributions from the Saint James family have financed extensive and ambitious projects in recent years. Parent, alumni, and grandparent philanthropy has allowed Saint James to maintain reasonable annual tuition increases and prosper as an independent school.

The table below is a general guide for basic costs associated with the 2012-2013 school year. The tuition amount for all grades includes PTO dues and school pictures, as well as individual grade-specific fees: activity fee for pre-K3 through fifth grade, consumable books for pre-K4 through eighth grade, and yearbooks for sixth through twelfth grades. A non-refundable registration fee of \$400 (\$300 for returning families re-enrolling by February 15, 2012) is due upon submission of a signed enrollment contract.

If you have questions regarding this information, please contact the business office at (334) 273-3008 or the admissions office at (334) 273-3000.

- Pre-K3 through Kindergarten Application Fee (payable to Saint James School).....\$25
- Pre-K4 and Kindergarten Testing Fee (payable to the psychologist)\$150
- First - Twelfth Grade Application/Testing Fee (payable to Saint James School)\$75

Tuition*

PreK3 (7:30-noon)	PreK3 (7:30-3:00)	PreK4 (7:30-noon)	PreK4 (7:30-3:00)	K5	1-5	6-8	9-12
\$5,150	\$7,390	\$5,625	\$7,866	\$7,866	\$8,900	\$9,440	\$9,840

* Includes PTO membership, school pictures, yearbooks for sixth through twelfth grades, ASF play for sixth through twelfth grades, most field trips for grades pre-K3-fifth grade, and all pre-K3-eighth grade consumable books.

TUITION

Saint James partners with Smart Tuition to bill and collect tuition and fees. Only cash tuition and fee payments are accepted at the school. Families choose a payment plan upon signing an enrollment contract.

One, four, ten, and twelve month payment plans are available through Smart Tuition, with all plans requiring an initial payment in June. Smart Tuition also offers families several tuition payment methods, including monthly automatic bank account deduction, monthly automatic credit card deduction, and payments by mail, phone and on-line. Families receive monthly statements and email reminders prior to their payment due dates.

Families pay full tuition for their oldest child and then receive a 10 percent tuition discount for their younger children. The Saint James Board of Directors sets tuition rates annually.

FEES

Additional fees include the following:

- Costs such as field trips or subject-specific materials and supplies
- A \$200 new family enrollment fee
- A \$300 per student technology fee, half of which (\$150) is due in June 2012, with the remaining balance (\$150) due in December 2012

FINANCIAL AID

Parents seeking need-based financial assistance can apply through the school and the Student Service for Financial Aid (SSS) program. SSS is a national independent school service that establishes a family's ability to pay for educational expenses based on data confidentially submitted by parents. The SSS provides no funds to Saint James or to its financial aid applicants. All funds to support financial aid are generated through the Saint James budget and through contributions to the school. Financial aid decisions are based on established policies and available funds. To be evaluated for assistance, a student must first complete the admissions process, and gain acceptance in Saint James School. Financial aid applications can be obtained from the business office.

TUITION REFUND INSURANCE

The Saint James enrollment contract includes an unconditional obligation to pay tuition for the full academic year unless the student is withdrawn in writing prior to July 1, 2012. If a student is withdrawn for any reason after this date, tuition for the entire year is immediately due and payable on the date of withdrawal. For this reason Saint James offers all families an opportunity to participate in the Tuition Refund Plan. This plan is an insurance policy that reduces the financial impact of withdrawal if the student attends Saint James for at least 14 consecutive days in the school year. A brochure on this plan is provided with the enrollment contract.

TUITION FINANCING

Parents are increasingly turning to student loans to enable their children to experience the benefits of an outstanding independent school education. Saint James School has partnered with *Your Tuition Solution*, which offers the education loan families have turned to at over 2,400 private K-12 schools nationwide. For more information, call 800-920-9777 or visit them online at www.yourtutionsolutions.com.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

Extended Day Program

To meet the growing need for after-school childcare, Saint James offers a well-supervised program for elementary students in pre-K3 through fifth grade. The 2012-2013 schedule below outlines the available sessions and the yearly costs and daily drop-in fees associated with these sessions. Payments may be made on a yearly or “ten-pay” basis. Daily drop-in fees are due the same day the service is used. In addition to the fees listed above, a \$100 registration fee is required for each child enrolled in Extended Day. (Registration fee is \$75 for children registered on or before Aug. 1.) These charges appear on the regular tuition statement.

Session	Time	Yearly Cost	10-Month Plan	Daily Drop-In Fee
I	12:00 - 5:30 p.m.	\$2,500	\$250	\$25
II	12:00 - 4:00 p.m.	\$1,820	\$182	\$20
III	3:00 - 5:30 p.m.	\$1,535	\$153.50	\$15
Kindergarten Lunch Bunch	12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	\$910	\$91.00	\$10

Camp STJ

For parents needing childcare during the summer months, Saint James also offers Camp STJ for pre-K4 through sixth grade students. Attendance can be on a weekly or a drop-in basis. The range of planned, engaging activities varies from year to year. In addition to Camp STJ, the Saint James coaches offer week-long sports camps for football, baseball, boys and girls basketball, volleyball, softball, boys and girls tennis, wrestling, soccer, and cheerleading.

TEXTBOOKS

Parents and students are encouraged to take advantage of the Parent Teacher Organization Used Textbook Sale. A significant savings may be realized by purchasing used books, or by renting your books. For middle and high school students, prices vary based on grade and course selection. New textbooks are sold through a school-sponsored online virtual bookstore. In addition, online versions of textbooks are becoming more readily available.