



# Things You Want to Know About St. Francis School

## *For the Kids*

### **SPORTS**

St. Francis School provides after school sports programs for students in Grades 5-8, to include volleyball, basketball, soccer, and flag football.

### **LUNCH**

The hot lunch program is designed with you in mind! Throughout each week, various area restaurants will be bringing in student lunches. These lunches are provided by, but not limited to:

El Asadero, Oggi's Pizza, Primo Market, Pick up Stix, El Pollo Loco, Cusimano's, and more.

### **RECESS**

All classes receive a recess or "nutrition" break each day, in addition to 35-45 minute lunch break.

### **HOMEWORK**

Homework is assigned Monday through Thursday, following Diocesan policy. Assignments should be completed neatly, carefully, and returned promptly. If a student is experiencing difficulty, or spending too much time in its completion, the teacher should be contacted.

## *For Mom & Dad*

### **CURRICULUM**

Aligned with the Diocese of San Diego, and California State Standards, St. Francis of Assisi Parish School provides a challenging, comprehensive and relevant curriculum based on the needs of the individual child.

### **OUR TEACHERS**

The faculty and administration are state credentialed, professionally qualified and dedicated to the fulfillment of the Philosophy and Mission Statement of our school. While all teachers are experienced in instruction at their grade level, some have experience in multiple grade levels, including high school, and others have expertise in specific subject areas such as Science, Language Arts, and Mathematics, with some faculty members having earned a Masters Degree.

### **UNIFORMS**

Student uniform requirements begin in Kindergarten. For a complete list of the Uniform Guidelines, please refer to the Uniform Guidelines section of the Parent Handbook.

### **CLASS SIZE**

Class sizes range from 16-34, with a teacher's aide in Kindergarten, and First Grade.

### **DISCIPLINE**

Discipline is maintained in a classroom or school when pupils work cooperatively with the principal, teachers, and companions towards the attainment of the class and school objectives. Each teacher posts a Classroom Discipline Plan covering rules specific to each grade.

### **NATIONAL TEST SCORES**

St. Francis of Assisi Parish School utilizes Standardized Testing, as adopted by the Office for Schools. Standardized test results are entered on the student's permanent record cards, and are used for evaluation of curriculum only. It is not the philosophy of the school to publish or use test results for comparison of students, teachers, or other schools.

### **TUTORING**

Homework Club is available Monday through Thursday.

### **AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

The After School Care Program supports working parents by providing planned, safe, and caring supervision beyond the regular school day. Any child in K-8 who is enrolled in St. Francis of Assisi Parish School is eligible for the After School Care Program, which operates from 2:30 p.m.-5: 30 p.m. on all school days, including minimum days. Parents are billed on a regular basis.

### **FUND RAISING**

Tuition does not fully cover the costs of educating each child at St. Francis. To defray the additional costs, we rely on fundraising. Although participation is not mandatory, we ask that you support the fundraising opportunities.

### **SERVICE HOURS**

Active involvement in the life of the school and parish is expected of all parents. Each family is asked to volunteer 40 hours of their time to the school or parish. Students in grades K-5 are ENCOURAGED to submit documentation for a minimum of 10 Student Stewardship Hours per grading period, for a minimum total of 40 Student Stewardship Hours per school year.