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2021-22 School Year Registration Packet

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Dear Families,

Welcome to Saint Jerome Catholic School,

The mission of St. Jerome Catholic School is to see God in all and respond with compassion and service while attaining excellence in education. St. Jerome faculty and staff work with students to obtain the highest academic achievement infused with Christ and the Holy Spirit.

We are lucky enough to have many scholarship opportunities for our parents to apply to. We ask that ALL families apply to the four main School Tuition Organizations: Catholic Education Arizona, Brophy Community Foundation, Arizona Leadership Foundation (ALF) and AZ4ED. We then ask that you apply to three other scholarships of your choice. These organizations are listed in this packet.

You will see that there are 3 different tuition options. The first option is for those practicing Catholics that belong to St. Jerome Parish and are contributing members. The second option is for those families who belong to another parish in the Diocese of Phoenix and the third option is for those families who are not Catholic.

We ask that when applying to scholarships, you note as tuition either $6154.00 for SJS parishioners; $6254.00 for outside parish; or $7200.00 for non-Catholics. These rates are per student and the tuition discount (if needed) will be applied after you receive scholarships. For those finding they are not eligible for scholarships, please call the school office to inquire about a discount.

We think that all children deserve a Catholic education, so we hope that everyone takes advantage of these generous scholarships. We also ask for 20 hours per family for service hours ten hours would be associated with the school, while 10 more hours would be for St. Jerome Parish. This is a great opportunity to meet other families and find out what St. Jerome Parish can offer your family as a spiritual home.

Thank you for choosing St. Jerome School for your child's Catholic education. We are thankful that you are sharing your most precious gifts with us…your children. If you have any questions, please call the front office so we can help.

God bless,

Mrs. Maureen DeGrose

Preschool Program

The Preschool Program at St. Jerome Catholic School is licensed by the State of Arizona. The curriculum of the Preschool program utilizes the diocesan standards. Curriculum content covered in these Early Learning Standards include:

- Social Emotional Standards
- Approaches to Learning Standards
- Language and Literacy Standards
- Mathematics Standards
- Science Standards
- Social Studies Standards
- Physical Development and Safety Standards
- Fine Arts Standards
- Religious Instruction Standards

The Preschool Program is a **FULL DAY** program. The daily schedule is:

- Monday – Thursday: 7:50 am – 3:00 pm
- Friday: 7:50 am – 1:00 pm

To qualify for the Preschool Program, children must be 3 years old by August 1st. Children must be fully and independently potty-trained.

Pre-Kindergarten Program

The Pre-Kindergarten Program at St. Jerome Catholic School licensed by the State of Arizona. The curriculum of the Preschool program utilizes the diocesan standards. Curriculum content covered in these Early Learning Standards include:

- Social Emotional Standards
- Approaches to Learning Standards
- Language and Literacy Standards
- Mathematics Standards
- Science Standards
- Social Studies Standards
- Physical Development and Safety Standards
- Fine Arts Standards
- Religious Instruction Standards

The Pre-Kindergarten Program is a FULL DAY program. The daily schedule is:

- Monday – Thursday: 7:50 am – 3:00 pm
- Friday: 7:50 am – 1:00 pm

To qualify for the Preschool Program, children must be 4 years old by August 1st. Children must be fully and independently potty-trained.

Admissions Process for St. Jerome Catholic School

The entire admissions process at St. Jerome Catholic School consists of two parts: ***Registration*** and ***Enrollment***.

- **Part I – REGISTRATION**: The following documents and fee from the school Registration Packet are needed to complete the registration process. A potential student will not be considered "registered" until all of the following have been submitted to the School Office:
    - Registration packet
    - **Non-refundable Registration Fee of $150 (Per Family)**
    - Original Birth Certificate and Sacrament Certificates (If applicable)
    - Arizona Public School Enrollment Verification Form – This form will need to be scanned in to scholarship applications
    - Immunization records
    - ADHS Emergency Contact Form
    - Diocese of Phoenix Custodial Agreement
    - Final Report Card from previous school – The final report card must show the grades for all 4 quarters
        - *This documentation is not needed for new Preschool, Pre-K and Kindergarten Students*
    - Standardized Test results from previous school (i.e. AZ Merit or ITBS) when available
    - Create a FACTS account and submit proof of account
        - FACTS is an online tuition management system. When a family receives a scholarship or financial aid, the amount received must be applied to the tuition amount. This can only be done in the FACTS online tuition management system
    - Apply for financial aid through Catholic Education Arizona, Brophy Community Foundation and AZ4Education – submit proof of completion
    - Apply for a minimum of four (4) other tax credit organization scholarships – submit proof with packet
        - For proof, tax credit organizations will email a verification to the family when they submit their application. A print out of the verification is sufficient for proof of completion. (Sample Attached)

The school will contact families who are missing pieces of the registration packet to assist them in completing the packet. Incoming Kindergarten students will be given the Gesell Developmental Assessment and 2nd-8th will be given a placement test before enrollment is complete.

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2021-22 Tuition Commitment Form (Preschool-4th Grades)
All Families must have a FACTS Payment Plan Created
Register for FACTS at https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/46FLW

Family Status	Yearly Plan	Semester Plan	Quarterly Plan	10 Month Plan	12 Month Plan
St. Jerome Parish Rate					
1 Child	$6154	$3077	$1538.50	$615.40	$512.83
2 Children	$12,308	$6154	$3077	$1230.80	$1025.66
3 Children	$18,462	$9231	$4615.50	$1846.20	$1538.50
Diocesan Parish Rate					
1 Child	$6,254	$3127	$1563.50	$625.40	$521.16
2 Children	$12,508	$6254	$3127	$1250.80	$1042.33
3 Children	$18,762	$9381	$4690.50	$1876.20	$1563.50
Non-Catholic Rate					
1 Child	$7200	$3600	$1800	$720	$600
2 Children	$14,400	$7200	$3600	$1440	$1200
3 Children	$21,600	$10,800	$5400	$2160	$1800
Registration Fee per Family	**$150.00 due at registration**				

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All families must be registered for FACTS automatic payment plan. Any remaining balance from the 2020-21 school year will be rolled into the FACTS plan for 2021-2022.

20 Hours of Parent Service required- 10 Hours for School and 10 Hours for SJS Parish

I wish to pay my annual tuition using the following plan (Please circle in the table and check the selection below):

_____Yearly Plan(July)
_____Semester Plan (July & January)
_____Quarterly Plan (July, October, January, April)
_____10 Month Plan (July – April)
_____12 Month Plan (July – June)

I have read, and agree to abide by the financial policies of St. Jerome Catholic School as included in this information and in the Parent Handbook. I understand that the tuition payment plan I have selected will obligate me to a specific monthly payment as listed in the chart above. I also understand that any previous balance I may have will be rolled into the FACTS payment plan.

_____ _____ _____

Parent Signature Printed Last Name Date

St. Jerome Catholic School
2021-2022 Tuition Commitment Form (5th-8th Grades)
All Families must have a FACTS Payment Plan Created
Register for FACTS at https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/46FLW

Family Status	Yearly Plan	Semester Plan	Quarterly Plan	10 Month Plan	12 Month Plan
St. Jerome Parish Rate					
1 Child	$6504	$3252	$1626	$650.40	$542
2 Children	$13,008	$6504	$3252	$1300.80	$1084
3 Children	$19,512	$9756	$4878	$1951.20	$1626
Diocesan Parish Rate					
1 Child	$6,604	$3302	$1651	$660.40	$550.33
2 Children	$13,208	$6604	$3302	$1320.80	$1100.66
3 Children	$19,812	$9906	$4953	$1981.20	$1651
Non-Catholic Rate					
1 Child	$7715	$3857.50	$1928.75	$771.50	$642.92
2 Children	$15,430	$7715	$3857.50	$1543	$1285.83
3 Children	$23,145	$11,572.50	$5786.25	$2314.50	$1928.75
Registration Fee per Family	**$150.00 due at registration**				

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_____ _____ _____

Parent Signature Print Name Date

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FUNDING A CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA

All families wanting to register a student at St. Jerome Catholic School must complete a **minimum** of 6 tax credit scholarships as part of the registration process.

There are three required tax credit scholarships that all families must complete:

1. Catholic Education Arizona - http://catholiceducationarizona.org/applicant/ (application opens in early February 2021)
2. Arizona Education Scholarship Foundation Inc. - http://www.az4education.org/
3. AZ Leadership Foundation – www.arizonaleader.org

Other Tax Credit Scholarship Organizations include but are not limited to:

- Brophy Community Foundation
- Student Tuition Organization 4 Kidz
- Arizona School Choice Trust
- Institute for Better Education
- Tuition Organization for Private Schools (TOPS)
- School Choice Arizona
- Arizona Private Education Scholarship Fund
- AAA Scholarships
- Arizona Tax Credit
- Arizona Tuition Connection

Other organizations included in the next page.

REMINDER: Scholarship awards will be applied to the tuition balance once the family has a FACTS account set up.

SCHOOL TUITION ORGANIZATION RESOURCE LIST

STO	Website	Application Fee	Other Information
AAA Scholarship Foundation	**aaascholarships.org**	$30	An AAA family may not accept a scholarship from more than one School Tuition Organization for the same school year. It may be easier to do a paper
Arizona Community Foundation	**azfoundation.org**	free	Awards scholarships for both tuition and other school expenses (athletic fees, uniforms, etc).
Arizona Education Scholarship	**az4education.org**	free	Monthly award distribution.
Arizona Leadership Foundation	**arizonaleader.org**	free	Incomplete or incorrect applications require an entirely new application to be submitted. Be sure to check to be sure your application has been accepted as complete.
Arizona Private Education Scholarship Fund	**apesf.org**	free	Monthly disbursements. Do not require a copy of tax return at the time of application. General fund awards are made in June.
Arizona School Choice Trust	**asct.org**	$30	Family must meet income qualifications. Application fee. Will only accept the first 2000 applications. First come, first served.
Arizona Tuition Connection	**arizonatuitionconnection.com**	free	Provides an individualized "Launch page" for your family free of charge. No tax return required at time of application.
Catholic Education	**fairapp.com**	$27	Supports Catholic schools within the Diocese of Phoenix. Available funds designated to St. Jerome Catholic School. Need based awards.
Institute for Better Education	**ibescholarships.org**	free	Monthly recommended student award distribution. General fund awards in June of each year.
Pappas Kids Schoolhouse Foundation	**pappaskidssf.org**	free	Family must meet income qualifications for free and reduced lunch. Submit a paper application.
School Choice Arizona	**schoolchoicearizona.org**	free	General fund awards are distributed in August. Student recommended funds are distributed in April for the current school year.
STO 4 Kidz	**Sto4kids.org**	free	Two deadlines, 12/31 and 4/15. No extensions
Tops for Kids	**topsforkids.com**	free	Tri-annual disbursements

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REGISTRATION FORM

Your Child's Information

First name (as in birth certificate) _____ Middle: _____

Last name (as in birth certificate) _____ Birth Date: ___/____/_____

Current age: _____ Social Security Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Sex: ☐Male or ☐Female Country of birth: _____

Family/Home Email: _____

Family/Home Phone Number: _____

Race: ☐Alaska/American Indian ☐Asian ☐Black/African American ☐Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
☐White/Caucasian ☐Two or more races ☐Unknown

Ethnicity: ☐Hispanic ☐Non-Hispanic

Family Information

Name: _____ Relationship to child: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Parish Affiliation: _____

Occupation: _____ Company Name: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____ Primary E-mail: _____

My information may be included in the school directory ☐ Yes ☐ No

Name: _____ Relationship to child: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Parish Affiliation: _____

Occupation: _____ Company Name: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____ Primary E-mail: _____

My information may be included in the school directory ☐ Yes ☐ No

Marital status of parents: ☐ Married ☐ Divorced ☐ Separated ☐ Single ☐Widowed

Child's primary residence is with: ☐ Mother ☐ Father ☐Split custody

Note: if parents are divorced or separated, court documents clarifying custody situation and educational rights must be submitted to the school office.

Family Information cont.

Siblings:

_____ _____
Name Age Attends St. Jerome Catholic School: ☐ Yes ☐No

_____ _____
Name Age Attends St. Jerome Catholic School: ☐ Yes ☐No

_____ _____
Name Age Attends St. Jerome Catholic School: ☐ Yes ☐No

_____ _____
Name Age Attends St. Jerome Catholic School: ☐ Yes ☐No

- Is a language other than English spoken at home? ___Yes ___No
- Did the student have a first language other than English? ___Yes ___No
- Does the student most frequently speak another language besides English? ___Yes ___No
- Does your child have one of the following: ____IEP ____504 _____MET (if so, please provide a copy)

Religious Background

Parents are: ☐Catholic ☐Non-Catholic Student applicant is: ☐Catholic ☐Non-Catholic

Registered Parish: _____ Location: _____

Baptism: _____ _____
Church Name City & State

First Penance: _____ _____
Church Name City & State

First Communion: _____ _____
Church Name City & State

Confirmation: _____ _____
Church Name City & State

Academic Information

(Preschool, Pre-K or Kindergarten applicants include day care experiences):

1) Last School Attended: _____

Date Enrolled: _____Date Withdrawn: _____

Reason for leaving: _____

2) Last School Attended: _____

Date Enrolled: _____Date Withdrawn: _____

Reason for leaving: _____

If your child is transferring from a Catholic School that is part of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Phoenix, is there any outstanding tuition owed to the previous school?

☐ No Yes ☐

Diocesan policy does not allow students to re-enroll in a different Catholic school when there is tuition owed to the previous school.

Has your child ever been suspended, expelled, dismissed, or not allowed to re-enroll in a school?

☐ No Yes ☐ If yes please provide the name of the school and the reasons on a separate sheet of paper.

Has your student ever been tested or evaluated for any disability [i.e., earning disabilities, ADD/ADHD, emotional disabilities, etc.], English as a Second Language, or medical condition? ☐ No ☐ Yes

If yes, please describe on a separate sheet of paper any academic struggles or medical conditions that may affect your child's ability to fully participate in the academic program provided at ***St. Jerome Catholic School***. If you are requesting an adjustment or accommodation to the curriculum, please describe your request.

Information about exceptional learners is requested for the sole purpose of determining whether the school can provide the applicant with an appropriate education or reasonable accommodation and will not be considered in determining whether he/she is otherwise qualified for admission.

Parent Questionnaire

How did you learn about St. Jerome Catholic School? _____

_____

Which activities or hobbies does your child enjoy most?

_____

How do you feel that your child learns best?

_____

What led you to consider St. Jerome Catholic School for your child?

_____

_____

_____

_____

What are your goals for your child at St. Jerome Catholic School?

_____

_____

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Parental Permission for Release of Student Records

I herewith give my permission for the release of information requested in the bottom portion of this form for my (son/daughter).

_____ _____

Student's Name

Current Grade

_____

Date

_____

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Request for Student Report Card and Standardized Test Scores

Date: _____

_____ is a candidate for admission to _____ grade at
Student's name

St. Jerome Catholic School.

Please forward the following information:

_____ Report Cards for 4th quarter _____ Standardized Test Scores (AzMerit/Dibbles/District Test)

_____ Health and dental records _____ Personal health history _____ Special Education documentation

_____

Principal Signature or designee (Office personnel)

Upon completion, please return this form and records via mail, fax, or electronic message.

Mail: St. Jerome Catholic School, Attn: Bridget Martinez, 10815 N. 35th Avenue – Phoenix, AZ 85029
Fax: 602-467-4929 Email: bmartinez@saintjerome.org

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Catholic Parish Verification Form School Year 2021-22

To receive the reduced tuition rate, this form MUST BE returned to Saint Jerome Catholic School Community on or before *February 26th, 2021.*

If you **are not** requesting the Active Catholic tuition discount, please check here. _____

Saint Jerome Catholic School Community offers a specific tuition rate for those families who are **registered, active and participating** members of their parish. The Catholic rate will become effective when the Parish Verification form, signed by the pastor or his designee, is received at the school. Criteria used in determining "active and participating in-parish" membership may vary from parish to parish.

Name of Parents: _____ _____ _____
Last Father Mother

Name of Students: _____ _____ _____
Last Name First Child Second Child

Please list any additional students on the back of this form.

Home Address:_____City:_____
State:_____ Zip Code:_____
Home Phone:_____ Father's Cell_____ Mother's Cell_____

As registered active, contributing members of _____Parish, in the Diocese of Phoenix, we request the Catholic Tuition rate for our student(s) who will attend Saint Jerome Catholic School Community for the 2021-2022 school year.

Parish Envelope #_____ Are your children registered for Faith Formation? YES or NO

Do you attend mass each weekend? YES or NO Mass Day/Time Attended: _____

Please circle all that apply:
Active in School/Parish ministry Participating in Parish Contributing to Parish

Describe any ministries, services/committees you have been on this past year or you will do in the coming year to assist the school and the parish:_____
_____
_____

For Parish use only:

By the Pastor or his designee signing this form you are stating that the family is deserving of the Catholic Tuition Rate.

_____ _____ _____
Pastor Signature Date Parish Stamp