



# SAINT ZACHARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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## Frequently Asked Questions

### ➤ What grades does St. Zachary School serve?

We serve students beginning with 3 and 4 year old Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. For half day combined preschool, children must be 3 or 4 years old by September 1<sup>st</sup>. For 3 year old full day Prekindergarten, children must be 3 years old by September 1<sup>st</sup>. For 4 year old full day Prekindergarten, children must be 4 years old by September 1<sup>st</sup>. For Kindergarten, children must be 5 years old by September 1<sup>st</sup>.

### ➤ Do you have a website?

Yes, we have a website and we hope you will visit us to learn more about our great school. Our website: [www.saintzacharyschool.org](http://www.saintzacharyschool.org)

### ➤ What are the school hours?

Full day Prekindergarten through 8 <sup>th</sup> grade:	8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Preschool 3 and 4 year old combined (AM class):	8:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.
Preschool 3 and 4 year old combined (PM class):	12:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

### ➤ Should my Preschool or Prekindergarten child be able to use the bathroom on their own?

Yes, all Preschool and Prekindergarten children must be able to use the bathroom on their own by the first day of school. Pull-ups are not allowed.

### ➤ What are your tuition rates?

Tuition rates for the current school year are included with our Open House materials and may also be obtained through our school office and website. Nominal increases occur year to year. Our one child tuition rate remains among the lowest in comparison to surrounding Catholic Schools.

### ➤ Are tuition scholarships available?

Tuition scholarships are available for Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade based on financial need. Our goal is to help make a Catholic education available to all families who would like to send their children to Saint Zachary School.

### ➤ How do I apply for tuition scholarships?

Applications for tuition scholarships are available online. Applications are processed by an independent outside firm and must be accompanied with a required nominal processing fee. Please see [schools.archchicago.org/tax-credit-scholarships](http://schools.archchicago.org/tax-credit-scholarships) for information regarding the Invest In Kids Act.



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## ➤ Do I have to be Catholic?

No, your family does not have to be Catholic to attend Saint Zachary School. Our curriculum incorporates Catholic Christian teachings and non-Catholic students are welcome at our school.

## ➤ Do I have to live within certain geographical boundaries to attend Saint Zachary School?

No, our students come from many different neighborhoods and towns. Tuition rates are the same for Parishioners and non-Parishioners alike.

## ➤ Do you offer a before and after school Extended Day Program?

We are happy to offer an extended day program (EDP) for our students. Our program is available to any full day student in Prekindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. EDP is not available for our half day Preschool students. EDP is available Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. in the morning and then from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the afternoon/evening. The cost varies depending on the number of children IN YOUR FAMILY enrolled and the number of days per week YOU UTILIZE the program. Please visit our website for more specific costs for our EDP.

## ➤ Is a Hot Lunch Program offered?

Yes, we have a hot lunch program available to all full day students. Applications for free and/or reduced lunch are available at the beginning of the school year.

## ➤ Do your students wear uniforms?

Uniforms are required for our students in Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Preschool and Prekindergarten students are not required to wear uniforms. On gym days students wear their gym uniforms. Occasionally, non-uniform days are allowed.

## ➤ Do you require any testing for students before admission?

No, there is usually not any type of entrance testing for new students. However, this is at the discretion of the Principal.

## ➤ What if I have specific questions regarding your curriculum?

We look forward to answering any questions you may have concerning our curriculum. Please contact our school office so we may arrange for you to meet with that specific classroom teacher.

## ➤ What high schools do our graduates usually attend?

Our graduates typically attend Saint Viator, Loyola, Notre Dame for Boys, Elk Grove, Prospect and Maine West High Schools.

## ➤ How do I register?

Registration must be done in person in our school office. You will fill out our Application for Admission at this time. You are required to present an original birth certificate for your child(ren), their baptismal certificate and a non-refundable registration fee. Registration begins the last week of January for the next school year. Early registration is strongly encouraged.