



Kindergarten Information

Kindergarten Sessions

- Morning: 7:50 - 10:30 am
- Afternoon: 11:30 am - 2:10 pm

Each year the sessions are flipped between the North and South sides of Downers Grove. For example:

- 2008 - 2009 school year: AM is South of 55th Street; PM is North of 55th Street
- 2009 - 2010 school year: AM is North of 55th Street; PM is South of 55th Street
- 2010 - 2011 school year: AM is South of 55th Street; PM is North of 55th Street

Bus Service

Laidlaw bus service is provided to St. Joseph School students by District 58. This is a free service to all who qualify.

- **AM Students** ride the bus with all students, and arrive by 7:50 am. The Kindergarten-only bus leaves St. Joseph at approximately 10:30 am to take the students home; students are dropped off at their homes.
- **PM Students** will be picked up by a Vancom bus in front of their homes at a time appropriate to ensure prompt arrival for their 11:30 am start time. They will be dismissed at 2:10 pm and ride the bus home with the rest of the students. Bus buddies (older students) are assigned to guide the Kindergarten students to their buses.

Uniforms

Kindergarten students wear the same school uniforms as students in grades 1 - 5. Warm weather uniform options (August – October 15, May 1 – year-end) include navy blue walking shorts and gym shoes for all students. Girls can wear a uniform jumper or navy blue slacks with a white blouse or polo shirt throughout the school year. Boys wear a light blue oxford or polo shirt with navy blue twill slacks. School shoes must be worn with slacks and jumpers. Kindergarten students wear their uniforms to gym. Please see “School Uniform” in the St. Joseph School Handbook for more specific guidance on uniforms.

Physicals

All students entering Kindergarten must turn in a signed, current physical, as well as an Illinois Department of Public Health dental form, to school by July 15, 2008. Please call your physicians early for these appointments; please don't forget to make copies for your records.

Age Requirements

Kindergarten students MUST be five years old by September 1st of the year that they start school. At registration, please provide a copy of the student's county birth certificate, and your child's St. Joseph Parish baptismal date (if your child was baptized elsewhere, please provide a copy of the baptismal certificate).

2007 – 2008 Tuition

- Kindergarten only: \$1,000
- Grades 1 - 8 subsidized tuition scale:
 - One child: \$3,390
 - Two children: \$5,085
 - Three children: \$6,272
 - Four children: \$6,781