

## **HISTORY**

Founded in 1946 as a project of the St. Margaret's Guild of the Church of the Good Shepherd, the School received its own incorporation in 1995 and still maintains strong ties with the Church.

## **EDUCATIONAL GOALS**

St. James offers instruction in preparation for graduates to achieve success in rigorous, nationally competitive, college-oriented high school courses of study.

## **SPIRITUAL LIFE**

Regular activities include:

- Scripture reading, journal writing and prayer
- Daily reflections & weekly Chapel services
- Mini-courses guiding Spiritual Formation and Growth taught by church staff
- "Educating the Heart" and "Life Skills" curricula addressing important character issues from a spiritual perspective.

*Religious Groups Represented:*

- 31% Episcopalian
- 28% Other Protestant Denominations
- 15% Catholic
- 26% Other Religions or None Listed

## **SCHOOL HOURS**

The School day begins at 9:00a.m. on Monday, and at 8:00a.m. on Tuesday through Friday. Classes end at 11:45 a.m. for N-2 and N-3 students and at 12:30 p.m. for K-4 and JrK. Kindergartners stay until 2:00 p.m. First through Eighth Grades are dismissed at 3:30 p.m. An optional "Wrap-Around" program allows students to arrive as early as 7:20 a.m. and to stay as late as 5:30 p.m. Separate fees apply for this additional care.

## **PRESCHOOL CURRICULUM**

*2 years-old through Kindergarten*

Preschool curriculum includes:

- Spanish
- Learning Centers
- Field trips
- Music
- Large and fine motor development
- Art
- Computer Lab
- Library
- Playground
- Open Court Reading (K5)
- Manipulative Math
- Science
- Story time
- Socialization skills
- Jr. Kindergarten, a transitional, half-step prior to Kindergarten if developmentally warranted

## **LOWER SCHOOL CURRICULUM**

*1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> grade*

Central theme integrates a rigorous multisensory curriculum focused around periods of historic significance. Social Studies, Language Arts, Math, Science and the arts all reinforce these historic themes, bringing education alive for students.

1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Communities--Our City  
Corpus Christi

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Early America--The Settlements

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Early America--Becoming a Nation

4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Rise of Ancient Civilizations

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL CURRICULUM**

*5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade*

Central theme integrates a rigorous multisensory curriculum focused around periods of historic significance.

5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Ancient Rome, The Middle Ages,  
The Renaissance

6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Birth of the United States to  
the Civil War

7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Texas History

8<sup>th</sup> Grade: American and World Issues

*Middle School curriculum also includes:*

- High School Algebra (*credit may transfer*)
- Language Arts
- Science
- Geography
- Classical Vocabulary
- Art History
- Studio Art
- Music
- High School Spanish I and II (*credit may transfer*)
- Accelerated Reader
- Study Skills
- Dramatic production
- Choir
- Speech & Debate
- Computer Lab and Laptop Computers
- Process writing
- Graduation thesis
- Physical Education
- Team sports

## **Outdoor Education**

This exciting program provides a variety of outdoor learning experiences impossible in the classroom. Recent trips included:

5<sup>th</sup> Grade: MO Ranch Low Elements Challenge Course and Fresh Water Ecology

6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Big Bend National Park -Astronomy, Geology and Ecology components

7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Austin and San Antonio, historic Texas sites, and trips for camping, rock climbing and canoeing

8<sup>th</sup> Grade: MO Ranch High Elements Ropes Challenge Course and Washington, D.C.

## **Via, Veritas, Vita - Way, Truth, Life**

***The St. James mission is to develop each child to his or her fullest potential, spiritually, intellectually, and physically -- that each may grow in grace, enjoy freedom through knowledge, and lead a healthy, productive and meaningful life.***

## **SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES**

Occasionally students require additional support to facilitate the learning process. St. James facilitates topical tutoring and provides a specialized reading curriculum for students with specific needs.

For those students whose learning differences make reading unusually difficult, the School provides a very caring and personal environment, which emphasizes gifts while addressing specific skill needs. The Multi-Sensory Teaching Approach to reading (MTA) is a special three-year course with very small classes primarily for students with dyslexic tendencies.

Lower School instruction also includes:

- Language Arts
- Reading
- Accelerated Reader begins in 3rd Grade
- Mathematics
- Math Lab
- Composition
- Lab Science
- Studio Art
- Art History
- Spanish
- Music
- Physical Education
- Team Sports (4th)
- Educational trips
- Keyboarding
- Computer Lab
- Library
- Research Skills
- Public Speaking

**2007-2008 CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS**

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| August 28      | Opening of School                                 |
| September 3    | Labor Day Holiday                                 |
| October 12     | Fall Weekend Holiday                              |
| November 2     | Grandparents/Special Friends Day (noon dismissal) |
| November 9     | Teacher Inservice                                 |
| November 21-23 | Thanksgiving Holiday                              |
| December 19    | Christmas Holiday begins at noon                  |
| January 3      | Classes Resume                                    |
| January 21     | Dr. M.L. King, Jr. Day                            |
| February 2     | Parent Conferences (noon dismissal)               |
| March 17-24    | Spring Holiday                                    |
| April 18       | Teacher Inservice                                 |
| May 23         | Final Day of Classes                              |

**ADMISSIONS**

An admission application, teacher recommendations and personal interviews are required. Preschool criteria include developmental readiness and appropriate age by September 1<sup>st</sup> of the enrollment year.

Lower and Middle School criteria include developmental readiness, above-average aptitude, and adequate preparation to succeed in advanced coursework.

Admitted students are offered single-year contracts. Tuition insurance is required for those choosing the monthly payment plan and recommended for all, as after June 14<sup>th</sup>, parents are responsible for paying at least 60% of the annual tuition even if the student leaves the school.

**2006-07 OPENING DAY ENROLLMENT**

|               |            |                    |
|---------------|------------|--------------------|
| Preschool     | 92         | N-2 through K-5    |
| Lower School  | 103        | Grades 1 through 4 |
| Middle School | 118        | Grades 5 through 8 |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>313</b> |                    |

**2007-2008 TUITION & FEES**

| Grade                            | Meetings | Tuition | Fees  |
|----------------------------------|----------|---------|-------|
| N-2                              | 3 days   | \$2,700 | \$330 |
| N-3                              | 3 days   | \$3,100 | \$330 |
| N-3                              | 5 days   | \$4,600 | \$330 |
| K-4                              | 5 days   | \$4,600 | \$330 |
| Jr.K                             | 5 days   | \$5,000 | \$330 |
| K-5                              | 5 days   | \$5,800 | \$330 |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> | 5 days   | \$6,850 | \$380 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> | 5 days   | \$7,250 | \$380 |

**FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS**

Each March, financial aid for the following year is offered on the basis of demonstrated need as determined through an analysis of financial data submitted to FACTS Management Company. For 2007-08, SJES anticipates 15% of its students will receive need-based aid totaling over \$100,000.

St. James also offers six merit scholarships each year ranging from \$750 - \$1000 for middle school students.

**FACULTY**

St. James employs 34 Faculty (all with Bachelor's degrees and 17 with Master's Degrees) and 4 Teaching Assistants. Our teaching staff averages 16 years of teaching experience.

**ALUMNI**

More than 1,200 St. James graduates have gone on to high school at local public and independent schools, as well as to more distant institutions like the Texas Academy of Mathematics and Sciences, Choate Rosemary Hall, Woodberry Forest, Trinity-Pawling, Middlesex, Phillips Academy, St. Mary's Hall, Episcopal H.S., Cushing Academy, Avon Old Farms School and St. Stephen's Episcopal School.

St. James Alumni have attended colleges and universities across the nation and abroad. Since the Middle School was added in 1993, 100% of our graduates have aspired to college enrollment.

**ADMINISTRATION**

**Headmaster:** H. Palmer Bell,  
*B.S. Denison Univ., M.Ed. Rutgers Univ.*

**Pre- & Lower School Director:** Sandra Gordon,  
*B.S. Greensboro College*  
*M.A. Ed. University of Phoenix*

**Middle School Director:** Susan Barnard,  
*B.S. St Lawrence Univ., M.S. Corpus Christi State Univ.*

**Business Manager:** Christy Klokker, CPA  
*B.B.A. Corpus Christi State University*

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The Board is comprised of 20 members, 9 of whom must be parishioners at the Church of the Good Shepherd. Board meetings are open to the public.

Sally Wallace, *Chairman*  
H. Palmer Bell, *Headmaster*  
Rev. Ned Bowersox, *Church Rector*

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|------------------------|-------------------|
| Doug Allison           | Debbie Layton     |
| Hal Arnold             | Leslie McClanahan |
| Chip Bonner            | Evelyn Merrill    |
| Chimene Burnett        | Liz Nisbet        |
| Scott Fagan            | Cati Partridge    |
| Janet Herbst (Friends) | Jettie Powers     |
| Carol Sue Hipp         | Nancy Steward     |
| Stephanie Hubbard      | Steven Stockseth  |
| Alex Kirkland          | Scott Sutherland  |

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