



STATISTICS

- A Catholic independent school of the Archdiocese of Boston.
- Founded in 1910 by the Oblates of Mary Immaculate.
- Affiliated with the St. Rita Parish community and staffed by the Sisters of Charity of Ottawa.
- Accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.
- 2010 National Blue Ribbon School.
- Co-ed grades K1 through Eight.

School Hours 7:35 a.m. to 2:05 p.m.

FACULTY/STAFF

Sisters of Charity of Ottawa 4
Lay Teachers 24
Average number of years teaching at SJA 15
Faculty/Student Ratio 17/1
Faculty with Masters Degrees 50%
Teachers are certified by the Massachusetts Department of Education

STUDENTS

2011 - 2012 Enrollment 404
Average class size 21 students
78% Catholic; 22% non-Catholic
Students come from 25 Catholic parishes
Attendance Area: Lowell, Billerica, Chelmsford, Dracut, Dunstable, Lawrence, Littleton, Methuen, Tewksbury, Tyngsboro, Westford, and Wilmington, MA and Hudson, Londonderry, Nashua, Pelham and Windham, NH.

AREAS OF STUDY

Religion	Social Studies	Music
Language Arts	French	Art
Mathematics	Library Skills	Science
Physical Education	Computer Science	

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Accelerated Courses in Language Arts (Grades 9 - 10)
Mathematics (Pre-Algebra, Algebra I) and French
Family Life Program
Junior High Mentors

PARENT ORGANIZATIONS

Athletic Booster Organization
Parent Teacher Organization

ATHLETIC PROGRAM

Baseball	Golf	Softball
Basketball	Gymnastics	Swimming
Bowling	Intramural Basketball	Tae Kwon Do
Cheerleading	Kickball	Tennis
Cross Country	Rowing	Track and Field
Dance	Ski	Volleyball
Fencing	Soccer	Yoga

EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM

Open from 6:45 a.m. until 5:15 p.m. each school day, the Extended Day Program provides professional before and after school care for students enrolled at Ste Jeanne d'Arc School. Please contact the main office at 978.453.4114 for a fee schedule or further information.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Altar Servers	National Junior Beta Club
Band/Music Program	Student Council
Destination Imagination	Student Newspaper - <i>The Dispatch</i>
French Club	Youth for Christ (Crusaders)
Library Media Club	

ANNUAL EVENTS

Grandparents' Day	Spelling Bee	Science Fair
Art Fair	May Fair	Student Walk
Catholic Schools Week Open House		January 27, 2013

ALUMNI

Since the first graduating class, more than 4,400 students have graduated from Ste Jeanne d'Arc School.

2011 GRADUATES

Enrolled in private/Catholic schools 50%
Enrolled in public high schools 50%

TESTING

Standardized testing grades K - 8 annually
Gates-MacGinitie reading test K - 8 annually
Otis-Lennon School Ability Test K - 8 annually
Stanford Math Diagnostics grades K - 8 annually
ACRE Religion Testing grades 5 and 8 annually

EDUCATIONAL COSTS 2012 - 2013

Tuition (Grades K - 8)	\$4,080
Student Fee (Grades K - 8)	\$200 per child
K1 Tuition	\$4,700
K1 Registration Fee	\$50 per child

Cost per pupil is actually \$5,153 for grades K through 8. The donated services of the Sisters of Charity of Ottawa, fundraisers and income from the Advancement Program enable us to charge less than the per-pupil cost.

FINANCIAL AID

Financial aid is available to families who qualify. Families must apply through www.facts tuitionaid.com. Application deadline: April 1.

Several Memorial Scholarships are offered annually to students who qualify.

Student Council and Beta Club offer scholarships annually.

BUS SERVICE

Students from Lowell are provided transportation.

ADMISSIONS

Ste Jeanne d'Arc School admits students of any gender, socioeconomic mix, race and creed. Please see reverse side for details.

For admission information, contact:
Principal's Office
Ste Jeanne d'Arc School
68 Dracut Street
Lowell, MA 01854
978.453.4114
www.sjdarc.org

ADMISSIONS POLICY

Ste Jeanne d'Arc School's practice is to admit children based on the following procedure:

1. Parent contacts the school to place child(ren)'s name on the pre-registration list by filling out the application form; at this point there is no financial commitment. Parents are given a brochure and fact sheet and general information questions are answered. Forms are mailed to families who request by phone. Application is also available on our website.
2. As openings occur for the following school year, parents on the pre-registration list are contacted to determine if they are still interested in registering. After current school families are registered, selection is made based on the date of the pre-registration form for students. K1 and kindergarten children are not tested to screen for eligibility.
3. An annual Open House is held the first Sunday of Catholic Schools Week prior to registration at the end of January and is advertised in the local newspaper. Personal invitations to the Open House are mailed to each family that has expressed interest in the school during the past year. Families are given a tour of the buildings and an opportunity to meet students and staff.
4. Formal registrations are at an evening meeting. At this time, the principal provides parents with all program and financial information they need to enroll their child. At that time a deposit is required towards the student fee, and paperwork (medical information, baptismal records, and family data) is collected.

Children are accepted at Ste Jeanne d'Arc School on the basis of available space and our ability to serve their individual needs. Parents of students transferring into grades 1-7 may be asked to provide copies of reports cards, standardized test scores and writing samples for evaluation prior to acceptance. Grade 8 transfers are generally not accepted. The student body is heterogeneous as to gender, socioeconomic mix, race, and creed. It is our philosophy to educate each child taking into consideration individual needs and to work with a student's individual potential. We are not equipped, however, to deal with serious learning disabilities and cannot accept children who require some special services that we do not offer.

Shadow days: Appointments can be made for older children to visit the school and spend some time with students at the appropriate grade level.

Kindergarten applicants are rejected only on the basis of space availability. Kindergarten students must be five years old by September 1st of the year they begin school. Students who will be five after September 1st may apply for admission and will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis if space is available. Transfer students may be rejected on the basis of space or special needs that we cannot meet. The final admissions decision is made by the principal. New students are admitted on a three-month probationary period.

Adopted by the Board of Trustees, January 3, 2011

