



Holy Trinity School

Frequently Asked Questions...

What is the tuition?

See the attached handout for our tuition schedule for 2022 – 2023. Our tuition schedule for next year will be published in the spring after we have completed the budgeting process. We have one of the lowest tuitions in the area and are proud of the fact that we have been able to maintain reasonable tuition rates without a significant increase for our families.

What are the hours of the school?

School is in session from 7:45am until 3:00pm, Monday through Thursday and 7:45am until 12:15pm on Friday. Supervision in the morning begins at 7:00am and there is an after-school program that ends at 6:00pm.

How many students are in the school and what is the average class size?

There are approximately 160 students in the school with an average class size averaging 15 - 20 students. Small class size enables us to provide each child with special individual attention.

What is the dress code or uniform?

TK through fourth grade, girls wear a plaid jumper and a white blouse. Girls in grades 5-8 wear a plaid skirt with a white blouse and tie. Boys wear khaki pants with a white oxford button down shirt and tie. Other options including pants for the girls, polo shirts, walking shorts, and skorts, are also available. On their class's P.E. day, the children wear a gym uniform, a green shirt, with green shorts, and optional sweatshirt and sweatpants. All items can be purchased through the uniform company – **Dennis Uniforms**
<http://www.dennisuniform.com/> 2540 N. San Fernando Rd., Los Angeles.

What are the qualifications of the teachers? Do they hold an advanced degree?

We have 10 full-time teachers. All of our teachers meet the “highly qualified” standard as defined by the State of California. Most hold a California teaching credential (the remainder hold other certifications) and all have advanced degrees or Master’s degrees in process.

Can you tell me about the curriculum?

Our school's curriculum follows the subject area Standards developed by the State of California – the Common Core State Standards, Archdiocesan guidelines and best practices from data driven research. Our curriculum maps are dynamic - changing to reflect the teaching-learning process in the classroom. Each grade level's content, students' skills and the types of assessment used to evaluate the students' skills are clearly articulated in the maps.

Are there any special elective programs?

Yes. Children have art, PE and music classes weekly. Students also have STEM education in Science as well as in technology classes. Other electives vary from year to year depending on student interest. In the past, electives have included dance, piano, drama, film making, instrumental music, martial arts, foreign language, academic decathlon, logic, and more.

Do the children participate in organized sports or activities?

Yes. Our students can participate in Basketball, Volleyball, Flag Football, Softball, Drama, Student Council, Academic Decathlon, Altar Serving, Lecturing, and various community outreach projects.

Do the children take field trips?

Yes. Each classroom teacher selects field trips that will enhance the grade level curriculum.

What about your technology program?

Our campus is served by state of the art WiFi. Students have 1:1 access to technology in all of the classrooms (iPads, Chromebooks). Technology is integrated throughout the curriculum. Students learn basic keyboarding and digital citizenship skills as well as advanced computer technology including stop motion animation, green screen film making, and web design in their technology class.

Do you have a hot lunch program?

Yes. Children in grades TK – 8 may order hot lunch Monday through Friday. Menus are sent home monthly for pre-order. Snacks are also available for purchase daily at recess.

Do the children go to church? How often do they attend church?

Yes. The children go to Mass each week as a school community as well as for special holidays and on holy days. Students also participate in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament regularly.

Will my child be prepared to receive the sacraments?

Children in grade two are prepared to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion for the first time. This is a special program in which families are invited to fully participate in their child's preparation. Older students (grades 3 – 8) who have not made their first Reconciliation or first Communion may also be prepared for the sacraments. All of our students in grades 3- 8 are given the opportunity to participate regularly in Eucharist through weekly school masses. The sacrament of Reconciliation is offered regularly throughout the year.

Do I have to be Catholic?

You do not have to be Catholic to attend the school. All children are welcome at our school.

What about your after school program?

The after-school program is from 3:15pm until 6:00pm. During the after-school program, the children do their homework, have a snack, and play outdoors, weather permitting. Additionally, we offer a free "Homework Club" on Monday through **Wednesday** to provide assistance and supervision with homework from 3:00 – 4:00.

How are the test scores for the school compared to public schools?

Public schools in California utilize the California Achievement Test or the CAT. Holy Trinity School, like many public and private schools throughout the United States, utilizes the Renaissance STAR math and reading tests. On average, our students exhibit test scores that are above their grade level in math and reading. Our testing data show that the longer a child attends Holy Trinity Catholic School, the better their academic performance.

What are the holidays for the school? Are they the same as the public schools?

In general, Holy Trinity Catholic School follows the holiday schedule of the public schools. For example, we have our Christmas and Easter Breaks at approximately the same time. However, typically there are some days that public schools are closed while HTS is open, and vice-versa.

Are the parents involved in the school? Is there a parent association?

Parents are the heart and soul of Holy Trinity School. Through their active service at the school we staff many programs for the students. Parents also assist on a variety of projects and committees. Parents are required to serve a minimum of 36 service hours for the school. The vast majority of the HTS community exceeds those hours annually through their active participation in school life. **The school has a PTO that is active in supporting the students and teachers.**

Is financial aid available?

Yes. Financial aid is available. In fact, almost half of our students receive some form of financial assistance. There are discounts for families with more than one child at the school. Additionally, families are encouraged to apply to the Archdiocese for the Catholic Education Foundation scholarships, **or new families are encouraged to apply to the Archdiocese for the Shea Foundation Scholarship.** Applications are available in the school office. Families may also apply to the school for tuition assistance. Contact the school office for more details on this process.

For more information, or to arrange for a tour of the school, please call (323) 663-2064