

SS. Philip and James School

532 High St. NE Canal Fulton, OH 44614

*Instilling faith, discipline, and academic excellence in Western Stark
County since 1885.*



Dear Prospective Parent,

Thank you for browsing our website to learn more about our school. At SPJ School, our students get to learn of the miracles of the Lord each and every day; additionally, our academic preparation is proving to be of exceptional quality. It is our hope that you will read on to learn just how beneficial an education at SPJ could be for your son/ daughter or granddaughter/ grandson.

At SPJ, our students

- Begin and end each day with prayer and recite a decade of the Rosary daily.
- Go to Mass weekly.
- Pray before each meal.
- Attend confession and adoration at least twice a year.
- Receive weekly visits and talks with Father about their faith.

Recent Academic Accomplishments

- SPJ student class average scores in grades K-3 were in the 89th percentile in the nation in the Iowa Test of Basic Skills in the spring of 2017.
- SPJ's Kindergarten and first grade students scored in the 96th percentile on the ITBS in the spring of 2017.
- SPJ's 8th grade students had the highest scores math scores of all Diocese of Youngstown K-8 schools on the fall 2016 ACT Aspire assessments (SPJ finished second in reading, as well).
- SPJ students traditionally excel at the high school level, thanks to SPJ's rigorous and thorough curriculum and staff with an average of 14 years of experience.
- You can read about your local public school district's recent performances on standardized tests through links at the end of this document.

Academic and Extra-curricular Clubs

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| • Lego Club | • Choir | • Chess Club | • Student Council | • Environment Club |
| • Power of the Pen | • Math Counts! | • Band Lessons | • School Musicals | • Science Fair |
| • Drama Club | • Ski Club | • Spelling Bee | • Christmas Musical | • Swimming Lessons |
| • Academic Challenge | • Arts in Stark Collaborative Projects | | | • Altar Serving |

Athletic Activities

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| • Football | • Girls Basketball | • Boys Basketball | • Track & Field | • Cheerleading |
| • Volleyball | • Golf | • Lacrosse | • Cross Country | • Tennis |
| • Wrestling | • Archery | | | |



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Tuition

Cost is often a significant reason Catholic families have not enrolled their children or grandchildren in Catholic Schools. Many think that our schools are out of their price range, but this is a common misconception. Consider the following:

- At the Catholic rate, an education and faith formation through SPJ costs just \$8.89 a day (before any discounts).
- More than 54% of SPJ's current families receive some form of financial aid.
- We have many scholarship opportunities
- SPJ accepts the Ohio EdChoice Scholarship, which, if you qualify, could result in a full scholarship to the school! Visit the link at the end of this document to see if your family qualifies.

The Catholic School Advantage

The students at SPJ benefit from an average student/ teacher ratio of 13:1. The individualized attention that our children receive is invaluable.

- Students who attend Catholic K-12 schools are more than twice as likely to attain a college degree.
- Students who attend Catholic schools are much more likely to have a close relationship with Jesus and have stronger knowledge of Scripture and their faith.
- Catholic students tend to be more active in helping the community and poor.
- A national study of 185,000 U.S. students (public and private) found that Catholic schools are much more accepting of differences and far less likely to have issues of bullying.

If you would like more information about enrolling your student, please call us at 330-854-2823 or e-mail sspandjelem@youngstowndiocese.org. We are here to spread the Good News of the Lord and prepare your children for the most successful future possible!

Local Public School State of Ohio Report Cards:

Northwest Local Schools:

<http://reportcard.education.ohio.gov/Pages/District-Report.aspx?DistrictIRN=049908>

Tuslaw Local Schools:

<http://reportcard.education.ohio.gov/Pages/District-Report.aspx?DistrictIRN=049957>

Jackson Local Schools:

<http://reportcard.education.ohio.gov/Pages/District-Report.aspx?DistrictIRN=049858>

Manchester Local Schools:

<http://reportcard.education.ohio.gov/Pages/District-Report.aspx?DistrictIRN=050005>

EdChoice Qualifying Information (Application window opens Feb. 1, 2018 – apply early!)

<http://education.ohio.gov/getattachment/Topics/Other-Resources/Scholarships/EdChoice-Scholarship-Program/2017-2018ECIncomeVerForm.pdf.aspx>

http://education.ohio.gov/getattachment/Topics/Other-Resources/Scholarships/EdChoice-ScholarshipProgram/2017_2018_ExpansionIncomeChart.pdf.aspx

