



School State of the School - 2026

Welcome to the St. John School 2026 State of the School Presentation. Please see the links and FAQs below to explore more information about the presentation. Thank you for your attendance and support of the Parish School's mission.

- 1. Where do I find more detailed information about the School's Financial Summary?** This [link](#) provides an explanation of revenue sources and details expenses for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.
- 2. How does the school address operational vitality?**
Transparent and timely financial reporting between Parish and School is accomplished through collaboration between the Parish Finance Council, School Commission and professional consultation. The school maintains budget line items to ensure long-term sustainability. We will continue to support already established designated funds for future repairs, maintenance and purchases to support technology and curriculum.
- 3. What steps does the school take to ensure financial transparency?**
The school shares its budget breakdown, income sources, and expenses at the State of the School presentation. Families are encouraged to ask questions and provide feedback on financial stewardship.
- 4. What is the cost to educate a K- 8 student at St. John School for the 2026-2027 school year?** The cost to educate is shared at our annual State of the School Presentations.
- 5. How is the cost to educate determined?** The cost to educate is determined by our budgeted total expenses (salaries, benefits, instructional support services, supplies, operations, fundraising costs) and a review of neighborhood private school comps. High-level budget assumptions combined with these costs help determine the final cost-to-educate.
- 6. Why is tuition for Parish families less than the full cost to educate?** Membership in the Parish comes with the responsibility and obligation to also support the Church. Parents who are active members of St. John Parish qualify for the Parish tuition rate. These families must



have a Sacrificial Giving Card on file and tithe regularly to the Parish, attend Mass regularly, attend the annual State of Parish presentation, and also volunteer in Parish ministries. This partnership reflects the community's commitment to Catholic education.

- 7. How many school families are members of the Parish?** Sixty percent.
- 8. What is the Fair Share philosophy?** The Fair Share philosophy applies to all St. John School families. The foundation is built on the premise that all families contribute according to their means. Parish families determine the maximum amount they are able to pay toward the full cost to educate their child(ren). Out-of-Parish families are asked to pay the full cost to educate. Beyond tuition payments, the tenets of the philosophy are also comprised of a family's annual giving (auction, Annual Fund, Jog-a-thon) and volunteer hours devoted to the Parish and School. Unique to St. John School, Fair Share allows our school to be inclusive and accessible to Catholic families in Seattle.
- 9. If families are paying different tuition rates, how does Fair Share really work?** Tuition revenue covers only part of the total cost to educate each student. The difference is made up through fundraising, gifts to the Annual Fund, and by volunteering to help defray operating costs. [Watch this video to see Fair Share mechanics in action.](#)
- 10. What makes St. John School's Fair Share philosophy unique?**
Unlike schools with fixed tuition rates, the Fair Share philosophy encourages families to contribute based on their means, fostering a stronger sense of community and shared responsibility. It is a trust-based school business model that sets a new standard in private Catholic education.



11. What additional costs or commitments should families expect?

- **Volunteer Hours:** A recommended 40 hours per family per year.
- **Fundraising:** Participation in events like the Annual Fund, auction, and other campaigns. Families are also to procure quality auction item(s) or make a cash donation of \$250 to support the auction and fundraising at least \$100 for the school Jog-a-Thon.
- **Annual Fund Contributions:** Families who meet the Parish or out-of-Parish tuition rates are asked to consider donating to the Annual Fund, which supports the operating budget. These gifts to the Annual Fund are billed separately and are designated during enrollment.

12. How does volunteering support the Fair Share philosophy?

Volunteer efforts are integral to keeping tuition costs manageable while enriching the school experience by supporting classroom activities, fundraising events, and extracurricular programs. This ensures the school operates effectively. Volunteer opportunities range from Parish activities to School events. Browse our [volunteer website](#) and let us know where you'd like to volunteer.

13. How does the Annual Fund support the school?

Gifts designated to the Annual Fund help cover operational expenses. In the last eight fiscal years, it has contributed over \$2 million to the operating budget.

14. Are donations tax-deductible?

Yes, contributions to the Annual Fund and other fundraising efforts may be tax-deductible.

15. How does St. John School manage tuition assistance?

Tuition assistance is available for families demonstrating financial need. Applications are reviewed confidentially to ensure support is distributed equitably.

16. What happens if a family cannot meet their financial or volunteer commitments?

Families are encouraged to prayerfully discern their Fair Share commitments. If challenges arise, they can discuss options with school leadership to find a suitable solution.



17. What is the process for re-enrollment and new applications?

- Returning families can re-enroll after the Thursday State of the School presentation. Look for an email announcing that re-enrollment is open.
- Families with new siblings must complete re-enrollment before submitting a new application.
- Acceptance letters for new applicants will be mailed in March.

18. Where can I find test scores and high school [information](#)?

Our Mission



St. John School is a welcoming Catholic community, committed to celebrating diversity and inspiring moral development, academic excellence and the courage to act for the common good.



Our Community

St. John fosters a vibrant, inclusive community that educates the whole child—challenging students to excel academically while nurturing a spirit of service and growth.

Over 100 Years of Academic Excellence

Average Enrollment	530
Classes per grade	2
Average Class Size	26
Student-Teacher Ratio	12:1
Students of Color	25%
Teachers of Color	13%
Faculty with Masters Degrees	75%

Accredited, high-quality education with...



- Educational Support**
 - Learning Specialist
 - Math Specialist
 - Reading Specialist
 - Counselor
- Enrichment Support**
 - Accelerated Math
 - MakerSpace (STEM) Education
 - Middle School Electives
 - Fine Arts/Music/Band/Drama
- Before and After School Support**
 - XDC Extended Day Care
 - After School Studies/Clubs/Activities
 - CYO Sports: Cross Country, Soccer, Basketball, Volleyball and Track & Field

Fair Share Tuition

Our Fair Share program keeps a St. John education within reach for every family. Parish families prayerfully give what they can truly afford, while out-of-parish families pay the budgeted cost and may also apply for grants and scholarships. All are invited to share their time and talents through events like the Jog-a-thon, Auction, and Annual Fund—living our mission of faith, inclusion, and community.



2026/27 PreK-Grade 8 Tuition
Tuition rates will be shared at the State of the School presentation in January.



2025/26 Preschool Tuition
\$15,103 Preschool per student

2025/26 K-Grade 8 Tuition
\$14,372 Out of Parish per student
Fair Share

\$10,779 St. John Parish Member
\$7,977 2nd student
\$6,841 3rd student
\$6,841 4th student

