

## The Growth of St. John's Academy

St. John's Academy was founded in 1890 as a boarding and day school, operating out of a small building and a barn, and was the first Catholic school in the Diocese of Jamestown (now the Diocese of Fargo). In 1906, local businessmen bought the land where the Academy now sits. The Sisters of St. Joseph presided over the school, and lived at the adjoining convent. The current school was built in 1927; an addition was built in 1951, and the Zebedee Center (including a gym, kitchen, and music room) was completed in 2002. The Academy is now operated by St. James Basilica, and a capital campaign is under way to fund a \$7.5 million renovation and addition to the school facilities.

After 1968, St. John's Academy no longer offered high school courses but focused their efforts in providing the best possible education for their elementary students. Today, we offer a full range of faith-based educational opportunities for Catholic and non-Catholic families, including Child Care, Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten programs, and grades K-8. In 1976, the Foundation for the Advancement of Christian Education (FACE) was created for the purpose of ensuring "that no child be denied a Catholic Christian education." Today, about one-third of SJA's students receive tuition assistance from FACE.

One constant and key ingredient of St. John's Academy's educational and spiritual community is parental involvement. Our parents help in the classrooms, serve on committees, raise funds to better our school (including the latest electronic equipment), and offer prayers and other faith support for our students.



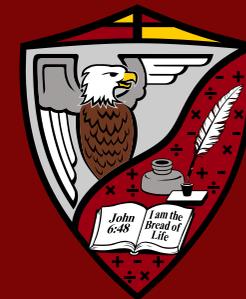
*"Let us fix our eyes  
on Jesus,  
the author and  
perfector of our  
faith."*

Hebrews 12:2

### St. John's Academy

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**Academic Excellence**  
*in a Christ-centered community*

# St. John's ACADEMY

*Providing Catholic Education*  
SINCE 1890

**Child Care and Preschool**  
**Pre-K through Grade 8**



## Academic Excellence Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

You will find St. John's Academy is a true community, deeply dedicated to the school's mission: Providing children with the best elementary education, and teaching them to live by Catholic Christian values. We have a proud tradition of high academic achievement, as attested by our students' outstanding performance on statewide tests, but we are more proud of our students' character and spiritual growth. At St. John's, your child will gain the personal and academic strengths they need to succeed in life.

## Come See The Difference At St. John's Academy!

St. John's Academy offers everything your child needs to grow as a student and as a person, with the individual attention and concern they deserve. We invite you to explore our faith-filled community. You can call (701) 252-3397 anytime for information, but we urge you to visit us in person. The best way to appreciate the "difference" at St. John's Academy is to see it for yourself.



FOUNDATION FOR ADVANCEMENT  
OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### Financial Assistance Is Available!

The Foundation for Advancement of Christian Education (FACE) serves as St. John's Academy's endowment fund, providing over \$100,000 per year in financial assistance. FACE's priority is providing need-based tuition assistance to all parents who want their children to enjoy a Catholic Christian education. FACE also helps buy supplies and computers for our students and teachers. If you want your child to enjoy the difference that St. John's Academy makes, FACE wants to help you make it happen.

**Since its founding, FACE has helped fill nearly 2,000 desks at St. John's Academy.**

The principal will be happy to provide you with information on FACE tuition assistance. You also can visit FACE's website, [www.facelegacy.org](http://www.facelegacy.org).



## EARLY CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES

### Child Care

St. John's Academy offers affordable Child Care, with full-time and part-time rates.

- Services available M-F, 6:45 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
- Children must be at least 3 and fully potty-trained
- 3-Day per week minimum enrollment
- Must be enrolled in Kids' Kingdom or Pre-K during the school year

**Before / After School Care** available for all grades  
**Summer Child Care** available for children ages 3-12  
**Healthy Meals and Snacks** are available

### Kids' Kingdom

- State Licensed school readiness program for ages 3-5
- Emphasis on Language, Math, Music & Art
- 7:1 Student-Teacher Ratio
- Specialist in Early Childhood Development
- Three individual assessments per year

Young children learn best by doing. Kids' Kingdom offers a hands-on developmental curriculum and purposeful play experiences.

We advocate an active, whole-body learning process, designed to provide a variety of activities in order to spur each child's natural curiosity, and develop a greater understanding and appreciation of the subjects being taught.

3-Day Preschool - 8:25-11:25 (Age 3 by July 1)  
5-Day Preschool - 8:25-11:25 (Age 3 by Aug. 1)  
3-Day Kinder Prep - 8:25-11:25 (Age 4 by Aug. 1)

### Pre-Kindergarten Program

St. John's Academy offers a Pre-Kindergarten program approved by the Department of Public Instruction, and taught by educators with a degree in Education and an emphasis in Early Childhood Development.

### HALF-DAY SESSIONS

Mon-Fri Morning Session 8:25–11:25 a.m.  
Mon-Fri Afternoon Session 12:15–3:10 p.m.

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