

St. Francis Xavier Preschool

Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

1. When does the school day start and end?

School starts at 8:10 a.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Fridays are early release days with students being dismissed at 1:15 p.m. Supervision is provided in the preschool classrooms beginning at 8:00 a.m. each morning for students to gather before the start of the school day. Pick up begins at 2:55 p.m. in the afternoon.

2. What programs do you offer?

We offer the following programs: a junior kindergarten for 5 year olds, a pre-kindergarten for 4 year olds and a 3 year old - young 4 year old. The junior and pre-kindergarten programs are five days a week. Students in our 3 year old program have the option to attend five days a week (M-F), three days a week (M,W,F) or two days a week (Tu, Th).

3. What if I need after school care?

St. Francis Xavier offers an after school care program for all preschoolers. The program begins at 3:00 p.m. and runs until 6:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 1:15 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. on Friday.

4. Do preschool/prekindergarten students wear a uniform?

Students wear a gray t-shirt with the St. Francis logo along with khaki shorts or skorts. The t-shirts are purchased through the Scrip office.

5. Are parents welcome on campus?

Yes! "Pledge and Prayer" is held in the courtyard each morning and parents are encouraged to join us in the designated parent area. Families are encouraged to attend Mass with the junior kindergarten and pre-kindergarten classes on Wednesdays twice a month.

6. Are there opportunities available for parent to volunteer?

Yes! There are many opportunities for parents to volunteer their time both for the preschool and the elementary school. Each family is responsible for 30 hours of service.

7. What types of communication does the school use to keep parents informed?

St. Francis Xavier publishes a weekly electronic newsletter. Preschool teachers also send home a weekly newsletter. Additionally, our school information system, Gradelink, may be used by parents access announcements, newsletters, and a directory of names and addresses of families.

8. When are tuition payments due?

Tuition may be paid in full before the school year begins or families may elect to participate in a 11 month payment plan through FACTS. The first installment for tuition is due either on July 5 or July 20.

9. What does the typical day look like?

Although each classroom may have a slightly different schedule, a typical day would include: Circle time, centers, snack, recess, storytime, whole group lesson, lunch, rest time, and student directed activity centers.

10. Will the children go to special classes?

Students attend weekly special classes including Music, PE, Spanish, Library, Tech and Atrium.

11. Are snacks and meals provided?

Parents are asked to pack a healthy daily snack for their child. Students may either bring their lunch from home or purchase a lunch from our lunch vendor.

12. How many students are in a class?

The ratio of students to teachers is 1:10 in each class.