



# **St. John Lutheran School**

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## **2008—2009 School Profile**



### **OVERVIEW**

St. John Lutheran is a college preparatory Christian school sponsored by the Missouri Synod Lutheran Church and accredited by the National Lutheran Schools Association and the Florida Association of Nonpublic Schools. The school annually reports to the Florida State Department of Education. Located in southeast Ocala and established in 1963, St. John serves students in grades K-3 through 12 coming from Marion as well as surrounding counties. The high school is comprised of approximately 150 students.

Admission requires academic preparation, commitment to our philosophy and values, and proof of no previous disciplinary or attendance issues. A review committee meets to determine eligibility for admission using prior report cards, transcripts, standardized testing, and recommendations from previous teachers. Once admitted, students must maintain academic standards and a clear discipline record to remain in good standing.

### **ACADEMIC DISTINCTIONS**

Test scores including SAT, ACT, PSAT, and national achievement data show that St. John students not only meet but exceed both state and national standards.

St. John is proud to claim a number of Advanced Placement Scholars students and a recent National Merit Scholar Finalist. The pass rate for our students taking the Advanced Placement exams is 77% or better. An average of 95% of our graduating class each year moves on to 4 year colleges or universities, some with honors placement and scholarships. Recent graduates were awarded almost \$150,000 through Bright Futures scholarships.

### **SAINTS SCHOLARS' PROGRAM**

The St. John Lutheran Scholars' Program is a highly structured, comprehensive, guided program intended to allow talented and motivated students to maximize their potential and gain valuable experience from high school educational opportunities. It involves a prescribed curriculum of honors, advanced placement, dual enrollment classes, class seminars, field trips, speakers, guidance, community service, and career shadowing leading to an endorsement on transcripts and diplomas.

### **SUPPLEMENTARY PROGRAMMING**

Community service, mission project participation (both in and out of country), foreign travel, career speakers/mentors/shadow opportunities, college visits, and leadership training are also a part of the total secondary school program.

A comprehensive College Guidance Program is offered beginning in middle school to provide students and parents with updated, accurate information and tools to pursue a successful secondary school career and to reach their post-secondary goals.

Dual enrollment at Central Florida Community College is an acceleration option for upperclassmen with the academic record required.

### **TECHNOLOGY LINKS**

St. John is committed to providing the best learning experience possible for all students. To that end, we initiated a program whereby each student has a laptop computer for use in school and at home. This allows the students guided access to more learning resources, enhances communication and research skills, builds a real learning community, and prepares them for their futures after high school. This is a comprehensive, cooperative plan involving teachers, students, and parents. School-home communications are enhanced with access to records even easier. Students are able to get and submit work online, course offerings will be expanded through distance learning options, and parents will have the opportunity to take some courses in technology applications. St. John will become a part of the global learning community.

### **SCHEDULING**

A traditional 8 period day schedule is followed with each 1 credit course continuing for an entire academic year (two semesters) and ½ credit courses lasting only one semester. GPA is computed using semester end grades.

## SOME COLLEGES ACCEPTING GRADUATES

### COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Twenty-four credits are required for graduation at St. John as follows:

English	4 credits
Social Studies	4 credits
Math	3 credits (4)
Science	3 credits (4) (2+ lab)
Religion	4 credits
Fine Arts	1 credit
Foreign Language	2 credits
Physical Ed/Health	1 credit
Electives	4 credits

Most students take 4 credits of Science and Mathematics.

### GRADING SCALE

A+	97—100	C+	77—79
A	93—96	C	73—76
A-	90—92	C-	70—72
B+	87—89	D+	67—69
B	83—86	D	63—66
B-	80—82	D-	60—62
		F	0—59

### EXTRACURRICULARS

A full compliment of sports are offered beginning in middle school for both male and female students including football, soccer, basketball, softball, baseball, golf, tennis, track, cross country, and others. St. John students regularly earn athletic scholarships and compete in district, regional, and state competition. All Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) and National Collegiate Athletic (NCAA) regulations are followed.

Interact, Anchor, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Art Club, National Junior and Senior Honor Societies, Student Council, musical performance, and other opportunities make St. John a place where students can explore their interests and skills, as well as gain responsibility and leadership training.

### FACULTY/STAFF

Faculty members are certified teachers, many with graduate degrees. All maintain currency in their fields through staff development, graduate courses, and attendance at professional conferences. Faculty/student ratio is 15:1.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Deborah M. Heath, Executive Director  
Andrea J. Fischer, Principal  
Timothy K. Schmidt, Assistant Principal  
Dennis M. Meunier, Athletic Director  
Traci D. Lausier, Guidance Counselor

Air Force Academy  
Auburn University  
Barry College  
Belmont Abbey College  
Belmont University  
Campbell University  
Champlain College  
Clemson University  
Columbia University  
Concordia University  
Covenant College  
Dartmouth University  
Davidson College  
Eckerd College  
Embry Riddle University  
Emory University  
Flagler College  
Florida Atlantic University  
Florida State University  
Florida Southern University  
Furman University  
George Washington University  
Georgia Institute of Technology  
Georgia Southern College  
Gordon College  
Hofstra University  
Hunter College  
James Madison University  
John Hopkins University  
Lehigh College  
Lenoir-Rhyne College  
Maryville College  
Mercer College  
Morehead State University  
New College  
New York University  
Notre Dame University  
Palm Beach Atlantic  
Parsons Institute of Art in Paris  
Piedmont College  
Presbyterian College  
Princeton University  
Ringling School of Art & Design  
Rhodes College  
Rollins College  
Samford University  
Sarah Lawrence College  
Savannah School of Art & Design  
Stetson University  
Stone Hill College  
The London Institute  
Transylvania University  
University of California at Los Angeles  
University of Central Florida  
University of Florida  
University of Georgia  
University of Kentucky  
University of Miami  
University of North Florida  
University of South Carolina  
University of South Florida  
University of Tampa  
University of Tennessee  
University of Texas  
University of Wisconsin  
Valdosta State  
Vanderbilt University  
Wake Forest University  
Washington and Jefferson  
Winthrop University  
Yale University

*St. John Lutheran School: More than 40 Years of Christian  
Sojourning—Embarking on a Journey of Discovery*