

Thank you to all the families that stopped in for the Pre-K Open House. If any family wanted to attend but was unable to make the Open House please St. John School at 715-352-3000 to receive a folder and information on other important dates.



Below are letters written by St. John School Families that share why have chosen to send their child/ren to St. John School.

Prospective St. John's Parents,

I'm writing to ask you to consider sending your child to St. John's school. I would like to share with you some of the things that make St. John's a great place to grow and learn.

Choosing your child's school can be a very difficult decision that requires a lot of thought. Ultimately for me it did not come down to choosing the best school; there was no way to decide that. It came down to finding the best fit for Claire.

I was initially drawn to St. John's small class sizes and calm, quiet atmosphere. I could see immediately the environment was safe and enjoyable and the instruction was professional and loving. Now that Claire is in school, I like that instruction focuses on content and allowing students to follow their passions, free from state mandates and testing. Beyond the content, I feel St. John's does a great job teaching work ethic, perseverance, and responsibility. These skills start very young and in my opinion are better indicators of success than academics. I have also found a cast of teachers who regard their work as a calling. They are highly skilled, passionate, caring and extremely nurturing.

As important as academics are to me, I feel it is equally important that Claire attend a school that is a kind, caring environment. St. John's is a faith community with a family atmosphere. Children are developing what kind of person they will be from a very young age. They need constant guidance not just at home but also at school, this development can't be left to chance. More than anything, I want Claire to become a good, kind, selfless person.

Our children are our greatest treasures and sending them to school for the first time can bring a lot of worry and anxiety. On Claire's first day of school I found solace in the fact she was going to a school where she would be safe and loved.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have while making your decision.

Sincerely,
Craig Braunel

As parents, having to decide where to send your first child to school is a difficult decision. There are so many wonderful things that both schools in Edgar have to offer. Here are just a few reasons we chose St. John's...

*Our children are learning about God every day. They come home and teach us things about our faith, often times things we never knew or forgot about.

*We love the fact that for the first 2 years of their education they have had same teacher. After having 3 children in Mrs. Donahue's classroom for 6 years total, she is not just a teacher but also a friend.

*The smaller class sizes allow for individualized instruction. It also allows for classes to combine for different activities. The children benefit from being able to interact with different ages. Our little ones love to spend time with the older children.

* Our children love to participate in weekly Mass. They are so proud when they get to serve at Mass being song leaders, readers, servers, or taking up the gifts.

*The Staff is absolutely fantastic. They take the time to make sure our children succeed in all their endeavors.

As we said above these are just some of the reasons why we love St. John's. There have been many positive changes at St. John's over the last few years. With the arrival of Fr. Tom Huff, Mr. Jeff Gulan (principal), and various technology improvements, we are very impressed with the direction that we see St. John's going in the future. If you've visited in the past, we invite you to come visit again and prayerfully consider St. John's. You couldn't make a better decision for your child's education. God Bless!

Brad & Sandy Wendtland

Why We Chose St. John's School

There are many reasons why we are sending our children to St. John's School. One of the main reasons is the smaller class size and more one on one attention that the children get from their teachers at St. John's. Our oldest daughter was very nervous about school and had a hard time adjusting. Mrs. Donahue eased her anxiety and helped her to enjoy school. Now, our daughter is excelling academically and is very socially outgoing. The students at St. John's School are given so much attention from not only their classroom teacher, but also all the staff at St. John's. St. John's is a close knit community where everyone knows everyone and there is a great deal of camaraderie between the students. The older students are always willing to help out the younger students and everyone is very respectful to one another. The teachers are fantastic and have many years of experience.

Some people might have misconceptions about St. John's students missing out on opportunities due to lack of resources. The teachers have implemented new technology via iPads, chrome books, and smart boards among other things, into their curriculum. Our daughter is still involved in sports like many other St. John's students. She participates in softball, basketball, football, and soccer and other after school activities such as acting in plays. She also attends summer classes at the public school for fun.

Although there is tuition, it is well worth the money to have our children in a safe, faith based environment which includes a routine of prayer and respect for God. We are very pleased with our children's experiences at St. John's and can see the advantages reflected in their grades and abilities.

Thank You for Your Time,--Sincerely,---Brandon & Bridget Kaiser