



## Extracurricular Offerings

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<p>Before School Care</p>	<p>St. Joseph Catholic School offers an early morning arrival program called Before School Care to assist parents who must drop off their student between 7:00-7:20 a.m. A nominal fee of \$2.00 per day/per student, billed monthly for days of usage, is assessed. Students may go into their classrooms beginning at 7:30 a.m. The assistant principal and a faculty or staff member are available during the 7:00-7:30 a.m. time, each school morning to monitor students in the school foyer. Students of all ages are eligible and may bring a book to read, study, etc. during this time. All students may begin arriving at 7:20 a.m. The tardy bell rings at 7:50 a.m.</p>
<p>YMCA After-School Care Grades PK – 8</p>	<p>We have partnered with the Arlington YMCA to offer our after-school care program from 3:15 to 6:00 p.m. for SJCS students in grades PK-8th. Every afternoon the students spend time playing games and other fun activities like going out to the playground, sharing an afternoon snack, and spending time on homework.</p>
<p>Robotics Club <i>RoboKnights</i> Grades 6 – 8</p>	<p>Students in grades 6th through 8th may join our Robotics Club. This club meets weekly under the supervision of faculty and an additional club mentor. Students compete in the FIRST Lego League Robotics Competition each academic year.</p>
<p>Band Grades 4 – 8</p>	<p>SJCS offers an after-school band program for students in 4th-8th grade that is administered by an independent company, <i>Music Learning Band</i>. The <i>Music Learning Band</i> program teaches the fundamentals of music and band to private, parochial and charter school students in more than 30 Dallas/Fort Worth Metro Area schools. Saturday enrichment classes are held twice a month in both Dallas and Fort Worth. Each school has their own Beginner and Concert Bands and all students from the area play together on Saturdays and special occasions. The students have the option to choose a traditional band instrument such as a flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, electric bass or percussion.</p> <p>For more information about Music Learning Band, please visit their web-site at <a href="http://www.musiclearningband.com">www.musiclearningband.com</a></p>



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Diocesan Sports League  Grades 5 - 8	Athletics are an important part of our school program. They help promote good health, instill confidence and develop athletic skills. SJCS participates in the Diocesan Sports League, which emphasizes the recreational aspects of athletics. It is not a competitive or select league. Its purpose is to teach skills, have fun and help them to understand good sportsmanship. This means that we prepare our athletes to compete to the best of their ability. We ask them to play hard and fair. Everyone gets to play. We emphasize what they can do and don't emphasize what they can't. All coaches are parent volunteers. Available sports are: volleyball (co-ed), soccer (co-ed), basketball (boys and girls), softball (girls), baseball (boys), and track (boys and girls). Our 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade boys also have the opportunity to participate in a Christian Football League, organized by Nolan Catholic High School.
National Junior Honor Society  Grades 7 - 8	Students in 7th and 8th grade are eligible for the National Junior Honor Society. Membership in this honor society is based on a consensus vote of the faculty council based on outstanding scholarship, character, leadership, service and citizenship. In addition, eligible students must agree to uphold the honor society standards and obligations. St. Joseph NJHS feels the importance of community service. NJHS sponsors bake sales, holds an annual penny drive for the Leukemia Society, and collects canned food for the St. Vincent de Paul Society in order to sponsor needy children at Christmas. In addition, they assist in acclimating incoming 6th graders to locker use, changing classes and general protocol. They also host a school dance with the proceeds helping out either a local disaster program or Catholic Charities.
Student Council  Grades 5 - 8	Student Council (STUCO) at St. Joseph is an extra-curricular activity available to 5th–8th grade students. There exists academic, conduct, and character prerequisites. Officers and representatives are voted on by the student body. STUCO works for the school, benefiting the students, faculty, parishes, and community. The council raises funds through school-wide activities such as Fun Fridays, Candy Grams, social events such as dances for the upper grades, and community projects benefiting various parishes and outreach programs. STUCO is committed to leadership development with an emphasis on service, involvement and action.
4-H of Tarrant County	Available through Nolan Catholic High School of Tarrant County.
Running Club	Running Club is open to all students and operates at various times throughout the year, as weather permits.



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Art Club	Art Club is open to 1st through 8th grade students and operates monthly, as scheduled by the club moderators.
Chess Club	Chess Club is open to 3rd through 8th grade students and operates monthly, as scheduled by the club moderators.
Spirit Squad	Spirit Squad is open to 1st through 8th grade female students and operates monthly, as scheduled by the club moderators. Club members support our athletic program events and other school events. No stunts are performed.
Photography Club	Photography Club is open to 3rd through 8th grade students and operates monthly, as scheduled by the club moderators. Cameras are provided.
A Heart for Others Upper School Club	A Heart for Others is a philanthropic club open to 6th – 8th grade students only, and operates as scheduled by the club moderator.
Drama Club	Drama Club is open to 6th through 8th grade students and operates monthly, as scheduled by the club moderator. Students perform once a year for the school community in spring.
Violin Lessons Grades 1 – 8	Violin lessons are available for students each Thursday afternoon, for an extra charge through an independent teacher, Anne Bressert with <i>Joy Strings</i> .