

# SAINT JUSTIN ACADEMY

## An Orthodox Christian Education Community in the Classical Tradition





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Saint Justin Academy offers an Orthodox Christian education for Grades K-12 combining the benefits of classroom learning with independence and flexibility.

In August 2021, St Philip Orthodox Church launched a homeschool hybrid ("co-op") program meeting 3 days per week (Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays).

In our fourth year (2024-2025), our goal is to meet the needs of more families by offering the option of a 5-day-per-week program for Grades 2-12. Grades K-1 will continue with two half-days per week.

#### **QUICK PROGRAM FACTS**

Classes are held in classrooms at St. Philip Orthodox Church in Souderton, Pennsylvania:

Grades K-1 Mondays & Wednesdays @ 8:45–Noon

Grades 2-12 Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays @ 8:45-3:15pm + OPTIONAL Tuesdays & Thursdays @ 8:45-3:15pm (NEW for 2024!)

- ▶ The program begins after Labor Day and ends by Memorial Day with scheduled breaks for Fall (1 week), Advent (3 weeks), Spring (1 week) & Orthodox Holy Week. Assignments are given for break periods, as well as an optional Summer reading program to provide families with a roadmap to achieve Pennsylvania's educational requirements.
- Students attend Liturgy when program dates align with feast days and parish services.
- Core subjects include History, Literature, Language Arts, Math, Science, Logic, Art, Music, Greek, and Bible/Theology. Special lessons in Sacred Arts, Martial Arts, Health, and others are offered on Fridays, along with monthly field trips to reinforce current studies.
- Program standards are rigorous, but individual student assignments are flexible to meet each student where they are academically.
- ▶ 60% of our teachers have or are pursuing advanced degrees.
- ▶ We're committed to removing financial barriers for enrollment! Annual tuition is less than \$5k for 3-day programs and less than \$2k for Grades K-1 *BEFORE SCHOLARSHIPS*.

# A TYPICAL DAY AT SJA



### CLASSES

Our curriculum is based in the Classical tradition. In 4-year cycles, we cover all periods of history & literature, using annual themes which apply to all grade levels for a unifying community experience.





#### PRAYERS

Our days begin and end with prayers in the church, chanted antiphonally by the boys and girls. Prayers are also read before lunch & most classes, and daily Scriptures are read aloud during the lunch mealtime.





Subjects are approached with faith and love and from an Orthodox, Christ-centered perspective. Our teachers specialize in 1-2 subjects each and cycle between various classes throughout the day, bringing a variety of backgrounds which benefit our students. In 2024, a new headmaster will oversee the program's expansion to 5 days per week. The new optional Tues/Thurs program will include special lessons and activities as well as structured study hall periods for Mon/Wed/Fri assignments.

#### RECESS

Weather permitting, our morning snack and lunchtime recess periods are held outdoors, with both unstructured and structured opportunities for students to play and socialize.



"Of all the holy works, the education of children is the most holy."

St. Theophan the Recluse



# 2021-2024 HIGHLIGHTS

### LITERATURE READ TOGETHER

Greek Mythology Treasure Island Black Beauty The House at Pooh Corner Robin Hood King Arthur & Knights of the Round Table Aesop's Fables The Door in the Wall The Giver The Lantern Bearers Adam of the Road Hatchet **Canterbury** Tales The Black Cauldron Marco Polo The Scarlet Letter The Crucible *Little Britches* Carry On Mr. Bowditch The Sign of the Beaver My Brother Sam is Dead The Red Badge of Courage The Witch of Blackbird Pond Amos Fortune, Free Man Across Five Aprils An Old-Fashioned Girl The Call of the Wild Johnny Tremaine Billy Budd, Sailor The Adventures of Tom Sawyer The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn Gift of the Magi To Kill a Mockingbird Up from Slavery Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglas The Screwtape Letters Misty of Chincoteague Cheaper by the Dozen 1984



### FIELD TRIPS

Penn Museum of Archeology AGA Farms Peace Valley Park Ice Skating **Ringing Rocks County Park** Neag Planetarium Haycock Camp Field Day Bauman's Apple Butter Factory Holy Protection Monastery March for Life, Washington D.C. Hellerick Farm Perseverance Fire House Pennypacker Mills Franklin Institute Necessity Farm Morgan Log House Pennsbury Manor Lost River Caverns Washington Crossing Mercer Museum Nt'l Museum of Industrial History Valley Forge Independence Hall & Liberty Bell

### **EVENTS**

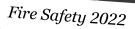
Stargazing Party Martial Arts Classes Music Recitals Science Fairs History Presentations Literature Character Portrayals Girls Choir Morning Liturgies International Food Festival Community Service Projects School Play: Greek & Roman Myths School Play: I-Ville to You-Ville



First day of SJA ... August 23, 2021



Martial Arts Class 2023



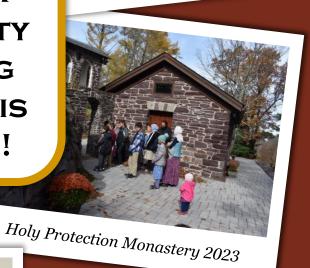
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY IN MAKING ALL OF THIS POSSIBLE!

Drawing Class 2022

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Guitar Class 2024







Science Fair 2024



Industrial History Museum 2024

# **CONSIDERING OUR PROGRAM?**



Family Interest Form REGISTER TO ATTEND AN INFORMATIONAL SESSION OR OPEN HOUSE

> COMPLETE THE FAMILY INTEREST FORM BY APRIL 15



Info Sessions & Open House Registration

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