



**St. Mary's School**  
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## **LITTLE DISCIPLES PRESCHOOL FAQ**

### **Does my child have to be Catholic to attend Little Disciples Preschool?**

No. Currently, 35% of our preschool students and 22% of our K-8 students are non-Catholic. All students will participate in religion classes and all spiritual activities as part of our curriculum.

### **Are scholarships available for tuition?**

The full cost of educating a student at St. Mary's School/Little Disciples Preschool is approximately \$7,390 annually. By the generosity of our parishioners, the parish invests in each student resulting in a preschool base tuition rate of \$4,080 per child.

### **Are payment plans available?**

Yes. Tuition and fees may be paid in one, two, ten, or twelve installments. All payments are made to FACTS Management.

### **How do I get up-to-date information or calendar changes?**

A weekly bulletin is emailed to each family every Thursday. You will also receive texts and emails from our Facts Parent Alert System.

### **What are the hours of the school day?**

Our day begins at 8:00 and ends at 3:00. Students can be dropped off anytime between 7:30 – 8:00 in the morning.

### **What door do I drop my child off at in the morning?**

All PK – 8<sup>th</sup> grade students enter through the Multi-Purpose Room (MPR) doors from the parking lot. Preschool students are dismissed from the preschool doors on Chicago Street.

### **What is the dress code?**

Children should be dressed in comfortable, washable clothing that he/she can manage in the bathroom. Please be aware of buttons, zippers and dresses that are difficult for little ones to manage. Sandals and flip-flops are not permitted.

### **What about lunch?**

Students can bring a sack lunch or order hot lunch, which is brought over from Central School. Milk and juice can also be ordered each day. All charges for milk and lunches will be billed to your FACTS account. Lunch money should be paid online to FACTS.

### **Does my child have to be potty-trained?**

Children must be fully potty-trained to attend Little Disciples Preschool. To be fully potty-trained means not having consistent accidents. Our preschool program expects parent cooperation with their child's bathroom readiness. Pull-Ups are not allowed.

### **Will my child have outside play time?**

Weather permitting, children will go outside. Please send them in appropriate outerwear.

### **What is required to be a volunteer at the school?**

All volunteers must complete the requirements of the Safe Environment Program as mandated by the Diocese of Peoria. See our website for complete details.

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