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Before School Care	St. Joseph offers an early morning arrival program called Before (<i>School Care</i>) to assist parents who must drop off their student earlier than our regular drop off time of 7:30 a.m. The principal or another faculty or staff member is available at 7 a.m. each school morning to monitor students in the school cafeteria. A nominal fee of \$2.00 per day/per student, billed monthly for days of usage, is assessed. Students of all ages are eligible and may bring breakfast items, read books, etc. during this time.
YMCA After-School Grades PK – 8	The YMCA administers our after-school care program from 3 to 6 p.m. for SJCS students in grades PK-8. Every afternoon the students spend time playing games and other fun activities, going out to the playground, sharing an afternoon snack and spending time on homework.
Art Grades 1 - 8	An after-school art program is offered at SJCS for enrolled students with instructor Julio Suarez, a professional visual artist and art educator. The program meets for 75-minute on Wednesdays and available on an alternating monthly basis for 1 st -4 th graders and 5 th -8 th graders. Art enrichment includes drawing, illustration, clay sculpture, acrylic on canvas painting and multi-ethnic crafts. Students of all abilities and levels are invited to participate in this informal environment and improve their artistic skills, learn new methods of designing visual images and have a positive recreational extracurricular activity!
Band Grades 4 - 8	SJCS offers an after-school band program for students in 4 th -8 th 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. For more information about Music Learning Band, please visit their website at http://www.musiclearningband.com/Home.html .



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<p>Diocesan Sports League</p> <p>Grades 6 - 8</p>	<p>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 6th, 7th and 8th grade boys also have the opportunity to participate in a Christian Football League, organized by Nolan Catholic High School.</p>
<p>Duke Scholars</p> <p>Grade 7</p>	<p>The Duke University Talent Identification Program, also known as TIP, identifies academically talented 7th graders based on standardized test scores achieved. Students must score in the 95th percentile or higher on either of their two most recent grade level achievement tests in certain subtests. Each year, we have a significant number of 7th graders who qualify for this program.</p>
<p>National Junior Honor Society</p> <p>Grades 7 - 8</p>	<p>Students in 7th and 8th grade are eligible for 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 and Career Day for all upper school students.</p>



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<p>Student Council</p> <p>Grades 5 - 8</p>	<p>Student Council (STUCO) at St. Joseph is an extra-curricular activity available to 5th–8th graders. There are 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 and Carnation 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.</p>
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