



## Blessed Sacrament School Little Knights FAQ's

### **What programs are offered at BSS?**

The Little Knights program offers a Preschool program that serves ages three and four and a Pre-Kindergarten program that serves students age four and five who are entering Kindergarten the following school year.

#### **Full day Little Knights Preschool:**

Hours: 7:45 a.m.-3:00 p.m. with early arrival program available at no charge from 7:15 – 7:45 a.m.

5 day                      Tuition: \$6100                      Enrollment Fee: \$250

3 day (MWF)      Tuition: \$3650                      Enrollment Fee: \$250

For an additional fee, there is an after school care program available from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. For information about the after school program, please contact our After School Director.

#### **Half day Little Knights Preschool:**

Hours: 7:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m. with early arrival program available at no charge from 7:15 – 8:00 a.m.

5 day                      Tuition: \$3870                      Enrollment Fee: \$250

3 day (MWF)      Tuition: \$1830                      Enrollment Fee: \$250

#### **Full day Pre-Kindergarten:**

Hours: 7:45 a.m.-3:00 p.m. with early arrival program available at no charge from 7:15 – 8:00 a.m.

5 day                      Tuition: \$6100                      Enrollment Fee: \$250

3 day (MWF)      Tuition: \$3650                      Enrollment Fee: \$250

For an additional fee, there is an after school care program available from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. For information about the after school program, please contact our After School Director.

#### **Half day Little Knights Pre-Kindergarten:**

Hours: 7:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m. with early arrival program available at no charge from 7:15 – 8:00 a.m.

5 day                      Tuition: \$3870                      Enrollment Fee: \$250

3 day (MWF)      Tuition: \$1830                      Enrollment Fee: \$250

Students enrolling for 5 days have first priority for available openings.

## **Will I be asked to send in school supplies?**

In each of the classes, you will be asked to send in some basic supplies such as crayons, scissors, glue, tissues, etc. The list of supplies varies depending on the class in which you are enrolled.

## **How old does my child need to be to attend the Little Knights program at BSS? What is the birthday cut off for the program?**

To enroll in the pre-kindergarten program, children must be 4 years old on or before August 31<sup>st</sup> of the academic year they will enter school.

## **How many children are in each class? What is the student: teacher ratio?**

**Preschool:** Up to 15 children with one teacher. Up to 20 children with two teachers.

**Pre-Kindergarten:** Up to 15 children with one teacher. Up to 25 children with two teachers.

## **Do children have to be potty trained? Can children wear “Pull Up” Diapers?**

All children entering the Little Knights program must be completely toilet trained. Pull Ups or diapers of any kind are not permitted in the classroom.

## **Do you offer a “Mother’s Morning Out” Program for younger children?**

No. While we would love to offer such a program, we don’t have any available classroom space at this time. We may offer a MMO program in the future if we can resolve the space issue. We do offer a complimentary weekly “Time for Twos” program which is led by our Program Director, Jill Zang Glenn.

Blessed Sacrament School’s Time for Twos program is designed as a gentle introduction to school. Our program encourages children to work in a group, explore new materials, and make age-appropriate development transitions.

## **Can I get a tour of the facility?**

Yes, our Admissions Director is happy to schedule a tour of the Little Knights program for you. You are welcome to bring your child with you when you visit the school. Contact Tara Hackman, Director of Admissions for a tour.

## **Can I come and observe the classrooms?**

Yes, you will need to contact the Director of Admissions (Tara Hackman ext. 136) to schedule a time to observe one or more classes. Available observation times will depend on which classes you wish to observe. Mrs. Hackman will be happy to work with you to find a time that will work with your schedule. Please let her know if you plan to bring your child with you during your scheduled observation time, so that the teachers will have extra materials on hand in case your child would like to participate.

## **Is the Little Knights program accredited?**

Yes. The Little Knights program, along with the elementary school and middle school, is accredited by AdvancEd which includes the SACS (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools). The standards for

AdvancEd accreditation of preschool programs are very similar to those required for NAEYC accreditation.

### **Is the Little Knights program licensed by the state of North Carolina?**

No. Early childhood programs that are accredited by SACS (now part of AdvancEd) are not required to be licensed by the state. The standards that must be maintained for continued accreditation meet or exceed the standards required by the state.

### **Do you provide snack or lunch for the children?**

In the preschool program, snack is a shared responsibility. A monthly calendar is sent to parents and you are responsible for a class wide snack and drink each day your child's name is listed on the calendar.

Full day preschool students may either bring lunch from home or they may buy the lunch offered in the school cafeteria each day.

In the pre-kindergarten program, children should bring 1 snack and a drink for morning snack time.

Full day pre-kindergarten students may either bring lunch from home or they may buy the lunch offered in the school cafeteria each day.

- In order to provide a safe experience for all of our students, Little Knights classrooms are peanut free to meet the needs of students currently enrolled. Information will be provided if such precautions are necessary

### **If I enroll at BSS, is my child automatically accepted into the kindergarten class?**

Admission to Kindergarten at Blessed Sacrament School requires a separate application process. Parish affiliation, involvement, participation, and support (time, talent, and treasure), status of siblings, and preschool enrollment are all factors that may be considered when accepting students applying for kindergarten at BSS.

### **What if my child has food allergies?**

The teachers and staff of BSS are very aware of the serious nature of many food allergies. If your child has food allergies, you will be asked to fill out an Allergy Action Plan for him/her. If your child must have an Epi-pen or Benadryl on hand in case of allergic reaction, you will be asked to provide 2 Epi-pens to keep on campus. (1 in the classroom, 1 in the nurse's office) A BSS Medical Form detailing dosing instructions and signed by a physician must be on file for each medication.

### **Do the children in the Little Knights programs wear uniforms?**

Little Knights DO NOT wear uniforms.

### **What kind of curriculum is used in the Little Knights program? What types of things/activities do they do?**

Our main goal is to create a safe and nurturing environment where young children can learn and explore. We believe that a basic understanding of the beauty of God's creation and of His unending love and forgiveness for all people helps to set young children on a positive path for friendships, behavior, and knowledge of their own self-worth.

Weekly activities in the classrooms include arts and crafts, music, movement, alphabet and number activities, science and sensory activities, dramatic play, block play, writing activities, and manipulative toys such as puzzles and peg boards. In both the preschool and prekindergarten programs, there is significant emphasis placed on social skills and language skills.

The Little Knights program at BSS follows the curriculum guidelines developed by the Diocese of Raleigh. Classroom teachers use the teaching methods and activities that they have found to be most effective with their age group as they address each of the curriculum standards set forth by the diocese. The Diocesan Curriculum for Early Childhood Programs includes activities and skills for each developmental area in which children learn and grow. These areas include spiritual, social, emotional, cognitive, language and physical motor skills. An overview of the Diocesan curriculum guidelines for Early Childhood programs is available on line at:

[http://www.dioceseofraleigh.org/docs/schools/curriculum/prek\\_curric.pdf](http://www.dioceseofraleigh.org/docs/schools/curriculum/prek_curric.pdf)

### **What about religion? Do the children attend Mass?**

The children in both the preschool and prekindergarten classes use a religion curriculum which includes many activities and stories designed to help young children appreciate the beauty and wonder of God's Creation and His love for all living beings.

The students in the pre-kindergarten program attend Mass weekly along with the elementary and middle school students. Parents are always welcome to join us for this celebration. In addition to Mass, the pre-kindergarten class participate in other prayer services during Advent and Lent.

The students in the preschool program do not attend weekly Mass. The preschool program will begin attending mass weekly after Christmas Break and if the teacher deems the children ready to attend mass.

### **Do the full-day students take a nap?**

The children in the full day Little Knights classes have rest time scheduled each day for approximately 1 hour. The children are asked to rest quietly on their mats, but they are not required to sleep during this time.