

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### \* Admissions

- **Do you need to submit a standardized test score (either SSATs and/or other standardized tests) to be considered for admission?**

Yes. JCS requires students to provide a personal statement, standardized scores for the SSAT, recommendation forms and transcript. Please refer to the application packet for further details.

- **What are the school's criteria for selecting students in the admission process?**

Though we take objective data regarding the student's personal and academic background into consideration, we also prioritize selecting students who align with our objectives and our goals, which can be found on our website and in our school brochure.

- **Is an interview required for admission?**

Yes, we will require either a phone or Skype interview.

### \* Student Body

- **I was told that this is the first year of the program. How many students are to be admitted?**

For the pilot year of the program, we are hoping for four 9<sup>th</sup> grade students to be admitted. However, we are accepting a maximum of 4 students from all grade levels (9-12).

- **Where do the students come from? Does the program support student visa for the international students?**

The students must identify as Missionary Kids (MKs). Though there are no restrictions on the nationality of the student, only students who can legally stay in the U.S. can be admitted because the program is unable to provide student visas at this point. As the program develops, we hope to expand the student body and support student visas for international students in the near future.

- **Is there a language requirement for the program?**

The entire program is based on English. As a result, students must be able to fluently communicate in English and complete all academic work in English. No separate ESL program will be offered.

### \* Location and Community

- **Where is the nearest airport?**

The nearest international/regional airport is Syracuse Hancock International Airport (SYR), which is about 8 miles from the school/dormitory. Taxi service from the airport to campus costs approximately \$30 one-way. For major international airports, students also fly into and out of either JFK Airport in New York or Toronto Pearson International Airport in Toronto, Canada (both a four-hour drive from the school).

- **Are there hospitals nearby in case students need medical attention? Will health insurance be provided or required by the school?**

Yes. Syracuse has a number of hospitals (including ER services), clinics and private practices available for students in case they need urgent or continuous medical care. However, separate insurance will not be provided for the students or required by the school.

- **How far are you from major cities?**

The school is located in the center of Syracuse, which is a major city in central New York. Syracuse is also conveniently located to other major cities: about two hours east of Buffalo, two hours west from Albany, four hours north of New York City, and four hours south from Montreal.

### \* Tuition and Scholarship

- **Does JCS offer scholarships?**

Though students are asked to cover the tuition fees, and other expenses including room and boarding, we do offer financial aid toward the tuition based on the family's demonstrated financial need (not on merit alone). Students who need financial aid should apply for the scholarship using the form in the application packet. As the endowment grows in the future, the program plans to expand the coverage of scholarships.

- **What is the cost of tuition and living expenses?** Tuition: \$8000 per year. Living Expenses: \$700/month for housing and meals

### \* Campus Visits

- **Can my child visit and spend the night in a dorm?**

Students and their parents are always welcome to visit the school parameters including the housing facility. Guided dorm/church/neighborhood tour is available during the day time (with appointment with the staff/faculty). On-campus overnight stays for prospective students are not a regular occurrence and are not arranged through the

admission office. On rare occasions under special circumstances, however, we may make arrangements or allow a prospective student to spend the night in a dorm.

- **What will we do during a visit to the school?**

The visit consists of a short tour of the dorm/church/neighborhood with the staff/faculty followed by a meeting with an admission counselor. During this meeting, students and parents also meet with the teacher (Ha Eun Song), the pastor (Yong Ju Jee) and the school counselor (Sue Hyang Jee). Overall, the regular visit will last approximately three hours.

**\* Academics**

- **My previous education lies in a different school system (i.e., British, Kenyan, etc.). Will I be able to adjust?**

JCS welcomes students from all types of educational backgrounds. We consider diversity to be our strength and the curriculum is flexible and designed with special attention so that all students will be able to engage and learn.

- **Do I need to take physical education or participate on an athletic team? Are there sports teams that students can join?**

Yes. New York State requires all high school students (including those who are homeschooled) to complete 2.5 credits of physical education (approximately 5 semesters of classes) during the course of their 4 years.

- **How much homework will I have each night?**

Though it may vary upon the individuals, students should expect at least 2-3 hours of homework per night.

- **Is there a special education program provided for students with particular needs?**

While JCS may not be able to accommodate and therefore accept students from all background with any kind of special need, we are in the process of developing various systems and methods to help students with different needs.

- **What is the academic schedule for the students? What kind of breaks and vacations will the students have during the semesters?**

The academic year is divided into two semesters and will begin in the fall (or spring) and finish in the spring. The fall semester will commence around the end of August with Thanksgiving holiday in November included among other national holidays during the semester. Christmas break will be approximately 3 weeks long from the middle of

December to early January. The spring semester will begin in January and end in late May or early June with a few days of break around Easter.

- **What classes are students required to take?**

<i>Curricular Area</i>	<i>Credits Needed</i>	<i>Specific Courses Required</i>
Bible	4	
English	4	
Math	4	
Science	4	
Social Studies	4	American History (1 credit); participation in Government(1/2credit), economics(1/2credit)
Senior Seminar	.5	A semester-long independent study involving intensive research and exploration of current events across the world.
Foreign Language	4	
Fine Arts	1.5	Includes art and music (choir, band, arts, drama, speech, music theory etc.)
Physical Ed	2.5	Fitness and Health (1/2 credit)
IT & Media	2	
Electives	1.5	
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>32 credits</b>	

\*Note: One semester = 1/2 credit course.

- **What kind of homeschooling resources or textbooks will be used?**

The following companies and homeschooling resources will be used for the different subjects: Veritas Press, My Father’s World, Saxxon, Positive Action and Bob Jones University.

- **Will students be utilizing online learning?**

As of now, most of the learning will take place in the physical classroom setting and students will learn and study with textbooks. However, students may at times, be required to watch certain videos or complete exercises online to complement their learning.

**\* Dormitory Life**

- **Are students allowed to use cars?**

Unfortunately, students may not have access to a car or drive a car for liability reasons. Necessary transportation will be provided within the program guidelines/requirements. Public transportation is also offered within the Syracuse area (Centro Bus).

- **How does the dining program work? Is there food available at night?**

The House of PALs (HOP), where the students will be staying, has its own kitchen and meals will be available three times a day for seven days a week during the scheduled dining hours. Meals will be catered by a private party. Students are free to use the kitchen facility throughout the day as needed for snacks or small meals as long as they do not conflict with the academic schedule, though supervision may be required to use the kitchen. Students will be responsible for any additional meals or snacks. There are grocery stores, restaurants and cafes all within a 5-minute walking distance should students need to purchase food.

- **Is there a curfew and lights-out policies?**

We require students to be home by 9:30 pm Sunday through Saturday (with exception). Students are also required to report to the faculty when they leave and come back to the house. At curfew, faculty will check to make sure that students are present in the house or verify that they are absent with permission. Students may not leave the house between curfew and 6 am the next day. After curfew at 9:30 pm, students may study or socialize quietly in the public areas of the house until 11:00 pm, at which time all students must be in their own rooms. All students must be in their own rooms by 11:00 pm and in bed with lights out by 12:00 am. Also, students will not be able to access their computers or their phones from 12:00 AM each night. If special circumstances arise necessitating for them to use these devices, permission may be given by the faculty.

- **Are there required religious services?**

Students are required to attend the Sunday worship service at 11 AM every Sunday as well as youth group meetings following in the afternoon.

- **Are students allowed to take a part-time job?**

Unfortunately, students are not allowed to work outside of church.

- **Are there chores/house responsibilities?**

Yes, students will be given chores and house responsibilities that they must complete each week (ex. taking out the trash, cleaning their own rooms, laundry etc).

- **Is there a dress code?**

We allow students to exercise their judgment and dress in a modest manner.

### \* Breaks and Holidays

- **Do all students need to go home during breaks and vacations? Is boarding available during the breaks?**

No, students are not required to return home and are allowed to remain over breaks. However, they must pay the additional \$700 per month during those vacation times as well.

### \* Internet and Computer Usage

- **Is the house equipped for Internet access?**

Yes, wireless Internet is provided free of charge in the dormitory facilities.

- **Do students need to bring their own computers? When will I use my computer?**

Students are welcome to bring their own laptops and are encouraged to bring one. However, if they don't have one, we will provide technology needed for their classwork.

- **What is the policy on cell phones or smart phones?**

Students are welcome to bring their own mobile devices for personal use. However, there will be guidelines regulating the usage of their phones that students must follow.