

JESUIT, JAZZ, & JAMBALAYA!



**A Unique Way
to Explore Jesuit!**



We hope that *JJJ* helps parents and their son focus on the process of selecting a high school where he will spend four or five of the most important years of his life. We invite you to walk around at your own pace to explore the classrooms, labs, Resource Center, Hall of Honors, Sports Hall of Fame, and other areas of interest. That's the *Jesuit* part of *JJJ*. When you are ready, come over to the Student Commons and enjoy the music, food, and refreshments. Those are the *Jazz* and *Jambalaya* ingredients in *JJJ*.

At Jesuit, we are proud of our traditions, our academic excellence, and the role we have played in shaping the lives of thousands of young men in the New Orleans area.



**Is your son looking for the “right” high school to attend one, two, three, or more years from now?
Is there too much anxiety, rush, and running around during the fall high school Open House season?
How do you help your son select the right high school?**

You start by looking closely at those schools. Each school has a different style, a different way to educate a young man. At Jesuit High School, we believe you and your son should make an informed decision together about which high school he will attend, even if that decision is still several years away.

**Choosing a high school should not be based solely on the Open House experience.
Nor should the decision be tied exclusively to the choices of your son’s friends.**

As with any “life decision,” Jesuit encourages parents and their sons to discuss the matter openly and frequently. Talk with teachers at your son’s elementary school, your parish pastor, and relatives and friends, and encourage your son to do the same.

Jesuit High School

Men of Faith. Men for Others.



Setting the Record Straight

DISPELLING A FEW MYTHS ABOUT JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL

Jesuit is all work and study and no fun and games.

FACT: There is never a dull moment at Jesuit High School. Jesuit has more than 70 co-curricular organizations, numerous athletic teams and clubs, and a wide range of activities for students. The Student Commons is filled with Blue Jays from all grade levels who are studying, conversing, eating lunch, playing games, or watching sports on one of the many wide flat screen TVs. Pep rallies, dances, Brown Bag Concerts, 8th grade gym night, Welcome Week, and Homecoming Week create a warm and friendly environment. Morning assemblies are held twice each week in the Traditions Courtyard where the entire student body gathers for announcements and a few surprises. Alumni frequently come back to Jesuit as guest speakers. Blue Jay Spirit flourishes and helps to develop a young man's social skills. We invite you to visit our web site and scroll to the bottom of the home page, where you will discover *Jayson's Daily Wild Photo*. This popular photo feature aptly captures the fun and the excitement, and sometimes the unusual, of being a Blue Jay on any given day of the week.

We're concerned that our son may not fit in at Jesuit because Jesuit is a school that is interested in teaching only smart, gifted, or affluent kids.

FACT: On the contrary, one of Jesuit's strengths is the unique diversity of its student population. Jesuit is not only academically and geographically diverse, but also our students come from many different socio-economic and cultural backgrounds. Not many schools can boast that their students live in 50 different zip code areas of the New Orleans region. Jesuit students possess an open mind and desire the opportunity to excel in a caring and supportive community. Affordable tuition attracts this interesting medley of students. Attending Jesuit with students from these various backgrounds creates the *Jesuit Experience* for your son.

We are not a Catholic family so our son has absolutely no chance of getting into Jesuit.

FACT: The heart of Jesuit's mission is to develop in its students the "competence, conscience, and compassion that will enable them to be *men of faith* and *men for others*." Jesuit students, while primarily Catholic, come from many different religious backgrounds. Blue Jays of Jewish, Protestant, and Hindu faiths walk the halls of Jesuit. Because the spiritual growth of students is paramount, all Blue Jays take theology courses during their four or five years at Jesuit and the entire student body attends a monthly Mass in the Chapel of the North American Martyrs. Students also have the opportunity to make spiritual retreats.

I've heard that Jesuit's tuition is one of the most expensive among private or Catholic high schools in the New Orleans area.

FACT: Jesuit's tuition is, and always has been, one of the lowest among Catholic and private high schools in the New Orleans area. Tuition in the 2008-09 school year was \$6,450. Tuition for the 2009-10 school year will be \$6,700. Even with the increase of \$250, our tuition is affordable for most families. Jesuit's tuition is inclusive of fees such as athletic, technology, library, and computer fees. Some schools impose mandatory fees and assessments each year on students. This can increase the cost of "basic" tuition by several hundred dollars or more.

Jesuit's tuition may be affordable for most families, but the downturn in the economy has really hurt us. We just don't think we can afford Jesuit. Unfortunately, our son really has his sights set on becoming a Blue Jay, and he will be disappointed that our family could not pay all or part of the tuition.

FACT: *In its 162 year history, Jesuit has never refused to admit a boy, or asked a student to leave, because his family simply could not afford to pay all, or part of, the tuition.* If your son wants to become a Blue Jay, and he is academically qualified, then by all means, he should apply for admission to Jesuit High School. Jesuit offers financial aid to families that cannot afford to pay some or all of the tuition. Last year, Jesuit provided \$350,000 in financial aid to numerous families. The source of this financial aid is our endowment fund. Many Jesuit alumni received their education courtesy of our endowment, which paid some or all of their tuition at the time they were students.

I have heard that Jesuit students are stressed because of the amount of homework they are given.

FACT: Jesuit does not strive for mediocrity, nor do our students. As a college prep school, Jesuit challenges its students and instills in them confidence for what lies ahead after their high school graduation. Parents expect their sons to be challenged at Jesuit. Likewise, our students expect to be challenged. We teach facts, but Blue Jays also learn how to think and work hard toward their goals. Students graduate from Jesuit with the confidence that they need for the next step in their education process.

For more information, we invite you to explore our web site: www.jesuitnola.org.

Questions about Jesuit? Email admissions@jesuitnola.org, or call 504-483-3936.

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