



JOHN L. ORY

COMMUNICATION ARTS MAGNET SCHOOL

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Joining together to create a love for learning while treating others with respect

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Dear Interested Parent:

Thank you for your interest in John L. Ory Communication Arts Magnet School. We believe that our school offers the Kindergarten through 8th grade students of St. John the Baptist Parish a quality education. Our school teaches a curriculum where students learn the basics through the communication skills of reading, writing, speaking, and listening. Only residents of St. John the Baptist Parish are eligible to apply. There is no academic requirement to enter the lottery or for acceptance into the school.

We invite you to visit our school on the following dates during the application period at 9:30 a.m. for a tour to see our school in operation: February 13 and March 13, 2014. All are invited to visit our school on these dates.

Applications are being accepted for admission to our school for the 2014-2015 school year **ONLINE** January 7 – March 28, 2014. In the event you do not have computer access at home or at the St. John Library, we will make our school computers available to you between 9:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. The application period closes on March 28, 2014, at **noon**. Applications will **not** be accepted after that date and the online site will no longer be available after March 15, 2014, at noon. The list of all students' names that will be entered into the lottery selection will be posted for review in the school auditorium on April 4, 2014. This will allow parents the opportunity to be sure their child has been entered into the lottery in the correct grade and that their ethnicity has been correctly entered.

Student selection will be made by a random student selection software lottery process on April 16, 2014, at 5:00 p.m. in the school auditorium. All Kindergarten applications will be drawn and either accepted for admission or placed on a waiting list. All applications for grades 1-8 will be drawn and placed on a waiting list. Acceptance will be decided at the close of the 2013-14 school year and determined by the number of openings once promotion of the current student population is final. You are invited, but not obligated, to attend.

Visit <http://www.oryapplicant.net> to submit an **Application** to enter the lottery selection and review the procedures followed for the Lottery process. After your child is accepted into Ory, you will be required to submit all **supporting documentation** prior to starting school.

FOR ALL SIBLINGS: Siblings must submit **BOTH** an online application and the **supporting documentation** that proves the claim of sibling preference prior to the close of the application process, March 28, 2014. **Applications FOR SIBLINGS will not be accepted without the supporting documentation.** First submit an online application. **Then after applying online, a copy of the confirmation receipt must be attached to this supporting documentation and submitted to the school office.** In addition, the child's name on the application must match the name on their birth certificate and Social Security card. The names on the Proof of Residence must match the parents'/guardians' names listed on the application. If not, then a notarized affidavit proving St. John the Baptist Parish residency is required. A copy of the affidavit can be downloaded from this website.

Supporting Documentation

- ✓ Birth Certificate
- ✓ Shot Record
- ✓ Social Security Card
- ✓ 1st and 2nd nine weeks report card
 - For grades 1-8 only
- ✓ 2 Proofs of Residence proving St. John the Baptist Parish residency
 - Accepted proofs of residence include:
 - Cable bill
 - Utility bill – gas, water, electricity
 - Landline phone bill (cell phone not accepted)
 - Current Driver's License with current address
 - Voter Registration card

NOTE: All students that will be applying for admission in 5th grade will be required to pass the 4th grade LEAP test in the spring or summer test administration. You will be required to provide documentation that this requirement has been met in order for your child to be admitted should he/she be selected. Registration for this test administration can be found on the St. John Parish schools' website www.stjohn.k12.la.us.

We invite you to learn more about our school and appreciate your interest in having your child attend our school. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the school office between 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. We look forward to meeting you and your child personally.

Sincerely,

Teri Noel

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