

Welcome to 4K at Holy Apostles School!

Holy Apostles School is excited to welcome your 4 year old student to our community of learners. Our 4K preschool program will provide a foundation for success in 5K and beyond, and will reinforce the Catholic values found throughout Holy Apostles School.



Our goals for each child are to develop a love of learning, a love of Jesus, foster independence and to continue to grow their social and personal skills.

Each day we create unique learning opportunities to develop a strong academic foundation tailored to: grow their fine and gross motor skills, reading and math readiness, language development, and social skills. We do this through: learning center and STEM activities, counting and adding, letter/sight word recognition and rhyming, group and individual activities, and free/group play. We recognize that each child is an individual and therefore develops and masters skills at a their own rate. We identify where your child is and set goals for them to develop skills in each of these areas.

In 4K, a typical day begins with welcoming our students into the classroom and getting ready for our day. As a school, we start each day with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance, we then transition to our morning meeting where we kick off our day. During this meeting, we review the calendar, learn about Jesus, sing and dance, read a book, and focus on a lesson as a large group, based on a weekly theme. Next, we do a large group activities such as an art project, a religion lesson, or small group learning centers. We integrate free-choice play, where students are encouraged to play and explore their environment in various centers at their own pace, and recess time on the playground.



Enrichment & Special Programs—In addition to the core curriculum, students also participate in the following programs with certified teachers beginning in 4K:

- **New in 2019! Project Lead the Way—Our science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) program is now integrated into our 4K-8th grade curriculum!** 4K students will learn about Life Science by exploring characteristics of living and nonliving things, examining habitats, which will help them develop an understanding of what living things need in order to survive. They use the engineering design process to sketch, build, and test an animal's shelter, then reflect on their design.
- **Library** – Students visit the library weekly to enjoy story time and check out books.
- **Art and Music** – 4K classes take regular opportunities to develop individual expression through art, crafts, song, and dance, as children learn to appreciate the beauty of God's world around us.
- **Spanish Language** – Spanish instruction introduces our young students to foreign language and the larger world.
- **Physical Activity** – Children attend Physical Education class, as well as have daily opportunities to participate in structured and unstructured activities in indoor and outdoor settings
- **Field Trips & In-House Guests** – There are multiple opportunities throughout the year to expand on learning themes beyond the classroom. In-house guests/outside field trips have included: NB Fire and Police Departments, nature centers, nursing homes, First Stage, and more.
- **Buddy Program** – 4K students love their 5th grade buddies! 4K students are mentored by 5th grade students for Mass, reading, and other learning activities

4K Frequently Asked Questions

Program Details:

- Monday through Friday: Half Day Program, 7:40am – 11:30am, Full Day Program, 7:40am – 2:25pm
- Maximum class size of 20 students allows for individual attention
- Three sections/classrooms with a licensed teacher, and teaching assistant in each room
- Extended care available until 6:00 p.m.
- Interactive classrooms, including a smartboard, learning stations, a rotation of toys and games.



Can the 4K children take the bus? The 4K students may take the bus. Students enrolled in the half day program will need to be picked up at 11:30 am since busing is not offered in the middle of the day. If you decide to use the bus service, please send your child to school on the bus the first day so they get into this habit immediately and so the driver knows your child and his/her stop. 4K bus students are greeted each day by their classroom aide and escorted to the classroom. At the end of the day, they are taken back to the bus by 5th grade buddies.

Where do I drop off and pick up my child?

Morning drop off: 7:30 am drop off takes place at the north side doors
Half day program: 11:30 am pick up is in the front of the school by the office
Full day program: 2:25 pm pick up outside the north doors*
*When you drop off or pick up, please use the line, entering off of National Ave. by the church. In the morning, you also have the option to park in the west lot and walk your child to the north doors where a teaching assistant is waiting. If you choose to walk your child to their classroom, please check in in the school office first.

How will religion be part of my child's education? Every day religion will be integrated into the classroom in various ways, such as praying the Our Father, learning about Jesus, and being taught to treat one another as Jesus would treat them. 4K students participate in our weekly School Mass experience alongside their 5th grade buddies. We recognize the importance of religion for these young children and incorporate it throughout their daily activities.

How can I help in the classroom? We love to welcome parent helpers in the 4K classroom! There will be ample opportunities throughout the year to help the 4K class and to chaperone field trips. Please keep in mind that in addition to helping in the 4K classroom, there are other opportunities within the school to get involved.

What about lunch time for the full day students? Our 4K students have the option of bringing cold lunch or purchasing hot lunch and milk at school.

How can I find out more information about extended care? Please go to our website hanschool.org and click on Parent Resources.

Once I register, what should I do if I have additional questions about the 4K program or Holy Apostles? Once your child is registered, someone from the HA Family Friendly Club will be contacting you in early August to provide additional information about the school and to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you for considering Holy Apostles School for your 4 year old child. We look forward to answering any questions you may have. Please call 262-786-7331 for more information or to schedule a tour.