



HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE

CLASS OF 2023–2024

Principal: Br. Kassu McFantaye
Guidance Counselor: Aaron Kebede
High school unit leader: Behailu Taye

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

- Founded in 2010 to serve the educational needs of children living in Addis Ababa and the Oromia Regions. While the school is open to the general public for a moderate fee, the children from the nearby orphanage run by St. Mother Teresa's Community do not have to pay
- We have over 40 teachers teaching high school with multiple staff assisting in the education. The student-to-teacher ratio is about 25:1.
- Most students pay a moderate fee to attend school, but low-income students receive assistance from the school.
- All students are Ethiopian nationals and ethnically Black.
- The primary language of instruction is English except for language classes.

CURRICULUM AND ACCREDITATION — GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- St John Baptist De La Salle Catholic School is accredited by the Ministry of Education and Addis Ababa City Education Bureau.
- After their sophomore year, students will either choose to enroll in Natural Sciences-based education or Social Sciences-based education for the rest of their two years in high school. For those choosing a Natural sciences-based curriculum, the courses will predominantly be STEM courses. For those choosing a Social sciences-based curriculum, the courses will predominantly be social science & humanities courses. However, both will be taking common courses like English, Math, and Information Communication Technology.
- To graduate from our high school, students will have to do 4 years of high school on a curriculum based on the one outlined by the Ministry of Education - they have to pass both the university entrance examination and meet the school's passing criteria.

- We do not yet offer IB, AP, or IGCSE courses. The courses we offer are based on the curriculum devised by the Ministry of Education.
- Subjects offered include:
 - Afaan Oromo (Language)
 - Agriculture (STEM)
 - Amharic (Language)
 - Biology (STEM)
 - Chemistry (STEM)
 - Citizenship (Humanities)
 - Civics and Ethical Education (Humanities)
 - Economics (Social Science)
 - English (Language)
 - General Business (Social Science - *discontinued*)
 - Geography (Social Science)
 - History (Humanities)
 - Information Communication Technology (STEM)
 - Mathematics (STEM)
 - Physical and Health Education (STEM)
 - Physics (STEM)
 - Technical Drawing (STEM - *discontinued*)
- Some other courses that are not evaluated might be taken by some students. We have been offering different language courses such as **Italian** and **French**, and other courses like **Visual Arts** and **Music** for students. We also offer a one-credit **Laboratory** course that fits into the Biology, Chemistry, and Physics courses.

GRADING AND RANKING

- In each grade, we have divided students into alphabetized sections. For instance, the class of 2024 is divided into 4 sections named **A, B, C, & D**. While the former two are students enrolled in Natural sciences-based courses, the latter two are enrolled in Social sciences-based courses. Each section holds an average of 50 students.
- Class rank is calculated **separately** for each section based on students' average performance on the subjects out of 100%. All subjects have equal weight.
- GPA is calculated by the school and we provide a table of letter grades on each transcript we offer. St John is known for one of the most rigorous academics and grading scales in the city - we won the award for the best high school education provider in the sub-city and are contenders for the citywide competition.
- The school year is divided into quarters and major exams such as midterms & finals are offered each quarter. However, evaluations are given each semester.

GRADE	DESCRIPTOR	GRADE POINTS	GRADES(100%)
A+	Excellent	4.0	96-100
A		4.0	91-95
A-		3.7	86-90
B+	Very Good	3.3	81-85
B		3	76-80
B-		2.7	71-75
C/C+	Good	2.3	61-70
C-		1.7	55-60
D	Satisfactory	1.0	50-54
F	FAIL	0.0	<50

SCHOOL RIGOR AND AWARDS

- Our school, although relatively new, has consistently been performing superbly in national examinations. For instance, the class of 2022, was one of the only two dozen high schools out of the many thousands in the country to have accomplished a 100% pass rate. For this accomplishment, our school was awarded and certified by the Prime Minister of the country.
- For the class of 2022, 14 of the top 200 scorers of the Secondary School Leaving Certificate Examination were our students. Upwards of 600,000 people took the exam in the whole country.

This only goes to show the rigor of the academics offered in our school compared to the national average.

FURTHER SCHOOLING OF GRADUATES

Students from the Class of 2022 and prior have enrolled in the following colleges, universities, and professional schools. Here are some of those schools

<UNITED STATES>

Korea Advanced Institute of Science & Technology
La Salle University
Lehigh University
Montgomery County Community College
University of Colorado, Boulder
University of Maryland, Baltimore
Wake Forest University

<ETHIOPIA>

Adama Science and Technology Institute
Addis Ababa University
Addis Ababa Science and Technology Institute
Ambo University
Bahirdar University
Jimma University
Mekelle University

Our students are also enrolled in many other prestigious universities domestically and abroad in countries like Italy, Kenya, the Netherlands, Poland, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

Some of our students will travel, pursue a gap year, work, or fulfill military obligations after graduation.

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