

St. James Catholic School

Torrance, California



The International Student Department at St. James Catholic School

In the U.S., very few high schools come with expertise in international student education — St. James Catholic School is one of them. Our International Student Department provides more than academics, offering comprehensive support every step of the way.

Continuous on-site personalized support.

Dedicated International department staff are embedded directly on campus to provide daily guidance, emotional care, and logistical assistance.

Academic advising and GPA management.

We work closely with school counselors to support course planning and track graduation readiness, ensuring students stay on the right path academically.

Proven outcomes, empowered futures.

Our international students achieve standout university acceptances, even when starting with modest GPAs or English levels.

Flexible accommodation with structure and comfort.

Students can live in a modern, staffed residence or with a vetted host family. Regardless of their accommodation choice, they will receive seamless support from the International Student Department.



“Welcome to our vibrant and inclusive student community! We are delighted to open our doors to international students from around the globe. As you embark on this journey with us, know that you are an essential part of our community, and we are committed to supporting you every step of the way.”

Fernanda Borba

Director of Campus Operations

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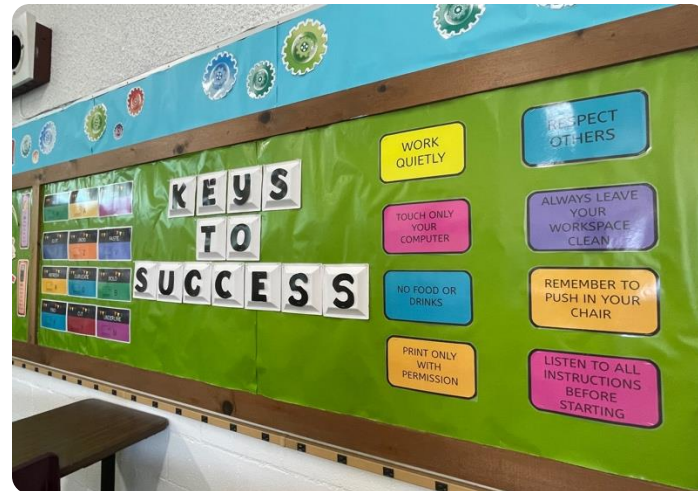


School Address	4625 Garnet St., Torrance, CA 90503
Year Founded	1918
Campus	5 acres
School Type	Co-ed
School Grades	Grades PreK-8 (Homestay Grades 6-8)
English Support	No
# of Students	160
Trimester System	Accepting applications for August only
# of International Students	0
Faculty to Student Ratio	1:18
Campus Size	13 classrooms plus expansive outdoor green space and athletic areas
# of Sports Teams	8+
# of Clubs	5+
Foreign Languages Offered	Spanish
Technology Programs	1:1 Google Chromebook Program



At St. James Catholic School, students are prepared to succeed in high school and beyond. During their time at St. James, students take part in a challenging academic program featuring hands-on projects guided by caring teachers who work 1:1 with students and nurture their development.

Students can also take part in a variety of extracurricular activities, including athletic teams, arts or STEM clubs and more, where they can begin to explore their passions while developing leadership skills.



**STEM program**

Academic curriculum integrates STEAM, with annual Science Fair opportunities

**Summer Institute**

Rigorous courses offered throughout the summer, including Public Speaking, Mission to Space and Mathematicians

**Immersive Science Field Trips**

Field activities including Astro Camp and Marine Institute provide students with unique hands-on learning experiences

**Strong Math Curriculum**

Advanced high school level Algebra course and after school Math Club are offered

**1:1 Chromebook Program**

Chromebooks are used as a tool in every classroom with enhanced learning through Google Classroom

**Rich selection of athletics and extracurricular activities****Outstanding Music Program**

St. James partners with Education Through Music LA for instrumental music (guitar, piano and more) and choir with two performances every year

**Creative Arts Studio Options**

St. James partners with the South Bay Hands-On Art Program to offer students advanced art courses

**Expansive Outdoor Athletic Facilities**

The school offers 2 outdoor basketball courts, 2 outdoor volleyball courts, a full field including a softball diamond, 2 handball courts and a large green space

**Leadership opportunities through the Student Council**

Student Council members meet once a week and help plan community service activities

Located in the heart of Torrance just minutes from the beach, St. James Catholic School offers a supportive environment focused on academic success and the development of each child's unique potential.

Close to many Fortune 500 companies

Disney | Amgen (Biopharmaceutical) | Molina Healthcare | Aecom (Engineering) | Edison International | Pacific Life Insurance | Reliance Steel & Aluminum | Live Nation Entertainment | Activision Blizzard | Avery Dennison | Mattel

Close to top ranking universities

Cal Tech (#6) | University of California - Los Angeles (#15) | University of Southern California (#27) | University of California - Irvine (#33) | Pepperdine University (#80) | Pomona College (#5, Liberal Arts Colleges)

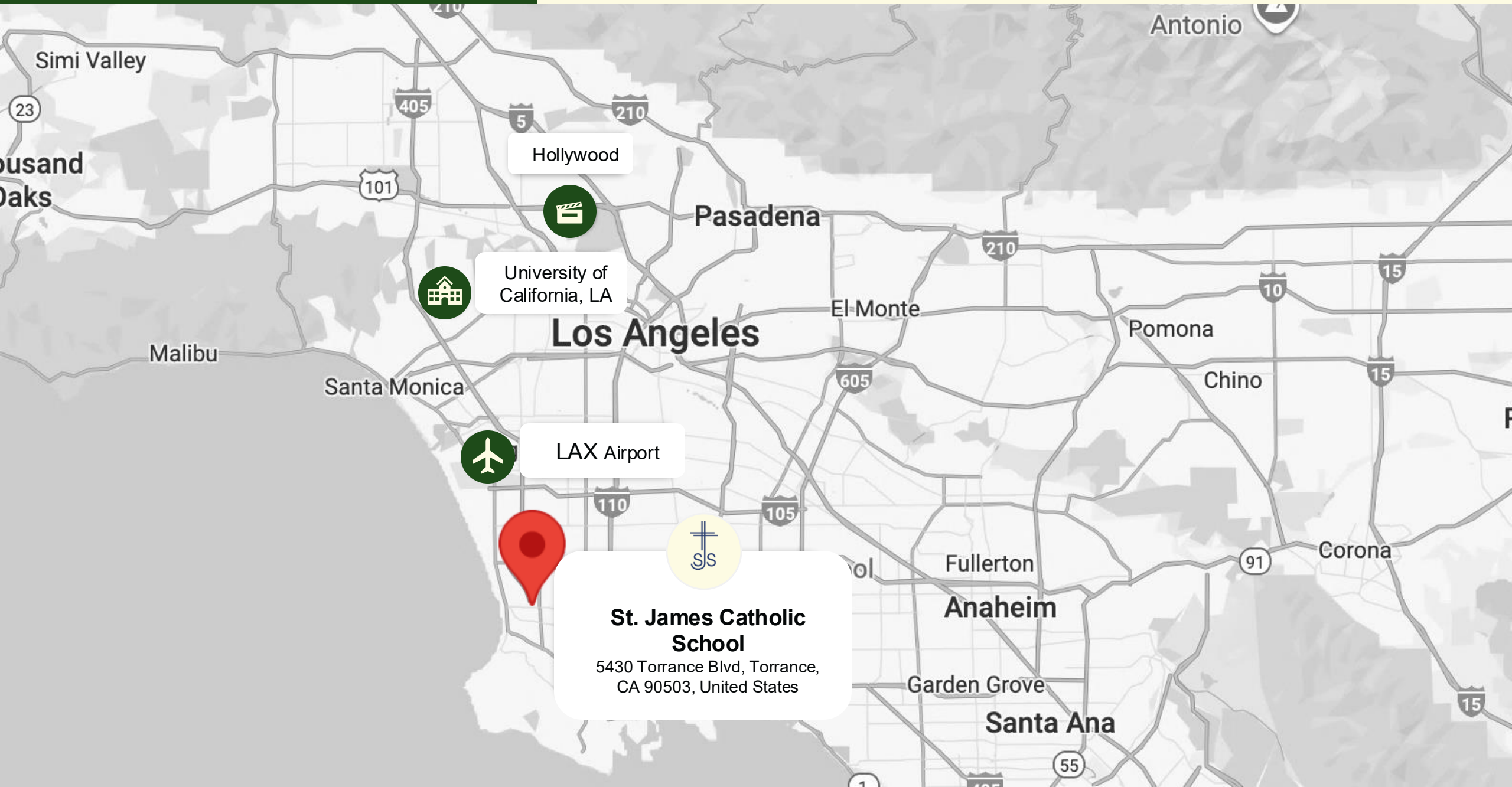
Home to world-renowned attractions

Hollywood | Disneyland | Beaches | Universal Studios | Griffith Observatory | Petersen Automotive Museum | The Grove

Close to 2 major airports

Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) | John Wayne International Airport (SNA)





All subjects are standards-based and informed by the state of California, Common Core and Archdiocesan Standards

Technology Integrated into the Curriculum

Computers are integrated into all aspects of the curriculum with all courses utilizing Google Classroom

Strong Music Program

All St. James students participate in weekly lessons with exposure to instrumental and vocal music

Robust Art Program

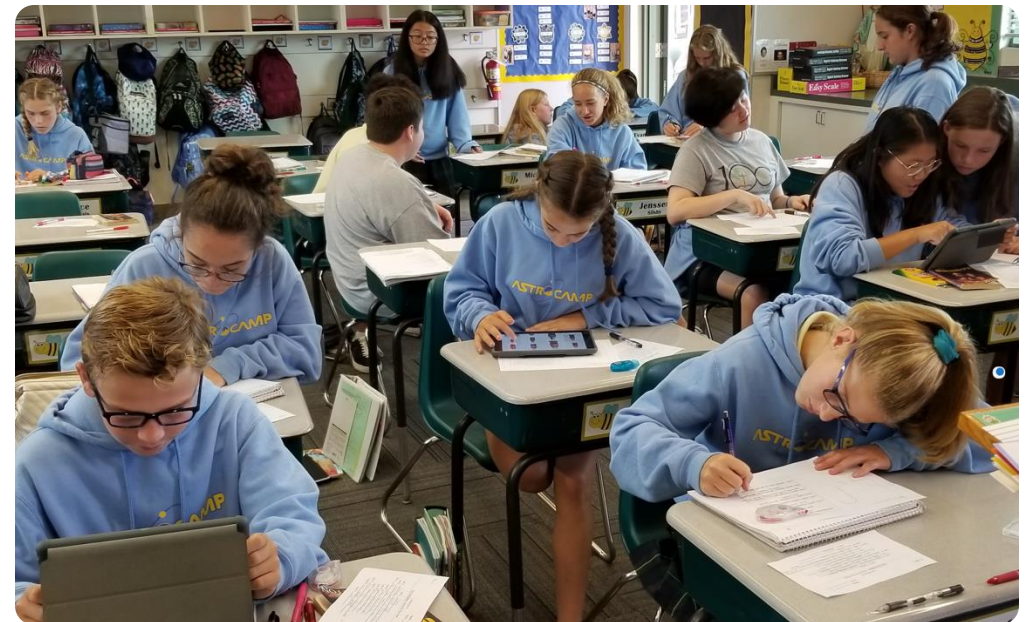
St. James partners with South Bay Hands-On Arts Program to provide art education to all students

Physical Education Courses

Grade 7 and Grade 8 students have PE classes once a week

Strong Math Curriculum

Students take robust math courses with advanced coursework available for students who excel in mathematics



St. James Catholic School offers a variety of extracurriculars:

- Basketball
- Cheerleading
- Football
- Golf
- Soccer
- Volleyball
- Track & Field
- Art Club
- Kids for Bricks (Lego Club)
- Choir
- Drama Club
- Music Lessons
- Math Club
- Speech and Debate
- Student Council

And Many More



Grade 7				Sample Schedule	
Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:57 - 8:10	----- Morning Assembly, Opening Exercises (Classroom Morning Prayer - 5 Minutes Daily) -----				
8:10 - 9:05	Math 7	Math 7	Math 7	Math 7	Math 7
9:05 - 10:00	Math 8/Literature	Math 8/Literature	Math 8/Literature	Math 8/Literature	Math 8/Literature
10:00 - 10:20	Recess (5 min. opening)	Recess (5 min. opening)	Recess (5 min. opening)	Recess (5 min. opening)	Recess (5 min. opening)
10:25 - 11:20	Math 6/English	Math 6/English	Math 6/English	Math 6/English	Math 6/English
11:20 - 11:55	Religion	Social Studies (11:20 - 11:40)	Religion	Religion	Religion
11:55 - 12:30	Spelling	Music (11:40 - 12:25)	Science	Science	Spelling
12:30 - 1:05	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:10 - 1:40	Spanish	Spanish	Spanish	Spanish	Social Studies (1:10 - 2:00)
1:40 - 2:20	Social Studies	Religion (1:40 - 2:15)	Social Studies (1:40 - 2:10)	Social Studies (1:40 - 2:15)	Art (2:00 - 2:55)
2:30 - 3:10	Science	Science (2:15 - 2:50)	Computers (2:15 - 3:15)	Physical Education (2:20 - 3:15)	
		Social Studies (2:50 - 3:10)			
3:10 - 3:15	----- Closing Exercises/Dismissal -----				Reward Time (3:00 - 3:15)

Grade 8				Sample Schedule	
<i>Time</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
7:57 - 8:10	----- <i>Morning Assembly, Opening Exercises (Classroom Morning Prayer - 5 Minutes Daily)</i> -----				
8:10 - 9:00	Literature 8	Literature 8	Literature 8	Literature 8	Literature 8
9:05 - 9:55	Algebra/Algebra Honors	Algebra/Algebra Honors	Algebra/Algebra Honors	Algebra/Algebra Honors	Algebra/Algebra Honors
10:00 - 10:20	Recess (5 min. opening)	Recess (5 min. opening)	Recess (5 min. opening)	Recess (5 min. opening)	Recess (5 min. opening)
10:25 - 11:20	English 8	English 8	English 8	English 8	English 8
11:25 - 11:55	Religion	Religion	Religion	Religion	Religion
12:00 - 12:25	Spanish	Spanish	Spanish	Spanish	Spanish
12:30 - 1:05	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:05 - 1:40	Reading	Music	Reading	Social Studies	Reading
1:40 - 2:10	Social Studies	Social Studies/Science	Social Studies	Science	Science
2:10 - 2:40	Science	Music (2:15 - 3:00)	Physical Education (2:15 - 3:15)	Computers (2:15 - 3:10)	Art (3:00 - 3:15)
2:40 - 3:00	Technology				
3:10 - 3:15	----- <i>Closing Exercises/Dismissal</i> -----				

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Saint James Catholic School serves as the foundation for the accomplishments and successes that I have achieved today. As a senior in high school, I find myself utilizing the same organizational and study techniques that I learned in junior high, which I know will be crucial long after high school graduation. The transition from middle school to high school was one of ease. My years at Saint James prepared me both academically and socially for high school. My middle school teachers motivated me to do my best on every assignment, giving me the opportunity to enroll in four honors classes my freshman year of high school. This tradition of participating in honors and advanced placement courses continued throughout my high school career, which was possible because of the skills I developed at Saint James. Overall, the structure that Saint James provides is unsurpassed without a doubt.

- Lisa,

St. James Catholic School Graduate



Homestay

Students live in safe, comfortable family homes in close proximity to the school.

Homestay includes:

- Private furnished bedroom with study space
- Shared or private bathroom
- Wi-Fi, utilities and full access to home amenities
- Daily meals, school and airport transportation
- 24/7 access to support team
- Cultural immersion activities and local experiences
- Optional guardianship arrangements for underage students



Home

Wifi, water,
gas, electricity,
washer and dryer



Living room

TV, furniture couch,
chairs, tables, etc.



Bathroom

Sink/counter space,
drawers and/or
cabinets for storage,
shower and/or bath
with running water,
toilet with toilet paper,
soap, shampoo and
towels



Kitchen

Cups, plates,
silverware, toaster,
dishwasher, trash
can, microwave,
oven, etc.

Private bedroom

A bed, bed sheets
and pillows, dresser
and/or closet space,
desk for studying with
a chair, lamps/lighting



Open Grades for Applications: 6-8

Language Requirement:

- ELTIS 630 or above for G6 and 7
- ELTIS 650 or above for G8

Application Materials:

- 2 Years of Transcripts and the progress report for the current year
- English and Math Recommendation Letters
- Passport

Interview: Amerigo Interview



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