a school for all seasons
To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heavens...  

Ecclesiastes 3:1

Our Mission
Animated by the values of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Boston, the mission of Jackson Walnut Park is to inspire children to love learning, love God, and love one another. An inclusive Catholic school community committed to the flourishing of the whole child, we pursue academic excellence, promote service to others, and foster peace.

Core Values
- Intellectual growth
- Community-building
- Love and service of neighbor
- Peaceful resolution of conflict
- Care for all God’s creation
**Seasons for Growing and Learning**

The early childhood and primary school years are critical to establishing positive mindsets for lifetimes of growing and learning. These are the seasons of igniting the imagination, fortifying resilience, and cultivating children’s natural curiosity.

At Jackson Walnut Park School we provide a safe and joyous community in which children are celebrated, encouraged to explore, and learn to stretch and grow. The arc of the JWP years is intentional, and informed by the latest research into child, brain and social-emotional development.

Talented teachers inspire students to delight in scholarship, grow in confidence, care for others, and experience reverence for their world.

It’s no wonder that JWP graduates thrive at the most selective secondary schools in the Boston area.

We invite you to learn more about the seasons of JWP.
WALNUT PARK MONTESSORI

Seasons of Curiosity and Independence

Visit Walnut Park and you will find bright, colorful classrooms that exude peacefulness while the industriousness of children is on full display. Classrooms are chock full of developmentally appropriate materials and activities to promote independent learning at a pace set by the student. It is a child’s natural inclination to seek challenge and mastery of important skills promoted by the Montessori method of education.

The earliest years spent at Walnut Park yield joyful, inquisitive learners who are self-motivated and equipped with the essential skills that are the bedrock of all learning. Our youngest learners are capable of sustained attention, creativity and imagination, and are comfortable with getting things wrong until they get them right. They learn to measure their success not by comparison to others, but by their own personal sense of accomplishment.

“The most important period of life is not the age of university studies, but the first one, the period from birth to the age of six.”  

MARIA MONTESSORI

Toddlers experience some of the greatest growth of their lives—they learn to walk, talk, solve problems and relate to others. They use all their senses to explore their world in their quest to “do it myself!”

Three year olds crave routine and have a deep sense of order. With a growing vocabulary they are able to categorize the world around them. They learn to care for themselves independently, always observing their older peers.
• Geography and Cultural Studies curriculum fosters diversity and inclusion
• Beautiful natural playground supports gross motor development
• “Grace and Courtesy” curriculum promotes social-emotional development
• Classroom gardens cultivate care for the earth
• Use of the “Peace Rose” teaches peaceful conflict resolution
• Mandarin, Art, and PE classes

“This brilliant school—Walnut Park—is a second home for my three littles. I can’t speak highly enough of the quality program, teachers, individualized attention, leadership, and so much more.” JENNY D.

Four year olds engage in a growing social world and require lots of physical activity! They love to help and take on responsibilities. They are capable of initiating and completing multi-step tasks independently.

Five year olds are confident leaders and are eager to serve as role models for their younger classmates. They are intrinsically motivated and enjoy working collaboratively with peers on open-ended experiential projects.

Come for a tour!
Daily morning meeting promotes community and personal conduct

STEAM instruction incorporated into all classes

Foreign language exploration

Project-based learning

Art and Music classes K-6

Recess, Gym and Health classes promote physical well-being

Kindergartners require lots of play and physical activity. They exercise essential social skills. They engage the world through their senses and thrive in structured routines with opportunities to explore.

First graders are becoming capable of logical thinking and understanding cause-and-effect relationships. They are growing rapidly, exploring and sharing discoveries out loud. They relish learning new things!

“Our children are developing a strong academic and emotional foundation for learning, but most importantly, they all love school!”

KELLY M. (JWP PARENT)
There is no substitute for the fundamentals. In Jackson’s lower elementary classes, children unlock the mysteries of reading and writing, addition and subtraction—the foundations of all future learning. These are years when classroom teachers provide increased guidance for mentored learning.

Familiar school subjects appear in interdisciplinary and discovery-based units. At this age, children’s brains are uniquely receptive to second language acquisition, so we begin exploratory instruction in both Spanish and Mandarin. Project-based learning is a cornerstone of our school culture—at Jackson when students work on real-world problems, they learn how to think, not what to think.

Jackson employs the Responsive Classroom model—a proven set of practices that foster a safe, joyful, and inspiring school community. Teachers continue to build children’s emerging foundations and also tend to their social, emotional, physical and spiritual growth. Now, more than ever, values-based education plays a central role in children developing a sense of themselves and their place in the world.

“The most important attitude that can be formed is that of desire to go on learning.” John Dewey

Second graders are calm, thoughtful and introspective, and acutely aware of time. They approach tasks with increasing precision, and welcome structure and reliability. They have strong internal drives, and love to invent.

Third graders are highly creative and impatient to try new things. They work fast and become frustrated when things don’t come easily. They are eager to collaborate in groups, compete with clear rules, and experience happy surprises.

Come for a tour!
Jackson School’s upper elementary years are pivotal times in students’ lives. They acquire valuable skills in leadership, self-advocacy and meeting academic challenge. They encounter increasingly complex and rigorous subject matter with enthusiasm, taking risks and learning from failure as well as success. They synthesize their educational journeys and demonstrate what they have learned through real-world, interdisciplinary capstone experiences. They play central roles in organizing and leading school activities and serve as role models and mentors to the younger grades.

Because they attend a school that culminates in sixth grade, Jackson Walnut Park graduates are singularly prepared to move into middle school with poise and self-confidence. They can solve complex problems, negotiate group dynamics, understand their role in the community, command a stage, defend a position, and engage the diversity of their world with compassion and inclusivity.

“The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education.”  

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Fourth graders question assumptions and are acutely aware of fairness. They can be risk-averse and self-critical, sometimes worrying too much. They work carefully, independently, and are fascinated by the intricacies of the world.

Fifth graders are gathering strength for the coming of adolescence. They are happy and calm, love memorizing facts and understanding rules, and enjoy working collaboratively.
“For middle school my son was admitted to every school to which he applied, including Nobles and Roxbury Latin. This was made possible by the wonderful education he received at Jackson.”

DR. PETER P.

Sixth graders are entering a period of great change. Brains and bodies are re-wiring, and they grow more self-conscious. Peers become increasingly important as they begin to practice distancing from parents. They love to debate and argue.

Come for a tour!
The Swing Seasons

When the school day is over, we’ve got you covered.

**KIDS’ CORNER**
(Monday – Friday afternoons)

Kids’ Corner provides affordable, professionally staffed, after-school care and supervision for JWP children of all ages until 6:00pm each school day.

**AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**
(Monday – Thursday afternoons)

Loads of fun activities to choose from! This program offers age-appropriate enrichment for children age 4 years-old through Grade 6.

Activities span arts & crafts, fitness & sports, skill-building & games, science & nature, health & well-being, public speaking, and more. Fees vary, depending upon the activity. Mix it up for a fun-filled week!

**HOMEWORK & MORE**

Homework & More for students in Grades 1-6 provides support and quiet space for academic work, and is supervised by a Jackson School faculty member.

**ISEE TEST PREP**

Sixth graders have the option to participate in school-sponsored preparation for the Independent School Entrance Exam (ISEE) as part of their enrollment. ISEE test prep classes run after school twice a week, leading up to the administration of the test in the late Fall.

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY COVERAGE**
(Tuesday – Friday)

February and April Vacation Camps provide structured, theme-based activities ("Winter Wonderland," etc.), and are available for JWP students from 3 years old through 6th grade.

**SUMMER FUN: A LIVELY SEASON AT JWP**

Summertime is vacation time, but it’s also time for enrichment and exploration. At Summer Fun children have opportunities to deepen their passions, try new experiences, grow in independence, socialize and make new friends. Our programs are designed to engage heads, hearts and hands, providing safe and fun experiences where children can enjoy themselves and learn new skills as well!

Summer Fun offers a traditional day "camp" with group activities and events, and also specialty programs with something for everybody. Specialty programs vary weekly, but may include activities such as MakerSpace, indoor rock climbing, dance, robotics, theater, sports, video game design, cooking, arts, field trips and more! Check out our annual Summer Fun catalog for details.

Summer Fun runs:
- eight weeks of unique programming
- daily from 9:00am to 5:00pm
- one hour early drop-off and late pick-up options
- half or full day options

We offer busy families summertime flexibility and peace of mind in a neighborhood school setting.

Sample Activities:
- NASA: Academy of Future Space
- Kids Cooking Green
- Fables and Fairytales
- Hip Hoppers Cardio Blast
- Crazy Chemworks
- Lego Imagineers
- Explorers
- Puddle Stompers
- Yoga
You could pay more for a top education, but why would you?

**#1 Montessori Pre-School?**
Walnut Park Montessori School (Boston Parents Paper)

**Top School for Student Achievement and Academic Growth?**
Jackson School (Archdiocese of Boston)

**#1 Faith-based Elementary School?**
Jackson School (Boston Parents Paper)

**Top 5 Independent Elementary School?**
Jackson School (Boston Parents Paper)

**Innovative STEAM Program recognized by Museum of Science’s Gateway Project?**
Jackson School

**Best educational foundation at an affordable price?**
Jackson Walnut Park School

**Convenient both to the Mass Turnpike and to parents’ busy schedules?**
Jackson Walnut Park School

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**Our graduates attend:**

- Beaver Country Day School
- Belmont Day School
- Belmont Hill School
- Boston College High School
- Boston Latin Academy
- Boston Latin School
- British International School
- Brimmer & May School
- Buckingham Browne & Nichols School
- Catholic Memorial School
- Dana Hall School
- Dexter Southfield School
- Lexington Christian Academy
- Milton Academy
- Meridian Academy
- Montrose School
- Mount Alvernia High School
- Newman School
- Newton Country Day School
- Noble and Greenough School
- Rivers School
- Roxbury Latin School
- St. Sebastian’s School
- Thayer Academy
- Ursuline Academy
- Winsor School
- Xaverian Brothers High School

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