## THE ST-JAMES



PARENT HANDBOOK 2023



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## WELCOME

Whether this is your first summer at The St. James, or you have been here since the beginning, welcome to The St. James Summer Camps 2023.

Summer 2023 will be the best yet, and we are so excited to have you join us. The STJ goal is to provide a safe and fun experience for every camper this summer. In order to make this possible, it starts with you!

Please be sure to read through this entire handbook to ensure your child is prepared for their first day of camp. We hope this handbook will answer many of your questions, and we are excited to provide you with a comprehensive guide to what camping at STJ looks like. Please reach out to our office with any additional questions or concerns.

Happy Camping!

JESS GILLUM
DIRECTOR OF CAMPS

# GENERAL INFORMATION



CAMP HOURS	
FULL DAY CAMPS	9:00 AM-3:00 PM
HALF DAY CAMPS	9:00 AM-12:00 PM
PICK-UP/DROP-OFF TIMES	
FULL DAY/HALF DAY DROP-OFF	8:30-9:00 AM
HALF DAY PICK-UP	12:00-12:30 PM
FULL DAY PICK-UP	3:00-3:30 PM
BEFORE-CARE HOURS (ADDITIONAL FEE)	7:30-8:30 AM
AFTER-CARE HOURS (ADDITIONAL FEE)	3:30-6:00 PM

## CHILDCARE MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE & AUTHORIZATION

In order to ensure a seamless pick-up and drop-off for all families, STJ is updating our pick-up & drop-off software system to use Pikmykid. Pikmykid is an app-based software that will require each family to set up an account before camp. Page 18 of this guide includes more information for Pikmykid app use. STJ will send emails with additional information as soon as possible. The paramount goal for our camps is ensuring the safety of each child. Thank you!

### INFORMATIONAL PARENT EMAIL

Before each week of camp, families will receive an informational email about the upcoming week at camp. This will include information on specific specialty daily activities (ex: Swimming is Tuesday & a list of supplies), pick-up and dropoff information, and any other pertinent information for the week. STJ asks that you please read these emails thoroughly, in order to help each camper be fully prepared for camp, and all of the camp's daily activities.

# GENERAL INFORMATION



### **CAMP OFFICE**

STJ has a camp office that will serve as the hub for all camp business. Feel free to drop in with any questions or concerns regarding camps. The camp office located on the event level in the Performance House which is home to the STJ gymnastics program. The front desk can direct parents and guardians to the camp office but will not be able to handle any camp transactions or issues.

THE CAMP OFFICE CAN HELP WITH:

GENERAL QUESTIONS | LUNCH | BEFORE/AFTER-CARE

LOST & FOUND | MEDICAL CONCERNS

### CAMP GROUPS & DIVISIONS

Campers are divided into age-appropriate groups for daily activities. STJ is not able to honor any group member requests or "anti" requests. STJ acknowledges that here in Sportstopia every camper can build new relationships, and it is for the safety of all campers that they be sorted appropriately based on age. Please direct any questions or concerns to the Camp Office.

THIS SUMMER, CAMPER GROUPS WILL BE EVENLY DIVIDED INTO LARGER "TEAMS" TO EARN POINTS FOR REWARDS. ALL POINTS RESET EVERY WEEK. A CAMPER IS NOT GUARANTEED TO BE IN THE SAME GROUP, SAME TEAM, OR WITH THE SAME COUNSELORS FROM WEEK TO WEEK.

### FIELD TRIPS

This summer, Full-Day Ultimate Sports Camp campers will have the opportunity to participate in off-site field trips. All pick-up and drop-off times and locations will remain the same as normal camp. Field trips will incur an additional fee that will depend on the venue, and may require parents or guardians to sign additional Liability Release Waivers. Please watch your email for additional information on locations, prices, and release forms needed to attend. Because field trips are a privilege and added bonus to camp, if a camper has previously exhibited poor behavior on-site or on previous field trips, they may not be allowed to attend. Field trip attendance is not mandatory. Field Trip Registration closes the Wednesday before camp.

# GENERAL INFORMATION



#### **DISCIPLINE POLICY**

It is STJ's goal to use positive discipline to assist each camper in learning to understand what behavior or actions are acceptable at camp, learn to take responsibility for their actions, and make socially acceptable behavior part of their regular routine. However, in the event that STJ's efforts to redirect the behavior is not working, please read and be aware of the following discipline policy:

### **1ST STRIKE: GUARDIAN CONTACT**

The Camp Director will contact the parent or guardian to notify them of the situation. If needed, the child will be placed on a behavior plan.

### 2ND STRIKE: SUSPENSION

If the camper continues the negative behavior and is not responding to best efforts or the behavior plan put into place, a 1-day suspension will be implemented. Campers who are suspended must be picked up immediately (with-in 1 hour) after being contacted by a STJ Camp Director.

### **3RD STRIKE: TERMINATION**

If the child's behavior remains unchanged, STJ will take action to expel the camper from the STJ program. Campers who are expelled must be picked up immediately and may not return for any future camp programs in which they are enrolled.

### SERIOUS BEHAVIOR INCIDENT

If a camper is involved in a serious behavior incident, The St. James reserves the right to skip the steps listed above and suspend or expel campers for their actions. Examples of such incidents include, but are not limited to bullying, fighting, vandalism, insubordination, and activities that put any person in the STJ facility in danger.

## CELLPHONE & ELECTRONICS POLICY

Please leave ALL electronics and other possible distractions at home (e.g., cell phones, tablets, iPods, toys, etc.). STJ has a strict "no phone use" policy for all campers. The St. James is not responsible for lost or stolen property. If given multiple warnings, a camper who does not adhere to the STJ cell phone/electronic policy will have the device confiscated and it will be stored in the camp office and will only be returned to a parent or guardian.

### REPORTING OF CHILD ABUSE

In accordance with Section 63.2-100 of the Code of Virginia, The St. James is MANDATED by law to report suspected child abuse. If STJ suspects a child is a victim of abuse, staff will report the case to Child Protective Services.

### DESTROYED EQUIPMENT POLICY

STJ understands that sports and facilities equipment sometimes break with typical use. However, blatant disregard for maintaining STJ property and equipment resulting in damage beyond working order may result in a replacement or repair fee for the responsible parents or guardians. Campers will also be subject to the Discipline Policy.

REFUNDS ARE NOT PROVIDED FOR CAMPERS SUSPENDED OR EXPELLED FROM STJ'S CAMP PROGRAM.

## REFUND POLICIES



In the event your plans change prior to camp, please be aware of the following policies regarding change or cancellation requests for all summer camp programs at The St. James.

### PRIOR TO MAY 1, 2023

A credit of camp tuition and add-ons paid can be issued to your STJ Summer Camps account. The credit can be used towards any non-waitlisted 2023 or 2024 camp sessions; or a refund of camp tuition and add-ons paid is available, less a \$50 administrative fee (per camper).

### MAY 1-15, 2023

A 75% camp credit, usable towards any non-waitlisted 2023 or 2024 camp sessions; or a 50% camp refund, less a \$50 administrative fee (per camper).

### AFTER MAY 15, 2023

A 75% camp credit, usable towards any non-waitlisted 2023 or 2024 camp sessions. No refunds are given for any camp program after May 15. This includes registrations made after May 15.

CAMP CREDITS ARE VALID FOR 2 YEARS AND MAY ONLY BE USED FOR CAMPS AT THE ST. JAMES. CREDITS ARE NOT TRANSFERABLE TO ANOTHER DEPARTMENT OR PROGRAM

### UNCONTROLLABLE CIRCUMSTANCES

If cancellation is due to a camper's illness, medical reason, or other uncontrollable circumstance, your camp fees may be refunded if accompanied by a doctor's record or official statement. Each circumstance will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

### PROGRAM CANCELLATION

The St. James reserves the right to cancel camps for any reason. Typically, this would only occur due to low enrollment or other extenuating circumstances. If a program or camp is cancelled, a full refund will be issued.

## MEDICAL & SAFETY PROTOCOLS



### VACCINES

Although highly encouraged, The St. James does not require children to be vaccinated for COVID-19 to participate in our summer camp programs. The St. James continuously monitors and updates COVID-19 policies based on Fairfax Country and Virginia Health Department recommendations and guidance.

## IN CASE OF MEDICAL EMERGENCY OR ILLNESS

It is vitally important that when parents or guardians have a child enrolled in one of our camp programs, you or an emergency contact be reachable during camp hours. If a medical emergency or illness occurs, we will reach out to you and all emergency contacts. If we are not able to get in touch with you or any of your emergency contacts, and the situation warrants, we will call 911. If your child experiences an illness while at camp and is unable to participate in activities, we require a parent, guardian or emergency contact to pickup the child immediately.

### **ALLERGIES & MEDICATION AT CAMP**

The St. James asks that parents administer medications to their children before or after camp hours. STJ understands that sometimes this is not possible, and medications must be given when they are in STJ care.

PLEASE DOWNLOAD & SUBMIT THE CAMP MEDICAL FORM ON PAGE 17. THIS FORM NEEDS TO BE SUBMITTED 2 WEEKS PRIOR TO CAMP TO CAMPS@THESTJAMES.COM.

MEDICATION WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY A CERTIFIED MEMBER OF OUR STAFF BASED ON DIRECTIONS PROVIDED BY THE PARENT.

## IF MEDICATIONS NEED TO BE GIVEN TO CAMPERS DURING CAMP HOURS:

- Medications need to be in their original, labeled container as supplied by the pharmacist.
- Please place medications in a sealed Ziploc bag with the camper's name clearly marked on the outside.
- Epi-pens, inhalers and other items that need to be stored in the camp office must be clearly labeled with the child's name and must not be expired.
- Any specific instruction on administration must be supplied to the Director of Camps and we may request further documentation if needed.
- Parents or guardians may be asked to come into the camp office on the first day of your child's camp if further information is needed.

# ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE



This year, The St. James has two options for drop-off & pick up. Please review the options below. Check-in begins at 8:30AM every morning, and Drop-off begins at 3:00PM each afternoon (12:00PM for ½ day campers).

### **EARLY PICK-UP**

Please notify the Camp Office at least 30 minutes ahead of time so STJ can have the camper to you in a timely manner. We will gather the child and escort them to the front entrance of the complex and release them to authorized person for pickup. Early pick-up is considered any time before 2PM.

- THERE IS A \$30 FEE FOR ANY CHILD IS NOT PICKED UP BY 3:45PM WHO IS NOT ENROLLED IN AFTER CARE.
- WEATHER, THE CAMP CARPOOL LANE WILL BE CLOSED, AND THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN MUST COME INTO THE COMPLEX TO SIGN-IN/SIGN-OUT THE CHILD.
- PICK-UPS ARE NOT PERMITTED BETWEEN FROM 2:00-3:00 PM FOR LOGISTICAL REASONS.
- HOCKEY CAMPS USE A DIFFERENT ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE PROCEDURE. PLEASE WATCH FOR EMAILS FOR MORE INFORMATION.

### ARRIVAL

Upon arrival, enter through the far west entrance of the parking lot (pool side of the STJ complex) and follow signage to the back of the facility to reach the Camp Carpool Lane. At the Unload Checkpoint, a STJ camp staff member will check-in your camper using our software system. A staff member will walk the child into the complex to their camp staging area.

If arriving after 9:05AM (when the camp entrance shuts), park and come to the front desk to sign-in your camper(s).

### DEPARTURE OPTION 1: CAMP CARPOOL LANE

Enter the lane through the directions above.

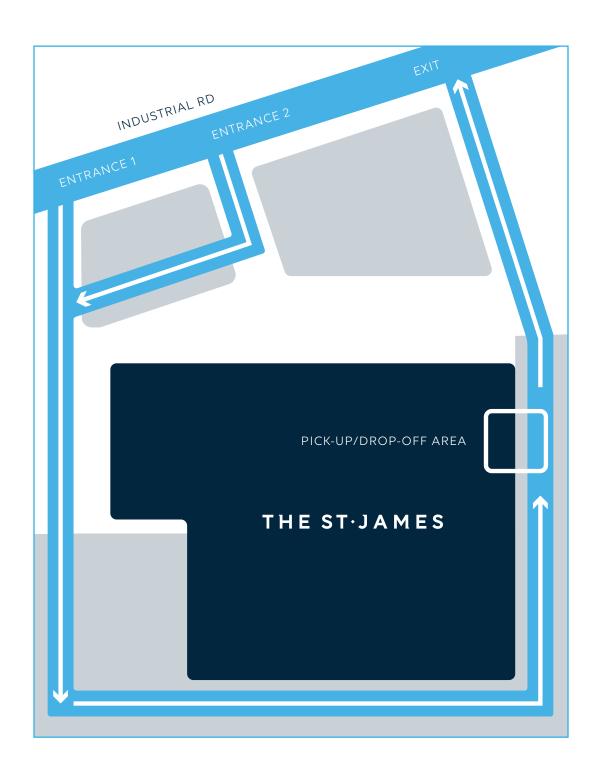
Camp Staff will ask to state the name(s) of the camper(s) you are picking up and for proper identification using our camp check-out software (more info on page 2). The staff member in this area will advise you which spot to wait. Staff will then release the camper to the car.

## DEPARTURE OPTION 2: FIELD HOUSE PATIO

Park in the front parking lot and enter through the front entrance. Walk downstairs to the lower level. The inside sign-in/sign-out area is located inside the closest entrance to the Field House (across from the Hitting House). A STJ staff member will greet and check-in the child.

# ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE





# TRANSPORTATION & CARE PROGRAMS



### **TRANSPORTATION**

Pick-up and drop-off services are available at a cost of \$160 per week at the following locations:

CAPITOL HILL (DC): EASTERN MARKET METRO

ARLINGTON (VA): COURTHOUSE PLAZA
RESTON (VA): PERFORMANCE CLUB
BETHESDA (MD): PERFORMANCE CLUB

Pick-Up and Drop-Off times are subject to change due to bus routes. Exact times will be communicated with parents the week prior to camp attendance. Each bus will have STJ staff on-board to ensure camper safety. Normal check-in procedures apply.

More information about pick-up and drop-off will be sent out prior to each week of camp. The last day to sign up for transportation will be the Wednesday before camp begins.

### **BEFORE & AFTER CARE**

Check-in for Before Care starts at 7:30AM. Parents will use the camp carpool lane (detailed above) to drop-off, and a counselor will bring them inside the Fieldhouse to start the day.

BEFORE CARE (1 WEEK)\$80
AFTER CARE (1 WEEK)
BEFORE CARE (DAILY) \$20
AFTER CARE (DAILY)

After Care begins at 3:30 PM and ends at 6:00 PM. During this time, campers will be taken to Super Awesome & Amazing (SAA), where they will have access to quiet activities (board games, card games, puzzles) & receive a light snack. Parents and guardians will have two options for pick-up: (1) enter the complex or (2) utilizing the camp carpool lane.

# ANY CAMPER THAT IS PICKED-UP AFTER 6PM WILL INCUR THE FOLLOWING LATE CHARGES:



BEFORE AND AFTER CARE IS NOT AVAILABLE TO FAMILIES WHO OPT FOR STJ TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS.

THE LAST DAY TO SIGN UP FOR BEFORE AND AFTER CARE WILL BE THE WEDNESDAY BEFORE CAMP BEGINS.



## LUNCH

## LUNCH IS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE FOR THE WEEK AT A COST OF \$14 PER DAY.

Lunch options must be ordered for the entire week (based on the number of days in your camp 3, 4 or 5). STJ does not offer the option to purchase lunch daily. Each lunch will also come with an additional side such as a fruit cup, cookie, bread, etc. (depending on the entree). Lunch includes a choice of water or juice. Weekly meals will change from day-to-day and week-to-week.

The last day to sign up for Lunch will be the Wednesday before camp begins.

### 2023 LUNCH MENU SAMPLE

MONDAYT	TURKEY SANDWICH & POPCORN
TUESDAY PENI	NE PASTA WITH TOMATO SAUCE
WEDNESDAY	CHICKEN TENDER & CHIPS
THURSDAYCHEESE PIZ	ZZA W/ SEASONAL VEGETABLES
FRIDAY	RANCH CHICKEN WRAP & FRIES

### **DIETARY RESTRICTIONS**

If your child is a vegetarian, vegan, or has any other dietary restrictions, please report this in your League-Apps profile. If your child needs a vegetarian option, we will gladly accommodate the request. Vegetarian options may include:

## BEYOND BURGER | GRILLED CHEESE | BUTTER OR RED SAUCE PASTA CHEESE QUESADILLAS | PIZZA

While STJ is willing to accommodate food allergies, STJ cannot guarantee that food prepared on-site will not have cross contamination. It is highly recommended that parents send lunch from home if the child has a severe food allergy.

### PACKING LUNCH

Campers are welcome to pack and bring their own lunch. All lunches brought from home must be labeled with the camper's name. Campers are NOT permitted to go to Vim & Victor (onsite restaurant) to purchase lunch. Lunch must either be ordered through camp or brought from home.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



HOW MANY WEEKS OF CAMP ARE AVAILABLE FOR 2023?

12 weeks, with variety of camps available each week.

WHAT ARE THE AGE RANGES FOR STJ SUMMER CAMPS?

Camper ages range from 6 to 15. If a camper turns age 6 before 8.25.23, STJ will allow enrollment.

WHEN DOES REGISTRATION CLOSE FOR EACH WEEK OF CAMP?

Registration closes on the Monday before each week begins. Register early to avoid missing out.

WHAT IS ULTIMATE SPORTS CAMP & HOW DOES IT DIFFER FROM SPORTS SPECIFIC CAMPS?

Ultimate sports camp is a non-specific sport day camp program, offering a variety of sports, games, and activities each day. Sports-specific camps focus on one sport and typically have professional instruction.

DOES STJ PRO-RATE ADD-ONS SUCH AS LUNCH, BEFORE & AFTER CARE OR TRANSPORTATION?

No. The add-on options offered are the only ones available. STJ does not pro-rate or refund any portion that is unused.

I REGISTERED FOR A 3-DAY OR 4-DAY CAMP BUT NEED TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL DAYS TO FINISH THE WEEK, HOW CAN I ADD ON 1 TO 2 DAYS OF CAMP?

STJ offers a a Thursday & Friday Camp add-on for either Ultimate Sports Camp or Adventure Gaming Camp. All add-ons can be found in the LeagueApps store after completing registration.

WHERE DO YOUR LUNCHES COME FROM?

All meals are prepared on-site at Vim & Victor by our Executive Chef.

WHAT IS THE COUNSELOR TO CAMPER RATIO?

STJ aims to provide an environment where campers can benefit from small group instruction. For our younger campers (7 and under), STJ's goal is to maintain a camper to counselor ratio of approximately 9:1 in their individual group. For older campers (8 and up), the approximate ratio is 10:1. For the site as a whole, the approximate camper-to-counselor ratio is 7:1 including the STJ Leadership Team, such as the Camp Director, Assistant Camp Director and on-site safety representatives.





### CAMP OLYMPICS

This summer Ultimate Sport Camps will be divided into 4 color groups each week. There will be an even number of campers in each color for each age group. Campers in groups will work together throughout the week to earn points. Points can be earned through winning games, good group behavior, sportsmanship, and other fun activities.

- All competitive activities will still be played against ageappropriate opponents.
- Colored wristbands will be given to each camper at the beginning of each week. STJ requests campers keep these on the entire week.
- Points will be tallied daily in a public location. At the end of each week, points will be totaled to determine a winning team. This winning team will receive a small prize (ex: fun snack or medal).
- A camper may be in a different color group each week. Points reset each week.
- Each week may bring a few new activities (ex: field day!), and we always encourage campers to come in their team's color. Camp Olympics is STJ's way of rewarding positive behavior and participation with our Ultimate Sports Camp children. STJ requests parents and guardians remind campers this is just a game and have lots of fun discussion about it!

## WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP





### **DANCE & GYMNASTICS**

- LEOTARD OR LEGGINGS/ TIGHTS WITH A FITTED TOP
- BALLET/JAZZ SHOES OR SOCKS



## DANCE, GYMNASTICS, & SKATE

- LEOTARD OR LEGGINGS/ TIGHTS WITH A FITTED TOP
- BALLET/JAZZ SHOES OR SOCKS
- LONG THIN SOCKS
- WARM JACKET, PANTS & LEGGINGS
- HELMET FOR SKATING (OPTIONAL)
- SKATES (OPTIONAL)



### **FLAG FOOTBALL**

- MOUTHGUARD
- CATCHING GLOVES
- CLEATS/TURF SHOES (OPTIONAL)



### **VOLLEYBALL**

• KNEE PADS (OPTIONAL)



#### **HOCKEY**

- HELMET (WITH FACEMASK)
- SHOULDER PADS
- HOCKEY SHIRT
- ELBOW PADS
- HOCKEY GLOVES
- HOCKEY PANTS
- HOCKEY SHIN GUARDS
- HOCKEY SOCKS
- SKATES
- HOCKEY STICK



#### **BOYS LACROSSE**

- LACROSSE STICK
- LACROSSE HELMET
- MOUTHGUARD
- SHOULDER AND ARM PADS
- GLOVES
- CLEATS/TURF SHOES (OPTIONAL)



### GIRLS LACROSSE

- LACROSSE STICK
- GOGGLES
- MOUTHGUARD
- CLEATS/TURF SHOES



#### **SOCCER**

- CLEATS OR TURF SHOES
- TALL SOCKS
- SHIN GUARDS



### **SQUASH**

- RACQUET
- GOGGLES
- NON-MARKING SNEAKERS



#### **SWIMMING**

- SWIMSUIT
- TOWELS
- GOGGLES
- SUNSCREEN
- SWIM CAP (OPTIONAL)
- ADDITIONAL SNACKS FOR FUEL



### GOLF

- GOLF CLUBS
  - GLOVES (OPTIONAL)



### **BASEBALL & SOFTBALL**

- BAT
- GLOVE
- BATTING HELMET

### WHAT TO BRING TO EVERY CAMP

- A bag or backpack labeled clearly with your child's first and last name.
- Water Bottle (with child's name clearly marked on the outside).
- Lunch (unless you purchased lunch for the week).
- A swimsuit and towel are required for participation on swim days. The days this is required will be communicated with parents in advance.
- A change of clothes.
- Any equipment needed for sports specific camps.
- Tennis shoes and athletic clothing (Every day for EVERY camp).

### WHAT TO LEAVE AT HOME

- Phones, tablets, electronics
- Valuable items (STJ is not responsible for lost or stolen items)
- Any item that could be deemed a weapon or dangerous.



This form must be completed and returned before camp enrollment dates in order for the camper to be permitted to participate in any camp activities. It is not required, but strongly recommended the camper receive a sports physical and be up on all vaccinations prior to attending.

PERSONAL INFORMATION:			
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Guardian #1:	Guardian #2:		
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neither parent or guardian can	be reached in an emergency, please contact:		
	Daytime phone:		
	Daytime phone: _		
HEALTH HISTORY:			
Please check and include approx	simate dates that camper suffered from allerg	gies, diseases, and condit	ions listed below.)
Diseases	Allergies	Other	
Chicken Pox	Hay Fever	Ear Infectio	ns
Measles	Poison Ivy	Rheumatic	Fever
German Measles			
Mumps	Penicillin	Diabetes _	
Asthma	Nuts	ADD/ADHD	
☐ Flu	Milk	Autism	
COVID-19	Eggs	Other	
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### PARENT REGISTRATION



### **Download the App**

The Pikmykid app is available for download on your smartphone's app store (Google-Play, Apple Store). Each user will need to download and register on their own smartphone.

### Scan below to download!





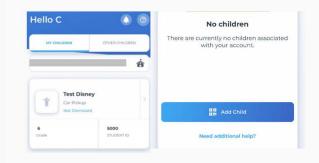
iOS

**Android** 



### How to Add a Child

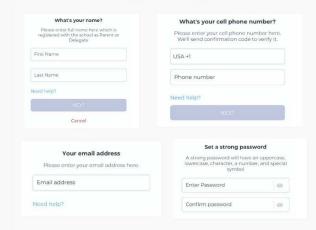
Schools might connect your children automatically! If you see the "No Children" on screen & the school gave one time Parent Connection QR code, then select "Add Child" to scan the code and add one child at a time, else tap on "Need additional help?" to reach our support desk.





### Registration

Select "Register a New Account" and follow the prompts to sign up. You will verify your email address and phone number to complete registration.





### **Secure Way of Connecting**

\*Parents can use our website also parentapp.pikmykid.com to register and make pick-up changes, report student Absence or checkins Note: Announcement is only available through the parent phone app.

Need Help? Email support@pikmykid.com

Be sure to include the name of the school, the child's name, the dismissal ID, and your mobile number, with your questions.