



Improving the Success of Catholic Schools



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At a Catholic School, You Can Expect:

- Academic Excellence
 - Catholic schools promote a culture of academic rigor where students are given the tools and attention they need to excel.
- Spiritual Enrichment
 - Students experience the Gospel message every day and build a foundation of faith strong enough to last a lifetime.
- Commitment to Service
 - Beginning at an early age, students are taught they must use their gifts of faith and reason to help others and better their communities



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Forming Faith and Values

Faith-centered communities, our schools form students in faith and support the efforts of parents to instill Gospel values.



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At Catholic School...

- Students are surrounded by people who share your values.
- Students strengthen their Catholic identity through daily prayer, Mass and other spiritual formation.
- Students are expected to live out their faith by showing kindness and generosity towards others.
- Students are part of a faith community that supports their growth and development.



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Committed to Academic Excellence

Catholic schools have a well-deserved reputation for academic excellence. High expectations for every child are one reason for our success, as is our commitment to using effective curriculum, teaching methods and technology.



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- Individual Attention & Small Class Sizes
 - Average class size is just 19 students allowing teachers to address the individual needs of each child.
- Committed & Caring Staff
 - Skilled, professional teachers are committed to each child's learning and maintain high academic standards; nearly 50% of teachers have earned a master's or higher degree.
- Accredited Schools
 - All Catholic schools must pass a rigorous accreditation process not required for public schools.



Delivering Results

On the SAT 10 standardized test given to local Catholic school 8th graders in 2010-11:

- 96% ranked average or higher in math problem solving
- 94% ranked average or higher in science
- 93% ranked average or higher in reading comprehension



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Delivering Results

Over 99.4% of Catholic high school students graduate and 97.2% go on to higher education or to serve in the military.



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“Children in my classroom feel accepted and loved and they know I expect them to succeed academically. Teaching is not only my profession - it is my vocation. I feel blessed with the privilege of helping each student develop spiritually, morally and intellectually.”
- 4th grade teacher



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Questions and Answers

Can our family afford a Catholic school?

- Yes! All Catholic schools work with families to help make Catholic education affordable.

Do Catholic schools offer pre-school & extended day programs?

- Yes! Over 50% of our schools offer pre-school and over 75% provide extended day programs.

Do Catholic schools welcome children with special learning needs?

- Yes! Catholic school students have access to special education services through their public school districts.



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[School Name] Fast Facts

- Enrollment is [Enter Number]
- Average class size is [Enter Number]
- [School Name] is accredited by [Accreditor's Name]
- Tuition is [Enter Amount]
- Financial aid is available for students. Please call [Name] at [Phone Number] for more information.
- Students come from [List geographic areas/boundaries]
- [Percent]% of [School Name] students are Catholic



Extracurricular Activities at [School Name]

- [List extracurricular and enrichment activities] are offered.
- [Explanation about activities, extracurriculars]



Special Services and Other Offerings

- [List special services, e.g. remedial reading, ESL] are available for students who need them.
- [Information about pre-school and extended day offerings]



Busing and Transportation

- [Information about busing and transportation]





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