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Catholic Education F.A.Q.

Q: Where do Catholic educators stand on school choice?


A: Any educational reform efforts must include a commitment to parental rights in choosing schools for their children and assisting those who do not have the financial means to exercise choice.

Q: What is the enrollment of Catholic schools?

A: Total Catholic school student enrollment for the 2010-2011 academic year was 2,065,872 students: 1,467,694 elementary school; 598,178 secondary school.

Q: How many Catholic schools are there?

A: Currently, there are 6,980 Catholic schools in the United States: 5,774 elementary schools; 1,206 secondary schools.

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Catholic Schools Week 2012 — “Catholic Schools: Faith. Academics. Service.”

Catholic Schools Week annual observance starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week, which in 2012 is Jan. 29 to Feb. 5. Schools typically celebrate Catholic Schools Week with Masses, open houses and activities for students, families, parishioners and the community at large.

The theme focuses on three priorities that Catholic schools establish that make them stand out from other educational institutions. Children are taught faith — not just the basics of Christianity, but how to have a relationship with God. Academics, which in Catholic schools are held to very high standards, help each child reach his or her potential. Service, the giving of one’s time and effort to help others, is taught both as an expression of faith and as good citizenship.

2012 is the 39th time Catholic Schools Week has been held; the first celebration was in 1974.

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A+ for Mount Merici Academy: Mikayla Gurnery says this year’s Catholic Schools Week theme fits Mount Merici perfectly. Offering a challenging curriculum that includes French, computer technology, enrichment programs, daily religion, the arts and community service, she says, “my school would easily get an A+ on its report card. I love my teachers and my friends!”



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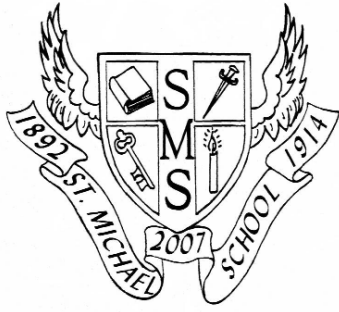


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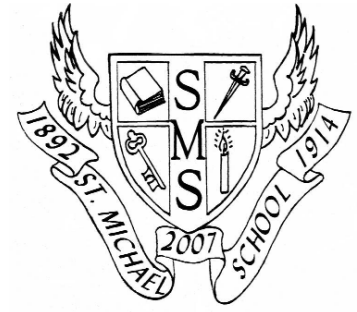
Second graders, Avery Willett and Abby Giguere at the annual Christmas Concert at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. This year’s theme was “The Christmas Star Shining for the New King in Town.”

Bishop Richard Malone visits St. Michael School during Catholic Schools Week last year and shares his zucchetto with Joseph Poulin, then in Grade 1.

Students at St. Dom’s celebrate Liturgy each Wednesday.



St. Michael School Augusta



St. Michael School strives to educate, nourish, develop and inspire the body, mind and spirit of its students. The school is invested in the full educational formation of each child from the 4-year-old pre-Kindergarten program through grade 8. Students are taught the importance of academics as they push themselves to achieve their goals. The veteran staff is skilled at bringing out the very best in all their students who are taught to strive each and every day.

The school also has an outstanding music and sports program that allows students to excel at something other than academics. They also have an advantage because they can teach students about the importance of being a Catholic and what that means in their lives.

A Competitive Education today Guided by Christian Values

The school nourishes each child's spiritual growth and faith through offering a Christ-inspired education. Partnering with parents and community, the school provides a rigorous program of studies to help our young people successfully live a Christ-centered life in the world. The school embraces individual differences, and create an environment of mutual respect, compassion and understanding. We offer:

- Maine state certified faculty and staff
- Music, chorus, art and physical education
- Title I reading; speech services
- Full day Kindergarten and full day Pre-K
- Excellent lunch and extended day program
- Study of French for Grades Pre K-8 including a French club
- Intramural sports and healthy activities
- A strong athletic program
- Science fairs and environmental projects
- Children's stage adventure
- Adventure Club for Grades 6-8
- Community service projects
- Civic oration, math teams, DAR essay contest, spelling and geography bees, and more.

St. Michael School offers a competitive academic program for students in all grades. A nourishing environment with discipline creates an excellent arena for



Fifth grade students display mangers that they gave to area residents. Students also sang Christmas carols when they visited homes.

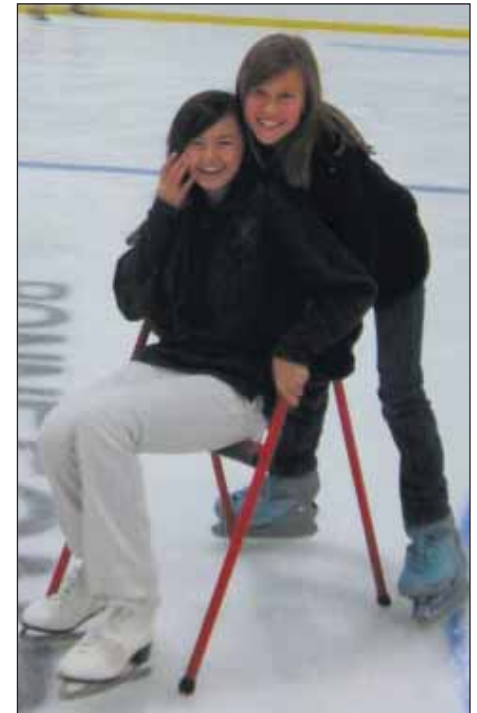
students to enjoy learning. The school strives to be a center of academic excellence. Overall, on standardized tests, 90 percent scored at or above benchmarks in reading and 80 percent scored at or above benchmarks in math.

Caring Community

The school provides a caring, nurturing and orderly place in which to learn. Each student matters. The school encourages a sense of community and has a family atmosphere.

St. Michael School is dedicated to providing its students with the best possible Pre-K to 8 educations. The school also strives to inspire the students to develop the skills in education that will bring a lifetime of ability to set and reach worthy goals.

Students also progress to further education, productive employment and roles in family and community. The school instills values to encourage a view of life success that includes respect and care for others in the world. Qualified staff is dedicated, experienced, and well-trained. While most of our students are Catholic, we welcome non-Catholic students are welcomed.



Skating at Kents Hill: Middle school students Emily Dionne, Rachel Tooth and Nick Bowie enjoy skating at the Bonnefond Ice Arena at Kents Hill School.



Students display the candy canes they found in their shoes during St. Nicholas Day.

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Our Mission:

Mount Merici Academy is dedicated to nurturing the whole child — mind, body and spirit — providing love and guidance so that students can achieve their personal best. In partnership with families, the mission is to instill values of respect, responsibility and self-discipline, teaching students in the Ursuline Serviam tradition of service to the community and the world.

Our School:

- Nursery School Program, 9 to 11 a.m.
- Half-Day Pre-Kindergarten
- Kindergarten – Grade 6
- Morning (7 a.m.) and after school child care (until 5:30 p.m.)
- Summer and vacation child care

Making the Grade:

- Average 2011 Stanford Testing Results Compared Nationally:
Mount Merici's 3rd grade = 4.3 grade level
Mount Merici's 4th grade = 6.3 grade level
Mount Merici's 5th grade = 8.9 grade level
Mount Merici's 6th grade = 10 grade level
- In 2010, 33 percent of students tested were invited to participate in the John Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth recognizing academic excellence.
- More than 80 percent of Mount Merici Academy graduates are listed on secondary and high school honor rolls.
- All faculty are Maine state certified.
- Mount Merici School is fully accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

Call to Service:

The Serviam shield is the Ursuline emblem worn by Mount Merici Academy students and Ursuline students throughout the world. Service plants the seeds of social consciousness and is an important part of our educational mission.

Grade 4 and Pre-K Pen Pals

Grades 5 and 1 Reading Buddies

Grade 5 Ursuline Sisters Service Work

Grade 6 and Kindergarten Buddies

Grade 6 Weekly Service Work at Sacred Heart Soup Kitchen, Muskie Center.

- Mount Merici students participate in many school-wide service projects that benefit local food pantries, animal shelters, homeless shelters and children's programs, as well as national organizations like Feed the Children and the Darfur Village Project.
- Each family commits to 20 volunteer hours per year, providing well over 2,600 hours of service.

Faith-Filled Learning:

Religious education and faith are at the center of our life's work.

- Daily morning, lunchtime and afternoon prayer.
- Daily religious instruction.
- Monthly Liturgical Celebrations.
- Biweekly Prayer Room, where students of all religions are welcome to openly share faith and pray together.



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Ahead of the Curve "Kyle Burger-Roy shows off his writing and spelling worksheet to Martha Hart. According to the Stanford Achievement Test, on average, Mount Merici students perform well above their actual grade level; and students who remain at Mount Merici through sixth grade show measurable improvement between grade levels."

Enrichment Opportunities:

A strong academic curriculum is complimented with numerous enrichment opportunities for all ages and interests.

- Music, physical education, French, Italian, computers, art, spelling and geography bees, public speaking, after school basketball, soccer, running club, Scouts, theater and many other activities.

Community Support:

- In the past six years, more than \$600,000 has been gifted to Mount Merici by families, parishioners, alumni and friends. It is with their support we are able to offer the lifelong gift of an Ursuline education.

To learn more about MMA contact us at 873-3773. We also invite readers to experience Mount Merici Academy on the web at www.mountmerici.org.

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St. John School Reach for the Moon Faith, Academics, Service

St. John Regional Catholic School reaches for the moon every day in faith, academics and service. These three priorities make St. John School stand out from other educational institutions. First and foremost, St. John students are involved on a daily basis in deeply rooted faith traditions which reflect in each child's values, level of respect, model behavior and ongoing service projects.

This year the school has expanded its programming to include visual art. Why art? Hollie Hilton, artist and newly hired teacher, says it best. "Art is the universal subject that can overcome language, communication and social barriers; as a result, it is the perfect subject to give the gift of self confidence to any child. All students are individuals with various needs and art is as unique as the individual creating it." Art is an intellectual activity demanding higher order thinking skills and requiring a complex process of reflection, evaluation and decision-making. Many children "can find their voices" in visual art.

The National Art Education Association has listed 10 Lessons the Arts Teach. Hollie lives, breathes and teaches these lessons with her heart and soul. The excitement in her classroom reflects her deep passion.

1. The arts teach children to make good judgments. Unlike much of the curriculum in which correct answers and rules prevail, in the arts, it is judgment rather than rules that prevail.

2. The arts teach children that problems and questions can have more than one answer.

3. The arts celebrate multiple perspectives.

4. The arts teach children that problem solving change with circumstances and opportunities.

5. The arts make vivid the fact that neither words nor numbers exhaust what we can know.

6. The arts teach students that small differ-



Jairus Hurdle paints a clay pot in art class at St. John School.

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ences can have large effects.

7. The arts teach children to think.

8. The arts help children to learn to say what cannot be said.

9. The arts enable us to have experiences we can have from no other source.

10. The arts' position in the school curriculum symbolizes to the young what adults believe is important.

The school year started with a study of the famous French artist, Matisse. Students were amazed that he found ways to create, even when he was bedridden or in a wheelchair, by attaching chalk to a long stick so that he could draw sketches on his walls and ceiling. The school continues to be filled with Matisse inspired fish and "Matisse Mobiles". Motivated by Matisse's chapel windows, students created class collaborations of beautiful stained glass windows.

Students have also experienced Dahlov Ipcar, an artist, author and illustrator who has lived in Georgetown, Maine since she was 18. Dahlov is presently in her 90's and has an incredible history. Students took an internet tour of her studio, seeing how she paints and hearing words of wisdom, then created Dahlov inspired compositions.

Ms. Hilton also initiated an after school Clay Club because of its therapeutic qualities. The children created amazing works of art.

As you can see, a well rounded education at St. John School is more than reading, writing and arithmetic.

Mount Merici Teaching and Learning... A Way of Life

Mount Merici Academy's mission is to support families by assisting parents in the academic, social and spiritual formation of their children. We believe a strong sense of self, fostered by a well-balanced instructional program, gives each child their best chance for success.

We base our educational practice on the following beliefs:

- Parents are the first and primary educators of their children.
- Our school serves as an extended family.
- Parents and teachers work in unison to help each student develop a healthy concept of self.
- Teachers are dedicated to instructing young people in all areas of learning and are committed to treating each child with respect and dignity.
- Students become part of a community and enrich that community with their own special contributions.
- Students are taught to share, cooperate, listen to each other and respect various view points
- Students are given ongoing opportunities to put their values to use — in the classroom, at lunch, during recess and in organized activities.

This year, the week's theme is "Catholic Schools: Faith. Academics. Service." The theme mirrors our school's focus: learning about faith, striving for high academic standards and serving our community.

FAITH

Mount Merici Academy was established in 1911 by the Ursuline Sisters who came to Waterville from Quebec in 1888 to teach in area parish schools. The Ursuline philosophy of education: "to assist parents in the development of each child to his/her fullest potential — spirit, mind and body" still flourishes today. All members of our learning community are given daily opportunities to recognize the presence of Christ in themselves and others. Respect for all people permeates all aspects of school life. This accepting environment becomes a place where students can be long and form bonds with one another as well as with caring adults.



ACADEMICS

At Mount Merici Academy, students receive a strong foundation for future success. Many parents want their children to receive a rigorous academic curriculum. Other parents want to be certain the school will not push their child beyond his or her capabilities. Our teachers recognize the complexity of each individual student and strive to provide a developmentally-appropriate learning experience for each. Teachers carefully supervise all students so they are properly instructed according to their unique talents. Students are encouraged to assume responsibility for their learning and that ownership empowers them to thrive.

SERVICE

The Serviam Shield, our proudly-worn uniform emblem means, "I Will Serve." Planting the seeds of social responsibility is a fundamental part of our educational mission. This awareness of social concerns begins in prayer and leads to action at an early age by stressing the importance of compassion and the need for community involvement by lending a helping hand to those needing assistance. Mount Merici Academy students volunteer at Corpus Christi Parish Soup Kitchen and the Muskie Center. Students also conduct drives to support the Maine Children's Home Christmas Program, local food pantries and the Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter. Through these experiences, students learn that they have the power and responsibility to be influences for good in the world.



St. Michael School Celebrating Faith. Academics. Service.

At St. Michael School the staff strives to weave all three of these principles — faith, academics and service — into our day and into the lives of our students. Beginning with the four-year-old all-day Pre-Kindergarten program, students are provided a strong academic program that includes French, music, computers and physical education. The firm foundation they are given is how the school builds life-long learners.

The students continue to learn and grow from year to year leaving the 8th grade with a strong foundation and a commitment to faith, academics and service. The attention to academics lasts throughout the students' careers — with French and algebra for all 8th grade students, as well as a strong performance on all academic testing.

St. Michael School's testing demonstrates the strength of the programming through the scores that the students receive. 90 percent of the students meet or exceed state standards in reading, while 80 percent of the students meet or exceed state standards in math.

The school uses the Northwest Educational Association MAP test — a Measure of Academic Progress. The test is aligned with the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) and has been used to indicate how students would do if they were to take the that test.

Jon Caron, principal at St. Michael, is very excited about the results.

"We are pleased with the results of the test and feel that they validate the strength of our programming here at the school. We have a staff that is dedicated to the growth and success of their students.

"We give the test to all students in grades 3 through 8 and the data that the staff gains from the testing allows them to adapt their instruction to the ability of the students in the class. The test helps us to identify which students are ready for more of a challenge and which students need further instruction."

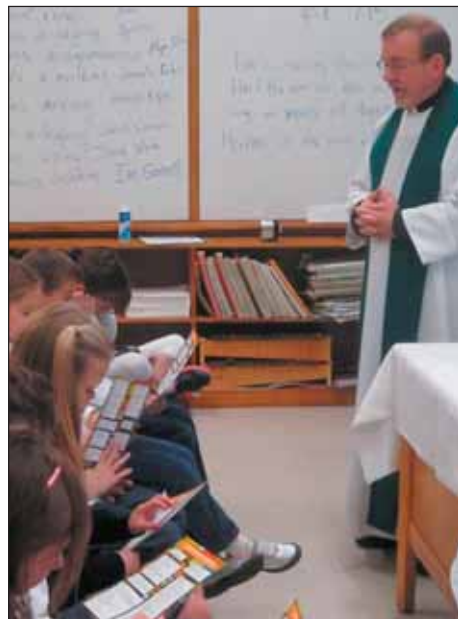
Test results for St. Michael School:

READING:

- 156/172 or 91% meeting or exceeding standards as measured by NECAP
- Grade 8: 87%
- Grade 7: 97%
- Grade 6: 83%
- Grade 5: 97%
- Grade 4: 88%
- Grade 3: 90%

MATH:

- 136/171 or 80% meeting or exceeding standards as measured by NECAP
- Grade 8: 83%
- Grade 7: 82%
- Grade 6: 70%
- Grade 5: 77%
- Grade 4: 79%
- Grade 3: 80%



Father Frank Morin celebrates classroom Mass with the third grade students at St. Michaels.

St. Dominic Academy Catholic Schools Week Schedule of Events

Jr. / Sr. Campus Auburn

Monday 1/30

2012 – 2013 Registration for current families begins

Tuesday 1/31

7 p.m. Varsity Swimming vs. Lincoln Academy at YWCA, Lewiston

Wednesday 2/1

6:30 p.m. Faith and Family Night Celebration in the Commons (cafeteria)

Thursday 2/2

6 p.m. - County Spelling Bee in the Commons

6:30 p.m. - Admissions Information Night for Grades 7 - 12

Friday 2/3

Black & White Dress Up Day
8:45 a.m. - Trek Buddy Activities – all students going to the elementary campus on buses
11 a.m. - Whole School Mass with Bishop Malone
4 p.m. Junior High Girls Basketball vs. St. John Catholic School
5 p.m. Junior High Boys Basketball vs. St. John Catholic School
7-10 p.m. High School Semi-Formal in the Commons

Saturday 2/4

5:20 p.m. JV Hockey vs. Lewiston
6:30 p.m. Girls Varsity Hockey vs. Lewiston
8:10 p.m. Boys Varsity Hockey vs. Lewiston
All at the Colisee in Lewiston

Elementary Campus Lewiston

Monday 1/30

2012 – 2013 Registration for current families begins Uniform Dress with Silly Shirt and Tie Day

"Top Ten Reasons that SDA is the Best" – Class Video Projects (Weeklong activity)
Special activities for Grades Pre-K – 4
1– 2 p.m.

Tuesday 1/31

Dress Uniform day
Uniform Class Pictures
Parents & visiting families invited
Open House – 9:30 – 11 a.m.
(for new families - Grades Pre-K – 6)
- Registration for 2012 - 2013
- Information Session & Tours
- Refreshments
- Holiday Artwork Service Project
- Decorations for nursing homes

Wednesday 2/1

SpareTime Recreation Bowling
- Grades PreK – 2 at 8:45 - 9:45 a.m.
- Grades 3 – 6 at 10 - 11 a.m.
Parents invited for Lunch (Grades K, 2, 4 & 6)
Pack the SDA Gym JH Basketball
4 - 6 p.m.
Faith and Family Night
6:30 p.m. Auburn Campus

Thursday 2/2

Trivia Team Color Dress Down
Parents invited for Lunch (Grades PreK, 1, 3 & 5)
1 - 2 p.m. Trivia 3-6
Buddies activities pre-K-2

Friday 2/3

Black & White Dress Up Day
Trek Buddy Activities
Mass Day with Bishop 11 a.m.
Chorus and Video Presentations for Bishop



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BY JIM BOULET

Director of Admissions

Each fall, I have the privilege of interacting with families from the Augusta/Waterville areas as their eighth grade children begin to contemplate what high school community they will be a member of a year from then. Inevitably, a recurring set of questions quickly comes to the forefront of the conversation: "What sets St. Dom's apart from my local public high school" and "How can you help our family afford a private high school education." The first of these questions is easily answered. The second question, although seemingly unreachable given our current economy, is one we help families find a solution for every day.

Choosing a high school is one of the first big decisions a student will participate in. Along with their parents, they must select a high school that will best prepare them for the rigors of post-secondary education and the life that awaits them. To this end, Catholic schools, from Pre-K through grade 12, provide each child with time-tested instructional methods; coupled with a values-based environment and engaging extra-curricular activities which instruct the mind, body and soul. A Catholic education pays dividends for a lifetime.

Immersed in a positive

Families already involved with Catholic education know that Catholic school students score above the state and national averages on standardized testing. In addition, they know that Catholic school curriculums meet all state education guidelines. Equally as important to them, however, is the environment in which that education takes place. Bishop Richard Malone often uses the term "marinating" when referring to the culture of love, respect and compassion exemplified in the life of Jesus of Nazareth, which a Catholic school student is immersed in each and every day. And while not all students who attend Catholic school share in our religious heritage, all share experiences of faith and values.

Another aspect that distinguishes St. Dom's is the rate at which our students attend post-secondary education. Each year, more than 95 percent of our seniors



go on to the college or university of their choice. Beyond that, some of our graduates choose to continue their education in one of our nation's military branches. St. Dom's graduates are not strangers to the military academies. A child attending St. Dom's is surrounded by an entire student body that is motivated to be successful after graduation. At St. Dom's, it is okay to be smart.

Perhaps most gratifying to me as a teacher and administrator are the visits we receive from recent graduates each Thanksgiving time, when they return to share how well-prepared they were for the transition to college. Because St. Dom's places a significant emphasis on homework and the development of writing and study skills, graduates consistently express that they were ready for the demands and expectations of college professors.

All in the Family

When people join the St. Dom's community, they become a member of a tight-knit family. Parents are encouraged to become involved in the education of their children. Teachers are readily available to speak with parents about the progress of

their child. And beyond traditional report cards, parents are updated on a regular basis throughout the year on their child's successes and challenges.

- Catholic schools are committed to the development of the whole student. Extra-curricular activities are regarded as an important part of the total learning experience, and emphasis is on participation by all students.

- A Catholic school education is a smart investment that represents affordable excellence; there is an emphasis on efficiency and accountability.

- In Catholic schools there is a mutual respect that exists among students, faculty and administrators that generates an atmosphere of care and concern.

St. Dominic Regional High School, as the only diocesan Catholic high school of Maine, offers students an exceptional school in which to prepare for college: a small, tightly-knit community with a gifted and caring faculty, and a strong tradition of Catholic education that is recognized for its excellence by colleges and universities across America.

Founded in 1941, St. Dom's is a Roman Catholic college preparatory day school

for boys and girls in grades 9-12. The high school was located in Lewiston, Maine from 1941 until December 2001. On Jan. 6, 2002, St. Dom's opened the new campus built on 68 acres of land in the twin city of Auburn.

St. Dom's goals:

1. To help students to know themselves and serve others and God through Catholic teachings and practice.
2. To provide a competitive college preparatory curriculum.
3. To provide opportunity for personal growth through athletics, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities.
4. To enhance learning and growth of the community through the use of appropriate technology.
5. To maintain and foster an excellent faculty.

The school challenges students intellectually, physically and spiritually to be active participants in the community. The theme consistently found throughout the more than 60 years of St. Dom's existence is the commitment to provide Catholic education to the young men and women of central Maine.

The strong curriculum and high expectations of the faculty prepares students to become well-rounded, college-bound and value-centered individuals. St. Dom's students come from diverse backgrounds and from many different communities in Maine. The goal of the dedicated and talented faculty is to work with students and parents to assist all graduates in achieving the three St. Dom's core values of integrity, community and excellence.

St. Dom's focus on the individual has made an important difference in the lives of thousands of young men and women. We invite families to visit St. Dom's and see how it can impact their future.

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St. John Regional Catholic School

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The Good News in Education:

St. John Regional Catholic School and St. John Preschool and Childcare Center provide education and care for children pre-kindergarten through sixth grade.

As the diocesan school for Corpus Christi Parish and Christ the King Parish, the mission is to provide quality education and spiritual development to students and their families in a Catholic atmosphere. The school is unique because of three priorities. St. John students learn about faith, concentrate on high standards in academics and practice service as an expression of both faith and good citizenship. St. John students stand out in positive ways. This combined focus on faith, academics and service prepares students for full and meaningful lives.

St. John School staff has a deep appreciation for the students and school families that it serves, as well as the parishioners and outstanding community of supporters. The school celebrates with families, parish and community through weekly masses and events like Grandparents' Day, Muffin Mornings, Saturday Night Dinners, Countries Night, the Advent/Christmas program, Family Fun Hour, Walk "Fest", and the Community Read-In. Staff and students work side by side on fundraising events like the annual Christmas Fair, live auction, Ladies Night Out, and the Barnes & Noble Bookstore yearly event. PTFA and parents also take an active role in sponsoring activities throughout the year, bringing families together for the annual Pumpkin Carving, Easter Egg Hunt, and a children's variety show.

Catholic Identity:

The Catholic school environment instills a sense of morality in every student. St. John students and staff embrace their Catholic education in so many ways. Each day starts and ends with prayer. The children say grace before lunch, attend Monday Masses, and participate in prayer services. Some days one might see the whole school by the grotto involved in a prayer service for world peace or on another day a student might be in the cafeteria dressed as St. Nicholas. The school feels blessed to have Father Jack, a newly-ordained and young priest as the school chaplain. He might be seen playing with children on the playground, having lunch in the cafeteria or sharing Bible teachings and weekly Gospel readings with our students. The school likes to stay on the "Faith Track with Father Jack".

Academic Excellence:

St. John Regional Catholic School is committed to providing an education that is academically excellent, student centered, and value based. Given standardized testing, approximately 90 percent of students in grades 2-6 consistently score above the 90th percentile. The school offers French from kindergarten to grade six. Sarah Sirois, French teacher, has been trained in Teaching Proficiency through Reading and Storytelling. French class is great fun. It means learning the language through music, props, acting and conversations that take place in the classrooms and beyond. They also have a modern computer lab and many student computers in classrooms. All teachers integrate technology skills into the curriculum and third graders learn the art of keyboarding. The



newest high tech 21st Century learning tool is an interactive Starboard, with more capabilities than imaginable. The Starboard turns any dry erase board into an interactive, finger driven, digital classroom where students can hear, see, and touch their curriculum.

Education Specialists:

St. John Regional Catholic School has several certified teachers who provide a wealth of programs to students. Jeanie Poulin is the Title 1 reading teacher. Additionally, the school has a college instructor on staff, Val Landry. He works in the tech lab on a weekly basis with teachers and students, providing ongoing technology support and programming. Landry also conducts staff training in technology on a monthly basis. The physical education teacher, Marie Cates, has a masters in PE. Cates includes many life activities in the curriculum such as golf, ice skating, and bowling. Mad Louie, a well known dance and fitness instructor, has a robust monthly fitness program that the children absolutely love. Hollie Hilton is our certified art teacher and artist in residence. In addition to visiting art galleries, students are involved in internet field trips to artists' studios and work with many mediums such as water colors, clay and even jellybeans.

After School Activities:

The school has a Scrabble Club, Fitness Club, Clay Club, Chess Club and Homework Support sessions and are exploring the possibilities of a spring Lego Club.

Student Centered:

St. John School believes that each child is a unique individual and creation of God. Teachers and staff start the day

by meeting and greeting students as they enter the building, having upbeat and friendly conversations. The school believes this interaction is an important way to begin each day and a way to make important connections. Smaller class sizes help to individualize the learning experience.

Value Based:

St. John students are challenged daily to look beyond their personal accomplishments. They learn to apply the values of Jesus to their lives by helping younger students to read, raising money and collecting donations for those in need, learning responsibility for their actions and discovering what it means to love, care, forgive and share with others.

Parent Feedback:

Feedback from parents, alumni, teachers and employers about graduates, indicate that the school is highly successful. St. John students consistently achieve high academic honors and display excellent study and personal conduct as they continue their education.

School Website:

Please visit www.stjohnschoolwinslow.org to see firsthand what others have already discovered. St John students are successful and ready to meet the challenges of life.

Visit Anytime:

Please call the school at 872-7115 to speak to the Principal, Claudette Massey or to set up a tour with Kerry Smart. For more information about our Child Care Center, please call Mrs. Janice Souviney at 872-7123.



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Students from St. John School, from left, Levi Day, Jacob Soucy, Jon Day and Thomas Fortin enjoy a game of scrabble.

This is what students are saying about St. John Regional Catholic School.

"I love the teachers because they are RAD, fun, cool, loving and nice."

"School is awesome!"

"What I love about St. John is that my teachers and friends are the best!"

"I love school, because every morning I wake up and can't wait to go to school. When I get there, I always have some great surprise!"

"We get to dance, sing and laugh."

"I love this school because...well number 1...It's religious and we get to go the church."

"I like SJCS because our school is in a great community and it's easy to make friends."

"I love this school because everyone is treated fairly, there are A+ teachers and always help nearby."

"I like my school because we get a good education and because of the safe environment."

"I like St. John School because of all the support and encouragement I got when I changed schools and came to St. John's. I really love it."



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Julia Bard shows her skills as a violinist in a recent school concert.

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Catholic Education F.A.Q.



Q: Where are the most Catholic schools located?

A: Below are the dioceses with the twenty largest enrollments for the 2010-2011 school year.

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| 1. Chicago | 6. Brooklyn | 11. Newark | 16. Rockville Centre |
| 2. Philadelphia | 7. St. Louis | 12. Miami | 17. Baltimore |
| 3. New York | 8. Cincinnati | 13. Detroit | 18. Washington, DC |
| 4. Los Angeles | 9. Boston | 14. St. Paul/Minneapolis | 19. San Francisco |
| 5. Cleveland | 10. New Orleans | 15. Milwaukee | 20. Seattle |

Q: How many new schools opened last year? How many closed?

A: 34 new schools opened and 172 schools closed or consolidated during the 2010-2011 academic year.

Q: What is the average cost of tuition in a Catholic school?

A: Elementary Mean parish school tuition is \$3,383. Secondary Mean freshman tuition is \$8,787.

Q: Why do parents choose Catholic schools for their children?

A: Parents choose Catholic schools for any and all of the following reasons: faith formation, high academic standards, values-added education, and safe school environment.

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