

Mission Statement

We are a faith-centered Catholic school that promotes academic achievement and spiritual development for our students and families. This is reflected through worship, learning, support of each other, and service to the community.

Vision Statement

To be the best Catholic school that we can be....

Philosophy Statement

We are a faith-centered Catholic school serving our parish and community through prayer and action.

The focus of instruction is to help students achieve their highest potential. As facilitators of learning, teachers motivate, guide, and support students by utilizing a variety of teaching techniques.

In partnership with parents, we establish a foundation that encourages students to make responsible choices and to become life-long learners in our global community.

Core Values

- We are a team of professional educators.
- We are a faith-filled community that values every person.
- We are creating an environment where respect, responsibility, and integrity are valued.
- We are encouraging students to realize their potential.
- We are committed to providing service opportunities within our school community and beyond

Explanation of the two-year class rotation:

The topics for social studies, science, and religion for grades 5-8 are on a two-year rotation to avoid repetition of subject matter.

Year 1 = School years ending in an even year
Year 2 = School years ending in an odd year

	Kindergarten	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5th/6th Grade	7th/8th Grade		
Religion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation • Baptism • Bible Stories • God and Us 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation • Trinity • Life of Jesus • The Mass • The Church year • Saints 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sacraments: Baptism, Eucharist, Reconciliation • The Mass • Church and Parish • Prayer • The Church year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church: Mission, Structure, Marks • Creed • Sacraments (Overview of all 7) • Saints • The Trinity • Bible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morality: Ten Commandments, Beatitudes • Sacraments • Church: People of God, Liturgical Year • Saints • Bible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catholic Traditions • The Mass • Liturgical Seasons • Saints • Family Life <p>Year 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Old Testament <p>Year 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sacraments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liturgical Seasons • Family Life <p>Year 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Mass • The New Testament <p>Year 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morality • Church History 		
Reading and Language Arts	<p>Prayers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign of the Cross • Grace Before Meals • Grace After Meals • Prayer to One's Guardian Angel 	<p>Prayers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previous Prayers • The Our Father • Hail Mary • Glory Be • Prayer at Stations of the Cross 	<p>Prayers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previous Prayers • Act of Spiritual Communion • Act of Contrition 	<p>Prayers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previous Prayers • Apostles Creed • Memorare 	<p>Prayers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previous Prayers • Nicene Creed • Prayer for Peace (St Francis of Assisi) 	<p>Prayers (5th/6th)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previous Prayers • Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary • Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary • Prayer for Souls in Purgatory • Queen of Heaven (Regina Caeli) • Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel • Anima Christi 	<p>Prayers (7th/8th)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previous Prayers • Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary • Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary • Hail, Holy Queen • Angelus • Prayer to the Holy Spirit • Divine Praises • Act of Faith/Act of Hope/Act of Love 		
Math	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Punctuation • Beginning Spelling • Capitalization • Vocabulary development • Sight words • Read for Decoding Skills • Genres of literature • Fiction, non-fiction, poetry • Phonics • Printing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grammar • Spelling • Punctuation • Capitalization • Vocabulary development • Sight words • Prewriting/writing skills • Read for decoding skills, fluency, comprehension • Genres of literature • Fiction, non-fiction, poetry • Phonics • Printing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grammar • Spelling • Punctuation • Capitalization • Vocabulary development • Prewriting/writing skills • Read for fluency, expression, comprehension • Genres of literature • Fiction, non-fiction, poetry • Phonics • Basic reading strategies • Introduction to cursive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grammar • Spelling • Punctuation • Capitalization • Vocabulary development • Prewriting/writing skills • Read for information, interpretation, comprehension, pleasure • Genres of literature • Short story, poetry, non-fiction • Phonics • Cursive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grammar • Spelling • Punctuation • Capitalization • Vocabulary development • Prewriting/writing skills • Read for information, interpretation, comprehension, pleasure • Genres of literature • Short story, poetry, drama, biography, fiction • Phonics • Cursive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grammar/Conventions • Spelling • Vocabulary development • Prewriting/writing skills • Cohesive paragraphs • Writing for different purposes and audiences • Read for information, interpretation, comprehension, pleasure • Literature • Genres • Short story, poetry, drama, biography, fiction • Analyze plot, characters, conflict 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grammar/Conventions • Spelling • Vocabulary development • Prewriting/writing skills • Persuasive • Narrative • Poetry • Read for information, interpretation, comprehension, pleasure • Literature • Genres • Short story, poetry, non-fiction, drama • Analyze literature through essay 		
	<h3>Kindergarten</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sort and Classify • Count by rote • Recognize and understand numbers • Calendar • Time • Measurement • 1-to-1 correspondence • Begin graphing 	<h3>1st Grade</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measurement • Add and subtract 1-20 • Count money to \$1.00 • Skip count by ones, twos, fives, and tens • Time • Geometry • Problem solving • Place value to 100's • Fractions • Graphing 	<h3>2nd Grade</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add and subtract 2-digit numbers • Addition and subtraction strategies • Problem solving • Money • Place value to 1000 • Beginning multiplication and division • Geometry • Skip count forwards and backwards • Fractions • Graphing • Measurement 	<h3>3rd Grade</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiplication facts through 12's • Solve problems with dollars and cents • Read numbers up to a million • Multiply and divide single digits • Add and subtract with three or more addends • Place value in decimals • Fractions • Geometry • Measurement • Problem solving 	<h3>4th Grade</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiplication and division facts • Read and construct charts, tables, and graphs based on gathered data • Long division with one-digit divisors • Decimal place value • Decimals, fractions, and percents • Word problem strategies • Geometry • Measurement 	<h3>5th Grade</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fractions, decimals, and percents • Common denominators • Long division • Long multiplication • Interpret data and graphs and construct graphs • Problem solving • Ratios • Exponential notation • Primes, composites, and perfect squares • Place value to trillions • Measurement 	<h3>6th Grade</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fractions, decimals, and percents • Ratio and probability • Geometry • Basic algebraic expressions with a variable • Graphs • Measurement • Scientific notation • Integers and equations • Perimeter, area, and volume 	<h3>7th Grade</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decimals, fractions, and percents • Positive and negative numbers • Graph simple equations • Order of operations • Properties • Geometry • Measurement • Problem solving • Ratios • Central tendency • Solving equations and inequalities with one unknown 	<h3>8th Grade</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solving equations • Graphing equations • Probability • Properties • Exponents • Polynomials • Factoring • Solving equations and inequalities with more than one unknown • Problem solving • Decimals, fractions, integers, rational numbers • Quadratics (Algebra only)

	Kindergarten	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	5/6 Year 1	5/6 Year 2	7/8 Year 1	7/8 Year 2
Social Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> US History • Native Americans • Martin Luther King, Jr. • Christopher Columbus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> US History • Map skills • Continents • Christopher Columbus • Pilgrims • Pioneers • Native American Cultures • India • Australia • Mexico 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> European nation reports • Globes • Continents • Major bodies of water • Map Skills • How to read maps • Keys • Symbols • Compass directions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Native Americans • Continents • South America • Scandinavia • Map Skills • How to read maps • Keys • Symbols • Compass directions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pacific Northwest history • Washington State History • Map Skills • How to read maps • Keys • Symbols • Compass directions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> US History • First Americans to Civil War • Native Americans • Explorers • Colonization • Revolutionary War • Government • Expansion • Maps, globes, timelines • Latitude/longitude • State research report • States and Capitals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Geography • Concentrated study of different continents and countries • Five Themes of Geography •Place •Location •Region •Movement •Human-Environment Interaction • Maps, globes, timelines • Latitude/longitude • Country research 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> US History • Civil War to Present • Constitution • Bill of Rights • Structure of Federal/State Government • Election Process • Influential individuals in US history • Research and write term paper • Class debate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World History • Cradle of Civilization • Ancient Egypt • Ancient Greece • Roman Empire • Middle Ages • Influential individuals in human history • Five Themes of Geography • Research and write term paper
Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Animals Two by Two • Animal behavior • Animal and plant structures • Habitat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Insects • Process of metamorphosis (butterfly) • Spiders • Air and Weather • Properties of air • Weather changes • Our Body/Bones Plants • Seeds • Bulbs • Roots • Geological Timeline • Animals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use scientific thinking processes to conduct investigations • Air and Weather •Properties of air •Weather changes •Weather instruments • Balance and Motion • Balance and counterbalance • Stability • Equilibrium • Spin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use scientific thinking processes to conduct investigations • Magnetism and Electricity • Interaction of magnets with other materials • Forces of attraction and repulsion • Conductors and insulators • Circuits • Electromagnets • Human Body • Skeleton • Muscle system • Water 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use scientific thinking processes to conduct investigations • Physics of Sound • Properties of sound •Vibration, pitch, how sound travels • Comparison of sounds • Structures of Life • Properties of plants and animals • Structures of organisms • Care of selected organisms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experiments • Levers and Pulleys • Landforms • Owl Pellets <p><u>5th Grade (Spring)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nutrition • Components of foods • Nutritional guides • First Aid/CPR <p><u>6th Grade (Spring)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Studies • Camp 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experiments • Environments • Mixtures and Solutions • Variables <p><u>5th Grade (Spring)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nutrition • Components of foods • Nutritional guides • First Aid/CPR <p><u>6th Grade (Spring)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Studies • Camp 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scientific experiments • Earth Science • Atmosphere • Earth's formation • Landmasses/oceans • Geological timeline • Earthquakes • Volcanoes • Rocks & Minerals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scientific experiments • Life Science • Monerans • Protists • Fungi • Plants • Human Biology • Physical Science • Astronomy
PE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Body Management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Body Management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Body Management • Movement Principles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Body Management • Peer Cooperation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presidential Fitness Challenge • Cooperative Dynamics in Sport • Introduction to Fitness Components 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presidential Fitness Challenge • Introduction to Fitness Leadership • Rules for Popular Team Sports • Creating Personal Fitness Plans 			
Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High/low & loud/soft • Intro to singing • Use a variety of instruments • Christmas Concert 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High/low & loud/soft • Intro to singing • Use a variety of instruments • Christmas Concert 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dynamics (soft, medium, loud) • Simple rhythmic notation • Sings songs about life, work, and other subjects for fun/enjoyment • Christmas Concert 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recorders • Orff Orchestrations with more than one part • Singing • Christmas Concert 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reads and performs rhythmic and melodic notation • Sings rounds and canons • Orff Orchestrations using more than one part • Christmas Concert 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sings and performs two and three part music • Demonstrates expressive markings in music • Demonstrates the ability to notate a clapped rhythm including syncopation • Christmas Concert 			
Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parts of a book • Parts of the Library Media Center • Fiction/Nonfiction • Read-Aloud activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parts of a book • Parts of the Library Media Center • Fiction/Nonfiction • Read-Aloud activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On-line Catalogue • Call Numbers • Alphabetizing • Dictionaries • Periodicals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using Guide Words, Alphabetizing • Reference Materials • On-line Catalogue • Evaluation of Information • Locating and Accessing Sources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> History of Books and Libraries • Dewey Decimal System • Using Reference Materials • Cross Referencing • Reading and Evaluating material for specific uses 	<p><u>Year 1</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploring Literature • 5 Elements of a Story • Author Studies • Book Reviews • Poetry <p><u>Year 2</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Research Process • Periodical Index • Locate and Access • Note Taking • Organization/Outlines 			
Computer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beginning keyboarding • Introductory word processing • Basic graphics • Math problems 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beginning keyboarding • Introductory word processing • Basic graphics • Introductory math problems 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Word processing with editing • Basic Internet research skills • Keyboarding • Specific math skills practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Desktop Publishing • Presentation Skills • Intermediate Research Skills • Curriculum integration projects • Keyboarding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Web Publishing Skills • Multimedia Collaboration Projects • Spreadsheets • Mathematics programs • Keyboarding 				

Study Skills

Study skills are taught and reinforced at every grade level. Those skills include organization, time-management, reading directions, using resources, listening, working independently and in groups, graphic organizers, test preparation, and note taking.

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