

Curriculum



Academic Standards

Diocesan curriculums are aligned to the State of Michigan Common Core Standards in Math, Reading, Writing, Social Studies, and Science. All students in kindergarten through grade six take MAP (measures of academic progress) tests three times a year. These are computerized, adaptive tests that assess each student's current level of academic performance in Reading, Language Usage, and Mathematics. At the end of the test, the final score is an estimate of the student's achievement level.

Computer Lab

We have an on-site computer lab which is accessible to the students throughout the day. Technology and hardware are maintained consistently and upgraded often. Software is user-friendly and age-appropriate. Internet access is available. Students are supervised in the computer lab at all times.

Library

All students visit the library on a weekly basis. At SMV, we believe literacy is the key to education; and therefore, reading is stressed as an important element to our curriculum.

Religion

St. Mary's Visitation School students have many daily opportunities to live their Catholic faith. Catholic traditions, values and morals are emphasized in every aspect of the student's day. Religion instruction is based on standards provided by the Diocese of Kalamazoo. The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is an additional program taught by a religion teacher who specializes in that program.

Liturgy

Students in kindergarten through grade six participate in the liturgy once each week. Each grade is involved in the planning of the morning liturgies. When school is in session on a holy day, all students attend Mass.

Special Curricular Opportunities

Music: A vocal Music program is a shared-time program provided by Hopkins Public Schools twice per week. Included in the program is an introduction to instrumental music.

Phys. Ed.: A Physical Education program is a shared-time program provided twice each week by Hopkins Public Schools.

Art: A Fine Arts program too is a shared-time program provided by Hopkins Public Schools once per week.