

WHY CHOOSE ST. PATRICK SCHOOL?



CURRICULUM

- Strong academic curriculum that prepares your child to meet the challenges of high school
- Standardized testing (IOWA tests) show the majority of our students test above grade level
- Advanced Math for qualifying students in grades 6-8
- ELA (English Language Arts) enrichment program for qualifying students beginning in first grade
- STREAM curriculum that utilizes **S**cience, **T**echnology, **R**eligion, **E**ngineering, **A**rts, and **M**athematics as access points for guiding student inquiry, dialogue, and critical thinking
- Well-established after school care program, "Celtic Team" that is affordable, safe, and staffed with trained professionals who provide age-appropriate care.

TECHNOLOGY

- Every classroom is equipped to offer innovative and interactive learning
- Smart Boards for interactive instruction that can also cater to various learning styles
- Apple iPads offer endless opportunities to create hands-on, customizable learning experiences
- Up-to-date computer lab with 30 new DELL computers
- Recently updated middle school science classroom
- New 86" interactive conference room monitor
- Microsoft Office provided on all computers
- Full-time computer teacher
- Technology curriculum includes:
 - Microsoft Office
 - Cyber safety
 - Typing skills
 - Coding skills via Kodable and Code Combat
- Constant evaluation of technology needs
- Graphing calculators provided to middle school students
- Continually updating infrastructure

STAFF

- Highly qualified teachers and staff
- Some staff are alumni of St. Patrick Catholic School!
- Low faculty turnover rate
- Electives led by trained staff including: Spanish Culture, Graphic Arts, Art, Middle School Band, and Middle School Choir.
- T.E.A.M. (formerly D.A.R.E.) led by the White Lake Police Dept.
- Dedicated full-time school counselor
- Learning interventionist who works in small groups for ELA instruction
- Special services provided by Walled Lake Consolidated School District
- Excellent working relationship between Pastor, Athletic Director, and School Administration

FAITH

- The spirit of Catholic values, virtues, and social teachings are interwoven throughout the K-8 curriculum
- All students attend weekly school mass. Each class has the opportunity to lead a mass. Students in Kindergarten and first grade have an older buddy with whom they sit during mass. Parents are always welcome to attend.
- Special liturgical events occur throughout the year (i.e.: Stations of the Cross, Living Rosary, etc.)
- We instill within our students and school a commitment to the community through numerous service projects (i.e.: Adopt-a-Family, 3rd graders visit a local nursing home, 4th graders donate to the Pregnancy Center in Pontiac, food collection masses, school-wide food drive during Catholic Schools week, etc.)

INVOLVEMENT

- We offer numerous ways for students (and parents) to get involved!
- We have school clubs such as:
 - Ski Club
 - Drama Club
 - Quiz Bowl
 - Chess Club
- National Junior Honor Society (Middle School)
- Student Council (Grades 4-8)
- Talent Show
- St. Patrick Athletic Association (SPAA) offers an extremely active CYO program through the Parish. Volleyball, soccer, basketball, cross country, and lacrosse are offered to Grades 5-8. Twirl begins in Kindergarten and Cheer begins in first grade.
- The Parents Club serves as the fundraising and social arm of the school by sponsoring student, teacher, and parent activities throughout the year which enhance our school mission and community.