

St. Patrick Catholic School
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A Parents Guide to Transitional Kindergarten (TK)

St. Patrick Mission Statement

To provide an exceptional educational experience built upon faith, academics and service, within a Catholic community that exemplifies the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Highlights of Transitional Kindergarten

- * St. Patrick uses Archdiocese of Detroit standards to provide a rigorous academic curriculum
- * Interactive Smart Board in th classroom
- * Students are introduced to reading
- * Whole group, small group and individualized instruction
- * TK/Pre-K buddies
- * Chapel Prayer Service
- * Camp Fun Day
- * Halloween Celebration
- * Thanksgiving Celebration / Feed-the-Needy Service Project
- * Warm Hearts, Warm Hands, Warm Heads for the Needy Christian Service Project
- * Nativity Play/Celebration
- * Easter Baskets to children in need / Christian Service Easter Celebration
- * STREAM Terrarium Building (Spring)
- * Spring Field Trip / Picnic
- * End-of-Year Celebration

About Our Teachers & Programs

- * With their dedication to the teaching profession, our teachers nurture each child's growth in spirituality, academic achievement and social skills.
- * Teachers are certified by the State of Michigan and are professionally qualified to instruct in their specific subject areas.
- * Teachers are aided by the presence of the pastor, principal, school counselor and Learning Interventionist.
- * We respond to and intervene in situations for students we can accommodate with limited assistance from Walled Lake Public Schools.
- * With the support of a Learning Interventionist, we can provide additional learning support for those who qualify.

St. Patrick Philosophy

St. Patrick Catholic School is a part of St. Patrick Parish. St. Patrick Parish provides students and parents with a community that shares Catholic traditions, worships together and assists those in need. The school guides students in an atmosphere of continued growth through academic, spiritual and moral development. St. Patrick School develops students of integrity, with values to sustain and lead them in lives that make a difference.

- ✚ St. Patrick School believes in Faith First, Excellence in Education, and a Commitment to Community.
- ✚ St. Patrick School strives to utilize technological advancements and evolving methodology to educate its students.
- ✚ St. Patrick School respects and embraces a diverse student population.
- ✚ St. Patrick School provides a setting where the administration, teachers, parents, and students work together for the advancement of the entire school community.
- ✚ St. Patrick School promotes Catholic social teaching, values, and morals which are reflected in the curriculum and climate.



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Transitional Kindergarten Core Curriculum & Activities

DAILY

~Catholic Religion
~Social Studies
~Mathematics:

~Science
~2nd Recess

Geometry & Patterns

- * Identify and describe shapes

Positions

- * Colors, shapes, sorting and classification

Counting & Cardinality

- * Know number names and the count sequence
- * Count to tell the number of objects
- * Compare numbers

Operations & Algebraic thinking

- * Addition and subtraction readiness

Number & Operations in Base Ten

- * Work with numbers 11-19 to gain foundations for place value

Measurement & Data

- * Describe and compare measurable attributes

Classify objects and count the number of objects in each category

Explore concepts of time

Work with unit fractions

Work with money

Use Pictograms

Language Arts & Reading:

Super Kids Program

- * Life lessons aligned with Catholic Identity

Literature & Information Text

- * Key ideas & details
- * Craft & structure / integration of knowledge and ideas
- * Range of reading and level of text complexity

Foundational Skills

- * Print concepts
- * Phonological awareness
- * Phonics and word recognition
- * Fluency
- * Reading attitude

Writing

- * Text types and purposes
- * Religion journal
- * Imagination response handwriting
- * Production and distribution of writing
- * Research to build and present knowledge
- * Handwriting

Speaking and Listening

- * Comprehension and collaboration
- * Presentation of knowledge and ideas
- * Oral prayer

Language

- * Conventions of Standard English
- * Vocabulary acquisitions and use

WEEKLY SPECIALS

Computer Class * Art * Music & Movement
Physical Education * Library * Life Skills
Centers

FAITH-BASED ACTIVITY

Bi-Weekly Chapel Service with Preschool
Christian Service Projects

EXTRACURRICULAR

Twirl * Scouting

*Things You Can Do at Home to Help Your Child
Prepare for Transitional Kindergarten*

- * Work on skills of independence—shoe tying, eating, dressing self and using the restroom.
- * Help them make good nutritional choices and get adequate rest to fuel a growing mind and body.
- * Set limits on the amount of screen time.
- * Encourage them to read every day and read to them.

Homework

Homework is viewed as an opportunity to reinforce newly-mastered skills and absorb knowledge presented during the school day.

- † Students can anticipate an average of 10-15 minutes of work in Transitional Kindergarten.
- † Guidelines for each grade level and ideas for reinforcement opportunities are communicated at the beginning of the school year.
- † Practice on Superkids portal.
- † Practice on Dreamworks portal.