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St. Mary Catholic Schools has three vibrant elementary school campuses that serve students in three-year-old preschool through fifth grade. The heart of the St. Mary Catholic elementary experience is the relationship between supportive and caring teachers and staff, engaged parents and talented, eager students. The strong partnership between school, students, parents, parish and community fosters a close-knit “family feel.”

ACADEMICS

The SMCS elementary school program includes a strong foundation in the traditional elements of a well-rounded education, as well as a complement of “specials” that are part of every child’s daily school experience. The foundational curriculum consists of literacy (reading and writing), mathematics, religion, science and social studies.

The leading provider of K-12 STEM programs, Project Lead The Way (PLTW) is a project-based science curriculum that offers outstanding professional development for teachers and an engaged network of local corporate partners to help students develop the skills they need. SMCS is in the midst of a three-year implementation plan to bring PLTW to all K-8 science classrooms.

To support our literacy program, leveled books for reading, as well as word-study materials, are part of each K-5 classroom.

Specials Courses

SMCS “specials” offer students an opportunity to explore new ideas and experiences in areas that reach beyond the basic curriculum. Teachers dedicated to one subject travel to each elementary school on a rotating basis to provide instruction in these areas. The variety of specials that are part of an SMCS elementary education are art, library/media, Chinese and Spanish, music, and physical education.

MAP TESTING

Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) is administered to elementary students in grades K-5. Students in grades 2-5 complete tests in reading, language usage, and mathematics. Kindergarten and first grade students participate in Primary MAP, which includes reading and math. SMCS students consistently perform well above average on MAP tests.

TECHNOLOGY

St. Mary Catholic Schools strives to address the education and technology needs of our students. During elementary school years, students develop skills and behaviors that serve as the foundation for future learning. Each campus is part of the system’s technology plan that includes interactive whiteboards, wireless capabilities, automated response systems, audio/ visual enhancements and integrated curriculum. In addition to keyboarding skills and software applications, students learn about ethical computer use and how to acquire and evaluate information on the internet.

AN INDIVIDUALIZED EXPERIENCE

Our class sizes enable teachers to differentiate instruction for individuals within the classroom and accommodate learning styles. SMCS elementary teachers are able to offer additional challenges to students who are ready and one-on-one assistance to those who need additional attention.

PUPIL SERVICES

For students who need more assistance, SMCS has elementary-level learning specialists with specialized training and certification to support student learning. Because the ability to read is crucial to educational success, SMCS has reading support specialists at the elementary level who work to ensure student proficiency in reading. These professionals work as a team with the school counselors and classroom teachers to develop and implement a wide-reaching learning assistance program. The program supports student achievement and allows for a successful transition of services from one school level to the next. Support is based upon students’ individual needs determined by teacher observation, additional testing and consultation with parents.

COUNSELING

St. Mary Catholic Schools believes in nurturing the emotional and psychological health of every student. At the elementary level, our professional school counselor makes regular visits to each elementary school, providing classroom guidance, curriculum and individual sessions for students. Anti-bullying, personal safety and self-esteem programs are an important part of the counselor’s presence. Through SMCS’s K-12 comprehensive counseling program, counselors meet annually with all students in grade 5 to focus on academic and personal development, as well as age-appropriate career planning.

OUR COMMITMENT TO FAITH

We strive to nurture students’ knowledge and practice of their faith through the celebration of liturgy, sacraments, service and daily prayer. A strong commitment to our Catholic identity is an essential element of an SMCS elementary school education.

Every week and on Holy Days, liturgies are planned and led by students with the parish priest who is actively involved in the faith development of students. Classes take turns planning and students volunteer to fill various ministry roles. Family members and guests are always welcome to join the school community for Mass.

Throughout the school year and particularly during the seasons of Advent and Lent, SMCS elementary students are involved in special outreach projects to collect funds or items needed by a variety of charitable organizations.



St. Mary Catholic Schools
Grades P3-5
St. Gabriel Elementary
St. Margaret Mary Elementary
St. Mary Elementary

ADDITIONAL OFFERINGS

Before- and After-School Care

All SMCS elementary campuses offer supervision before school. Extended learning and after-school care is available for a reasonable cost at each elementary campus on the days when school is in session, with supervision provided from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. This program is tailored to fit families’ busy schedules and is available on an as-needed basis.

Co-Curricular Opportunities

Band (grades 4-5)
Basketball (grade 5)
Forensics (grade 5)
Mass Servers (grades 4-5)
Scouting (grades K-5)
Soccer (grades 3-5)

SMCS Enrichment Program

SMCS offers a unique and extensive after-school enrichment program. Ranging from STEM (science, technology, engineering and math)-based activities to karate to fine arts, the SMCS Enrichment Program gives students an opportunity to explore new interests as part of their extended school day. Classes are offered at each elementary campus, and students may enroll in any that are of interest, no matter the location. System-wide showcases build community and allow students to share their talents. A typical list of offerings each semester through the SMCS Enrichment Program includes:

Arts and Activities

Art	Jazz
Ballet	KidStage
Chess	PopSingsation
Clay Animation	Zumba Kids, Jr.
Hip Hop	Zumba Kids

Athletics

Basketball	Karate
Co-Ed Running Club	Lacrosse
Girls on the Run	Ski Club
Golf	Tennis

STEM Classes

Club Invention
Coding Club
FIRST Lego League
Invention Playground (preschool)
Jr. FIRST Lego League
Math Club
VEX IQ Robotics
Wonder Workshop Robotics

Find out more at smcatholicsschools.org/st-mary-catholic-elementary-schools/co-curriculars/enrichment-program.

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SMCS EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM

With experienced teachers leading the way, St. Mary Catholic Schools early childhood students enjoy a wide variety of enriching activities that are fun and engaging, as well as intellectually challenging.

ACADEMICS

St. Mary Catholic Schools offer more than just playtime. Our students are immersed in music, art, literacy and math on a daily basis. Children have library access, along with indoor and outdoor physical activities designed to build large motor skills. In addition to engaging in our dynamic curriculum, SMCS students have the opportunity to participate in our elementary enrichment program, which includes classes in hip-hop, art, karate, theater and much more.

FLEXIBILITY

The flexibility of our early childhood program affords families the opportunity to provide their children with quality, faith-filled care in a family-like environment from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. based on the needs of each individual family.

WRAP-AROUND CARE

SMCS offers before- and after-school care, and is the only system in the area to offer extended learning. Our extended learning program, which is offered from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. is competitively priced, and is also incredibly flexible, giving families the ability to tailor the program to their specific needs. Whether your child attends daily, occasionally or as a last minute drop-in, you only pay for what you use. Students involved in extended learning are exposed to a diverse array of learning activities and benefit from additional academic and literary experiences. With our healthy hot lunch options and additional after-school care available at a low rate, you can be assured that your children are well cared for and thriving at SMCS.

CHOICES

Because every family has different needs, we offer a wide variety of options designed to accommodate busy schedules. In addition to our five-days-a-week pre-K class, we also offer a three-day-a-week option. Pre-3 options for two, three, or five days a week vary by campus. All early childhood classes run from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

EARLY CHILDHOOD OPTIONS

Three-year-old Preschool/Pre-3

This program is intended for three-year-old children who are toilet trained, and is offered from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Extended Day

This program is available at every campus for families who would like additional educational opportunities after regular classes. This program is available from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. during the school year and follows the school calendar. Lunch is available through the food service program for an additional charge.

Pre-Kindergarten/Pre-K

This program is intended for four- and five-year-old children who will be going into kindergarten the following year, and is offered from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

After-School Care

This elementary program is available at every elementary campus to families who would like additional childcare when the elementary school is dismissed until approximately 5:30 p.m. This program is available to preschoolers at the discretion of the building principal.

AFFORDABILITY

An SMCS education is more affordable than you might think! The average rate for an SMCS pre-K student is around \$3.00 per hour, far less expensive than traditional childcare. Additionally, SMCS has the most generous Scrip program in the area, with 80% of the proceeds returned to our families in the form of tuition credit. It is possible to easily reduce your tuition bill by almost half, just by ordering Scrip for the stores you visit on a weekly basis!

