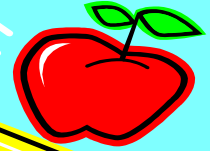


ST. PATRICIA SCHOOL

THE INVESTMENT OF
YOUR CHILD'S LIFETIME



Open House & Registration
Sunday, February 5th
9am to 1pm



Special PreK/Kindergarten Event
Tuesday, February 21st 6pm
Call to register by February 17th



Academic Achievement & Student Services

Founded in 1960, St. Patricia School has a long tradition of academic excellence. With full day Pre-kindergarten through 8th grade classes, St. Patricia offers a challenging curriculum, strong religious education with sacramental preparation, state-of-the-art computer facilities, a science lab, music, art, library and competitive sports, scouting, and various extra-curricular arts. School families also take advantage of before- and after-school care, a hot lunch program, and a large family support network!



Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten

St. Patricia's pre-kindergarten is offered either on a part-time or full-time basis. Kindergarten is a full-time program. A typical pre-kindergarten and kindergarten day consists of math, science, language and literacy, religion, art, social studies, music, gym, calendar time, and small group activity. Students also visit the library and computer lab and participate in physical education classes weekly. Field trips enhance the children's experience.

Advanced Learning Programs

Advanced learning takes individual attention from caring teachers, the involvement of engaged parents, and the example of other motivated students. If you want your child to learn more than the minimum required to score well on a standardized test, St. Patricia's approach is to encourage children to exceed the minimum. Peer mentoring programs include Book Buddies and Grammar Gurus.

Computer Lab

St. Patricia's computer lab is brand new, and all students utilize it. Pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students learn basic skills, such as navigation of the screen with a mouse, and practice phonics and math lessons. Older students learn how to word process and how to use the Internet and learn the basic Microsoft programs. By the junior-high grades, the students are typing research papers, cropping pictures, and preparing PowerPoint presentations.

Science Lab

St. Patricia's fully equipped Science Lab allows our junior high grades close hands-on research using microscopes. St. Patricia also participates in an Illinois Ecology and Preservation Program.

Well-Rounded Curriculum

Students participate in gym, music, art, library and special programs such as D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education).



Spiritual Formation & Faith-Based Community



What do you want your children to believe?

As children grow, they have many questions... about the world, their own identities, powers greater than themselves, and their relationship with God. St. Patricia is a faith-based community where belief in God is part of the everyday environment, and not just in religion classes. There are Christian prayers and attendance at Mass, inspirational words and images throughout the schools, and frequent reminders of the message of Jesus for all the children of the world.

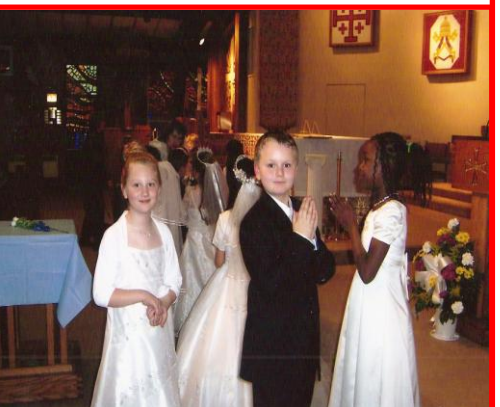
Sacramental Preparation

Catholics receive three sacraments during the grade school years: Reconciliation and Eucharist in the second grade and Confirmation in the eighth grade. We offer a comprehensive religious program including sacramental preparation retreats and prayer experiences.

Student Life at St. Patricia

St. Patricia not only incorporates sacramental preparation into its religious education curriculum, but also reinforces Christian values in every other aspect of student life. For example, St. Patricia teaches tolerance and respect for every student, stressing the importance and strength of being an individual.

St. Patricia encourages volunteerism and community service, even requiring it for Confirmation preparation. Fourth-graders have a "Partners in Prayer" program, whereby they are paired with senior citizens of the parish. The fifth graders begin to participate as altar servers. Students also visit nursing homes, plan and participate in liturgies, and volunteer their time in many other community service projects to prepare them for a life as a Catholic.



Special Tours or Shadow Days Available Upon Request
Transfer Students Are Always Welcome!

St. Patricia hosts special Tours or Shadow Days to fit busy parents schedules. Prospective students and their parents can tour the school and participate in mini-classroom sessions. St. Patricia's Transfer Program partners our staff, teachers and parents together to ensure a smooth transition for students. For more information call (708) 598-8200.

Athletics & Enrichment Programs



Competitive Sports

Even kindergarteners can be "Bobcats!"

St. Patricia students compete with other Catholic Schools in many sports such as:

- Coed Soccer: Kindergarten - 8th Grade (Registration at Open House);
- Boys & Girls Basketball: 3rd - 8th Grade
- Football: 4th - 8th Grade (participation by local parishes);
- Girls Volleyball: 4th - 8th Grade;
- Cheerleading, Golf, and Running Club.

In the fall St. Patricia also offers a non-competitive flag football league for students who wish to participate after school! For more information, go to: www.stpatriciasports.com

Before- and After-School Care

Essential to working families is the flexible and affordable on-site before- and after-school care provided to students from 6:00 to 7:45 a.m. and from 2:15 to 6:00 p.m. St. Patricia staff members care for the students in a safe, nurturing environment on the premises. Children receive a nutritious breakfast and an afternoon snack. After completing homework, they typically participate in crafts, board and table games, cards, video games, and other activities. The fee is calculated on an hourly basis, to the next quarter hour.

Arts & Enrichment

Students in all grades become actors and actresses in the Spring Play. Among the all-time favorites are "Beauty & the Beast," "High School Musical," and "Grease." This year, they'll be performing "Fiddler on the Roof." A school band with music instruction is also available for 4th-8th grade students. All grades participate in the Children's Choir.

Clubs & Organizations

Our students can participate in: Art & Literature Competitions, Book Buddies (where older students mentor the younger students in reading), Chess Club, Grammar Gurus (free tutoring team for their peer students), National Junior Honors Society, Scouts and Student Council.

"SCIP" Tuition Savings

Some families have earned more than \$1,100 toward their tuition in one year by purchasing gift cards to the stores they are already patronizing through the St. Patricia Sponsored SCIP program. By paying for your groceries, gas, and much more with SCIP gift cards, a Catholic school education for your child is more affordable than you realize!

