



# St. Charles School

## **MISSION**

St. Charles School is a Pre-K through Grade 8 school rooted in the Catholic tradition, dedicated to providing a strong Catholic education that encourages its students to be life-long learners and leaders, to live their faith with high moral standards, and to grow academically, spiritually, and socially.

## **ACCREDITATION**

St. Charles School is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC).

## **ACADEMICS & SPECIALS**

St. Charles school was founded in 1884 by the Sisters of Notre Dame. St. Charles School offers students an exciting, faith-based core curriculum from Pre-K to Grade 8, with rigorous course of study designed to further academic achievement. Using research-based best practices, teachers engage students in units of study that not only build a solid foundation of literacy and numeracy skills, but also encourages students to develop critical and creative thinking and sharpen their problem solving abilities.

## **AREAS OF STUDY**

- Religion
- Language Arts
- Social Studies
- Computer
- Science
- Mathematics
- Spanish
- Physical Education
- Music
- Art
- Study Skills

## **FACILITIES**

The school has two buildings. Our lower building houses grades Pre-K through grade 4 and our administrative office. This building also has our library and the music room for grades 1-4. The upper building houses grades 5-8, the cafeteria, computer room, art room, special education room, auditorium, science lab, and grade 5-8 music room. The students have access to the parish church for activities centered around the sacraments.

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## **AVERAGE CLASS SIZE**

- Pre-K (3 year and 4 year old programs:
- 15 Kindergarten (2 classrooms)
- 20 (Each will full time teacher and Part-time aide)
- Grades 1-8: 18-25

## **SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

- Full-time Special Education Teacher
- Before and After School Program
- Full-Day Kindergarten
- First Communion for Second Graders
- Monthly School Masses
- Hot Lunch Program
- Parent Service Program
- Food drives for St. Vincent de Paul & Woburn Council of Social Concern
- Community Service Events:
  - Math-a-Thon for St. Jude’s Research Hospital
  - Pennies for Patients – Cancer drive
  - March of Dimes Muscular Dystrophy Associates
  - Juvenile Diabetes
  - Wear Denim to School Day – Cancer Association
  - American Heart Association

## **ANNUAL EVENTS**

- School float entered in Woburn’s Annual Halloween Parade
- Veteran’s Day Program
- Christmas Concert
- Catholic Schools Week
- Scholastic Book Fair
- Science and Academic Fair
- Class Night for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students
- Eighth grade graduation Mass and ceremony

## **BI-ANNUAL EVENTS**

- Grades 7 and 8 trip to Washington, DC
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## 2008 GRADUATES

- 48 Graduated, 30 enrolled in Catholic/Private High Schools

## TESTING

CTB/McGraw-Hill's Terra Nova Assessment Testing Grades 2-8, annually Brigance Screen Testing after registration and prior to admission.

## SCHOOL HOURS

- Kindergarten 8:30AM – 2:20PM
- Grades 1-8 8:30AM – 2:30PM
- Preschool 4 year old AM program: 8:45AM – 11:15AM (Monday, Wednesday, Friday)
- Preschool 4 year old PM program: 11:50AM – 2:20PM (Monday, Wednesday, Friday)
- Preschool 3 year old AM program: 8:45AM – 11:15AM (Tuesday & Thursday)
- Preschool 3 year old PM program: 11:50AM – 11:15PM (Tuesday & Thursday)

## ADMISSIONS

For Kindergarten admission, students must be five years old by September 1<sup>st</sup> of the year entering school. Students entering First Grade must be six years old by September 1<sup>st</sup> of the year entering school. Priority is given to current school families. Admission to all other grades is based on available space, the Brigance screen test, a review by the Principal of academic records, and a letter of recommendation from the student's current teacher. St. Charles School admits students of any race, sex, religion, national or ethnic origin.

## BUS SERVICE

Students living in Woburn, living more than two miles from the school are provided transportation by the public school system.

## EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Student Council
- Girls Basketball (grades 5-8)
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- SCS Newspaper Reporter's Club
- Yearbook Committee
- Altar Servers
- Cheerleading (grades 6-8)
- School Service

