

School of the Madeleine

PROGRAM INFORMATION

School of the Madeleine is a Catholic elementary school (Preschool through Grade 8) recognized throughout the Diocese for its caring Christian environment and strong academic curriculum. The School is sponsored by St. Mary Magdalene Parish, and is fully accredited by the Western Association of School and Colleges.

We are a faith community of dedicated educators. We believe in educating the whole child according to the teachings of Jesus. Accordingly, the program stresses sharing the message of Jesus, fostering community, and motivating service to others without discrimination.

Our curriculum includes the study of Religion, Mathematics, Reading, Spelling, Language Arts, Science, Social Studies, Computers, and Spanish (5-8). Specialists instruct the students in Music and Physical Education. Currently the faculty consist of 24 full time teachers and 5 part-time teachers.

School classrooms open at 8:00 am with classes beginning at 8:05 am. Dismissal is at 2:45 pm. The YMCA operates our Extended Care program. A qualified staff is available to students from 6:45-8:00 am and from 2:45-6:00 pm.

The goal of our Physical Education program is to provide an enjoyable and health-promoting experience for every child. P.E. classes for each grade meet twice a week and include physical fitness activities, movement concepts of space awareness and skill themes taught in the context of games.

The goal of the after school sports program, available to boys and girls in grades 3-8, is to foster friendships, provide leadership opportunities, and to help students develop a positive attitude toward sports and athletic competition. There is a fee charged for participation. Sports include football, soccer, basketball, and volleyball.

Currently the school has two on-campus counselors available for students and families. They are both licensed family therapists and have been working with children for several years.

Students wear uniforms provided through Dennis Uniform Company. Certain dress-up days are held during the year.

A tuition and fee schedule for the 2011-2012 school year is included in this packet. New rates will be available in February. Each school year parents sign a financial responsibility form. This is an agreement that indicates who will pay the tuition to the school and in what amounts. The cost of education per child is significantly more than our tuition fees. Each family is required to give a minimum of 20 hours of service to the school community during the year. Families are also required to support the Parent Support Association Fund Raisers at a minimum of \$240.00 per family. This is referred to as the P.S.A. Commitment.

The Parent Support Association includes all school parents. The organization gives parents the opportunity to become acquainted with other parents, with teachers and board members, and to be informed of school business. We believe that parents are the primary educators of children, and that the P.S.A. is one of the ways we can collaborate effectively in the religious and educational process. The P.S.A. sponsors four major fund raising events each year.