

# St. Joseph Catholic Academy

## Preschool-12

- Enrollment increased 20% from last year, reflecting 117 additional students
- Houses the only Preschool Catholic Montessori program in Wisconsin
- Implements a “balanced literacy” independent reading program for Preschool-5
- World Languages rotate every 9 weeks for the Preschool-5 students (Mandarin Chinese, Italian, Spanish, and French)
- A Preschool-12 Guidance Model is in place delivering services and programs by 2 certified guidance counselors.
- A Preschool-12 Campus Ministry Model for service projects, community outreach, and student alignments to individual parishes. Upper campus students (6-12) provide tutorial and service related tasks for the lower campus (Preschool-5) daily. The Campus Minister is a certified full-time staff individual.
- Music classes daily for Preschool-5 by a certified Performing Arts teacher
- Art classes daily for Preschool-5 by a certified Fine Arts teacher
- Smart Boards and internet projectors in every Preschool-5 classroom
- Laptops for every grade 6-8 student (Laptop rollout for grades 9-12 for 2011-2012 school year)
- Professional development weekly for Preschool-12 faculty with webinars on blogs, podcasts, search techniques, diigo in the classroom, virtual tours, and on-line discussions provided by the Educational Collaboratives from St. Louis.
- Professional development weekly for Preschool-12 faculty on “lesson tuning protocols” patterned off of the Institute of Research and Reform in Education research and discussions on Robert Marzano’s teaching strategies.
- Professional development for Preschool-12 faculty and staff monthly on Adult Faith Formation to increase our Catholic identity.
- Preschool-12 curriculum transitioning to “E” books, electronic applications, and self-authored electronic textbooks monitored daily for engagement, standards, and rigor using “learning walks” (snap shot of the learning process) by administrators.
- Upper campus 1<sup>st</sup> term honors – achieved by 66.5% of the student body in grades 6-12
- 1<sup>st</sup> term GPA – middle school – 3.4
- 1<sup>st</sup> term GPA – high school – 3.3
- 95% of the entire Preschool-12 faculty and staff are practicing Catholics.

**The Best Education. The Best Choice.**