

# Saint Catherine of Siena School

## Middle School Program Grades 6-8

Our rigorous middle school program targets the unique academic and social challenges students will face to become effective leaders of tomorrow.



### *Tools For Success*

- **Individual iPads** compliment the student's academic studies.
- **Leveling** in mathematics allows students to succeed at their own pace.
- All Middle School students design and present a **science fair project** each year. Many go on to compete locally.
- Students become **proficient** in test preparation, note-taking, outlining, writing and research.
- **Individual and Enrichment Study Skills** compliment test preparation and research projects.
- **Spanish** is taught in all three grades in our Middle School.

### *Leading the Way*

- Middle school students serve as **role models** for younger students .
- **Student Ambassador Program** creates confidence in public speaking
- **Student-led** initiatives and community-building projects.
- Annual field trip to **Hale Reservation** boosts confidence through team and leadership activities.

Our new SpringBoard® program from College Board - a Pre-Advanced Placement college and career readiness course of study in mathematics - prepares our students for success in high school and beyond.

# The Mission

of Saint Catherine of Siena School is to provide an excellent Catholic faith-based education for children in Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 8 in a safe and trusting environment, with an emphasis on mutual respect. The school exists in the context of a Parish community, to assist families in guiding their children spiritually, academically, emotionally, and physically, with a strong focus on Roman Catholic values.

## ***Distinct Saint Catherine of Siena School Advantage***

The longer a student remains at the school, the more enriching the experience will be. Parents receive the best value for the dollar while their child(ren) receive the best education available. Saint Catherine School graduates have the tools they need and are prepared for a seamless transition into the private or public high schools of their choice. Young men in good academic standing benefit from preferential admission to Xaverian Brothers High School.

## ***Curriculum Development***

Music, computer science, art, study skills and physical education classes remain integral parts of our curriculum. Spanish language and culture are taught to all middle school students. Additional enrichment opportunities enhance the curriculum at every grade.

## ***Technology for Twenty-First Century Learning***

iPads, Smartboards, tablets and other instructional technology are used in the classroom at all grade levels. Middle School students are issued an iPad each year and utilize the iPad as a tool for learning in every aspect of instruction. E-texts and important software programs aid our Middle School students in instruction. Teachers can maintain communication with students by email beyond the school day.

## ***Learning Resources***

Our Learning Center is also available for students who have additional learning challenges. Collaborations with classroom teachers ensure success for students with learning differences.

## ***Activities, Sports and Special Programs***

Here are just a few:

- Christian Service & Community Building Activities
- School Play and Small Group Performances
- Student Council (Grades 6-8)
- Gifted & Talented Program
- Gr 6 & 7 field trip to Hale Reservation
- Gr 8 trip to Washington, D.C.
- Middle School Dances
- Math League
- Ski Club
- Running Club
- Cross Fit Training
- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Chess Club
- Talent Show
- Spanish Club