

# St. Joseph School

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## History

St. Joseph School began in 1963 in the basement of what is now the Crestwood Board Office on Prospect Street in the Village of Mantua until the present building was completed that same year. We have one class of each grade level, K-8, with an average of 14 students per classroom and a total of 115 students. A skilled aide helps in grades K—8 every day. Tuition follows a sliding payment scale.

Children from St. Joseph's & surrounding Catholic parishes attend SJS including St. Ambrose in Garrettsville, Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Aurora, St. Joan of Arc in Streetsboro, Immaculate Conception in Ravenna, St. Michael in Windham, St. Pius X in Warren and the surrounding communities. Busing is provided by these local public school systems, as well as by the Crestwood School District.

Hot Breakfast & Lunch Programs, as well as Latchkey, are available before and after school.

## OCSAA Goals 2007-2013

Goal I: Catholicity (Sacraments).  
Goal II: Student Performance (Math).

## Curriculum

The curriculum at St. Joseph School is based on the Revised State Standards of Ohio and contains the Catholic dimension that is incorporated into these standards by the Diocese of Youngstown.

### Curriculum Areas for Grades K-8 Include:

Religion and Liturgical Celebrations, Language Arts (Four Block Program: Self-selected Reading, Guided Reading, Writing and Word Study with phonics), Math (Saxon Program), Science, Health, Social Studies, Spanish, Fine Arts (Music, Art, Drama), Physical Education, and Computer Skills. The services of an LD and Title I Tutors and Speech Pathologists are made available to those who require them.

## Sports

Our sports" activities are facilitated via the C.Y.O. Program. They emphasize sportsmanship, teamwork, God-given skills and fun. Current programs include:

Boys' Football      Cross Country / Track  
Girls' Volleyball      Boys' and Girls' Basketball

## Celebrations

- ❖ Re-accredited by the State of Ohio: September 2007—2013
- ❖ Accommodation of Excellence: September 2007 from the Portage County Commissioners..
- ❖ Proficiency and Standardized Testing (students continually rank 1-3 grade levels above standards).
- ❖ Students are provided with daily Catechetical Studies as well as the following: Sacrament Preparation (Gr. 2 & 8), All-School & Class Masses, Church Tours, Church Music Instruction, Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy, and Service & Community Outreach Projects.

## Co-curricular Areas of Learning

- ❖ Curriculum-based Field Trips
- ❖ Power of the Pen
- ❖ Red Ribbon Week
- ❖ Book Fairs
- ❖ Field Day
- ❖ Poetry Anthology
- ❖ School Dance (Gr. 6,7,8)
- ❖ Fine Arts Performances
- ❖ Outdoor Learning Camp (Gr. 5)
- ❖ BETA Club (Gr. 5-8)
- ❖ Instrumental Band (Gr. 4-8)
- ❖ Math-a-thon
- ❖ Read-a-thon
- ❖ Creative Architecture
- ❖ Talent Show
- ❖ D.A.R.E. Program
- ❖ Knitting Club (Gr. 4-8)
- ❖ Tutoring & Mentoring
- ❖ School Library
- ❖ Earth Day Activities
- ❖ Spelling Bee
- ❖ Home & School Activities
- ❖ Individualized Instruction
- ❖ Anthology of Short Stories

## Mission And Belief Statement

We, the school community of St. Joseph Catholic Church of the Diocese of Youngstown, are a faithful, dedicated family of believers who: \*Witness the Gospel. \*Are committed to the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. \*Are spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ. \*Are dedicated to providing the highest quality education in a God-centered environment.

In order to provide a God-centered environment where all persons can learn and grow to their unique potential as Catholics and responsible citizens, we join together as a school and home family in order to help meet daily life experiences.

- We believe that faith development is integral to every part of school life.
- We believe that student learning is a chief priority.
- We believe all students can learn.
- We believe a student's self-esteem is enhanced by positive relationships and mutual respect among and between students and staff.
- We believe a safe and physically comfortable environment promotes student learning.
- We believe that teachers, administrators, parents, and the community share the responsibility for advancing the school's mission.
- We believe that the commitment to continuous improvement is imperative if our school is going to enable students to become confident, self-directed, lifelong learners.

