

# St. Joseph Catholic School 45 Years of Quality Education

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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.

We have one class of each grade level, K-8, with an average of 14 students per classroom and a total of 110 students. Tuition follows a sliding payment scale.

Children from St. Joseph Parish and the surrounding Catholic parishes attend SJS;

- ❖ St. Ambrose, Garrettsville
- ❖ Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Aurora
- ❖ St. Joan of Arc, Streetsboro
- ❖ Immaculate Conception, Ravenna
- ❖ St. Michael, Windham
- ❖ St. Pius X, Warren.

Busing is provided by these local public school systems.

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

## Safety and Health

Wellness Policy: Revised annually.

Complete compliance

Asbestos Inspection: Every three years.

Complete compliance.

Crisis Management Plan: Revised annually. Fully operational and tested.

Jarod's Law Inspection: Oct. 2008.

Very minor adjustments in process.



## Curriculum

State Standards of Ohio and Diocesan Courses of Studies

Students are provided with daily Religion classes 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, Service Projects and Community Outreach Experiences.

Curriculum Areas for Grades K-8 Include:

Religion and Liturgical Celebrations, Language Arts with Phonics, Math (Saxon Program), Science, Health, Social Studies, Spanish, Fine Arts (Music, Art, Drama), Physical Education, and Technology Skills. The services of an LD and Title I Specialist and Speech Pathologist are made available.

## 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: District Champions, Fall 2008  
Cross Country: Boys- District 1st Place, Fall 2008  
Girls- District 2nd Place, Fall 2008  
Girls' Volleyball Boys' and Girls' Basketball & Track

## Academic Excellence

- ❖ Re-accredited by the State of Ohio: 2007-2013  
Goal I: Catholicity (Sacraments)  
Goal II: Student Performance (Math)
- ❖ Accommodation of Excellence: September 2007 from the Portage County Commissioners.
- ❖ Proficiency and Standardized Testing (students continually rank 1-3 grade levels above standards).

## Co-curricular Areas of Learning

- ❖ Curriculum-based Field Trips
- ❖ Retreats
- ❖ Red Ribbon Week
- ❖ Book Fairs
- ❖ Wellness Walk
- ❖ Poetry Anthology
- ❖ School Dance (Gr. 6,7,8)
- ❖ Fine Arts Performances
- ❖ Outdoor Learning Camp (Gr. 5)
- ❖ JR. 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.