



St. Matthew Catholic School

2011-2012 Facts and Information

Principal: David Smock

Pastor: Fr. Paul Shikany

Mission Statement: The community of St. Matthew Catholic School is dedicated to provide a faith-filled Catholic education that fosters the growth of the whole child. Through developmentally appropriate academics, we facilitate social growth in a safe environment and inspire self-discipline, personal responsibility, and a concern for others in the world.

Founded: 1958

Colors: Red and White

Mascot: Warrior

Enrollment: 330 (170 boys, 160 girls). While 87% of students are Catholic, children of all faiths are welcome.

Faculty and Class Size: 23 teachers, 21:1 student-teacher ratio. We do our best to hold class size to 25 students. Currently all grades except 2nd and 5th have two classes.

ISTEP+ Scores: St. Matthew has consistently received an Exemplary Rating from the State of Indiana, the highest designation schools can be given. Since 2001, on average 93% of all St. Matthew students in Grades 3-8 have passed both sections of the ISTEP+. St. Matthew students have also, on average, placed in the top 5% of all Indiana schools based on the ISTEP+.

10 Years of ISTEP+ Average Scores Show:

All Indiana Schools: 59% pass

All Archdiocesan schools: 85% pass

Top 5% Indiana schools: 92% pass

St. Matthew School: 93% pass

Accreditation and Memberships:

North Central Association

Indiana Non-Public Education Association

Accredited Freeway School by the

Indiana Department of Education.

Transportation: While we do not offer bus service, students are brought to school by parents, and many parents work together to carpool.

Daily Schedule: School starts at 7:50 a.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m. Students may arrive in classrooms at 7:30 a.m. Free morning care is available for students who need to be dropped off between 7:00 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. After-School Extended Care is available from 3-6 p.m. at a current cost of \$3 per hour.

Uniforms: Navy or khaki pants with red polo-style shirts is the attire for students. Khaki or navy shorts are allowed at certain times of the year. On Mass days girls in K-3 wear plaid jumpers, and girls in Grades 4-8 wear plaid skirts/skorts, and may wear those on other days, as well.

Extras offered: All SMS students participate in art, music, computer, and PE classes each week, and library time is available. Middle School students have those classes plus additional enrichment in band and fitness. Our Parent-Faculty Association (PFA) also sponsors many different club opportunities.

Sports Offered: CYO football and wrestling begins in 3rd grade for boys. Other CYO sports for Grades 4-8 include cross country (co-ed), volleyball (girls), basketball (boys and girls), kickball (girls), track (co-ed), baseball (boys), softball (girls), soccer (co-ed), and cheerleading (girls 5th -8th).

Faith Formation: Mass is attended weekly on Wednesdays. All grades have regular Religion classes. First Reconciliation and First Communion instruction is provided in 2nd grade. Other Sacraments are encouraged for all students and families.