



St. Matthew Catholic School

2019-2020 Facts and Information

OUR MISSION: *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.*

Principal: David Smock

Pastor: Fr. Nick Dant

Founded: 1958

Colors: Red and White

Mascot: Warrior

Enrollment: 372 K-8 (194 boys, 178 girls)
While a vast majority of students are Catholic, children of all faiths are welcome.

Faculty and Class Size: 27 teachers, 14:1 student-teacher ratio. We do our best to hold class size to 25 students. All grades have two classrooms.

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, and Fr. Nick supports our St. Matthew School ministry and is present at its events.

Academics: St. Matthew is proud to have received an “A” grade rating from the State of Indiana every year the system has been in existence. We are proud to offer a challenging curriculum to all of our students. We participate fully in ILEARN and I-READ3 testing as a state-accredited school. We participate in ACRE for religion testing through the Archdiocese and the NCEA. We also utilize NWEA as a formative assessment on an ongoing basis. Our Middle School students have a daily schedule of 6 core classes, plus enrichments. Our 4th and 5th Grade operate on a “mini-Middle School” concept where they rotate to teachers specializing in their areas, as well.

Accreditation and Memberships:

National Catholic Education Association

Archdiocese of Indianapolis Office of
Catholic Education

AdvancED Accreditation

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 for Grades K-8 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 \$3.50 per hour.

Uniforms: Navy or khaki pants/shorts with red polo-style shirts is the attire for students. On Mass days girls in K-3 wear plaid jumpers, and girls in Grades 4-8 wear plaid skirts/skorts. Plaid jumpers/skirts may be worn 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. Spanish is offered on a regular basis to Middle School students. 6th-8th graders also have additional enrichment in band, choir, and fitness. Our Parent-Faculty Association (PFA) also sponsors many different club opportunities as well as a Robotics team.

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).