

ST. FRANCIS SPOTLIGHT..

ON FAITH

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F **Family of Faith**
St. Francis de Sales School recognizes parents and family as primary educators and joins with them to form a living community of shared faith.

- We help students to see that every person is a unique and valuable gift from God.
 - Students explore their faith through classes and activities in Scripture, Sacraments, Church teachings, and social justice.
 - Our student/teacher ratio of 1:18 supports the family and community atmosphere at our school.
 - Our service learning program teaches students to respectfully minister to others. Our eighth grade class performed over 500 service hours in 2007.
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A **Achievement**
A Catholic education is a challenging education. St. Francis de Sales School lays a foundation for academic success that enables your child to flourish – now and in the future.

- Student achievement shows that our students are self-disciplined, motivated, responsible, and creative.
 - Our students typically score 30 points above national averages on Terra Nova, a nationally recognized standardized test for students in grades 3-8.
 - 99% of Catholic high school students graduate.
 - 97% of those students go on to post-secondary education.
 - St. Francis de Sales alumni currently attend the most prestigious universities in the nation.
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I **Investment in your Child**
A Catholic education is worth the cost. Your child's tuition is an investment that pays lifelong tangible and intangible dividends.

- St. Francis de Sales School represents affordable excellence; there is an emphasis on efficiency and accountability.
 - In addition to a strong traditional program, St. Francis de Sales School adds to the significance of a well-rounded education by focusing on religious, spiritual, and moral development.
 - We teach our students that spiritual values – not peer pressure – are the guide for good decision-making, now and in their adult lives.
 - At St. Francis de Sales School, a mutual respect exists among students, faculty, and administration that creates an atmosphere of care and concern.
 - We prepare our students to be productive, thoughtful citizens of the 21st century.
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T **Technology**
St. Francis de Sales School employs state-of-the-art technology that maximizes your child's learning potential.

- Our computer lab houses 30 desktop computers for technology classes.
 - We have an Interactive Video Distance Learning Lab (IVDL) which is used to enhance the curriculum in all grades K-8.
 - Each classroom (K-8) has a Smart Board for technology integration throughout the various content areas.
 - Our teachers and students utilize Accelerated Reader and Accelerated Math in the classrooms. Both are computerized independent learning programs designed to enhance the curriculum and meet students where they are academically.
 - We also have on staff a Technology Integration Specialist whose sole responsibility is to work with faculty to integrate technology within the curriculum.
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H **High Standards**
St. Francis de Sales School engages in an ongoing process of evaluation, certification, and accreditation of both teachers and programs.

- Our curriculum meets or exceeds all state regulations and guidelines. In addition, Diocesan policy requires a strong religious education curriculum.
- Our faculty members have an average of 14 years experience as fully qualified professionals committed to bringing out the best in their students as they grow in knowledge.
- Association with agencies such as the National Catholic Educational Association and the Ohio Catholic School Accrediting Association, as well as with the Diocesan Department of Education, helps provide programs and instruments for internal and external evaluations on an ongoing basis.