



### **Can I afford a Catholic education for my child?**

A Catholic education is an investment that pays dividends for years and years. St. Theresa's Catholic School does its best to keep costs down. Your tuition and fees cover about 85% of what it costs to educate your child at STCS. The remaining 15% is achieved through a parish subsidy and fundraising efforts. Our community is blessed with a high level of support to provide high-quality programs and services to our students while keeping our tuition reasonable. Our tuition rates and fees are very comparable to other private schools in the area. Financial aid is available based on need.

### **What are some of the key things to know about St. Theresa's Catholic School?**

- St. Theresa's Catholic School offers two classes per grade
- Pre-Kindergarten class size is 20 students
- Kindergarten through 8th grade class size average 22-24 students
- In addition to a lead teacher, Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and 1st grade classes have a classroom instructional aide
- The overall student to faculty ratio is 8:1
- Before school supervision is available starting at 7:25 a.m. at no additional charge to families
- School hours run 7:55 a.m. to 3:10 p.m. (Monday), 7:55 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Tuesday-Friday)
- Pre-Kindergarten parents have a 1:00 p.m. pick-up option (same tuition pricing)
- Extended School Care is offered on a monthly or drop-in basis until 5:45 p.m.
- Uniforms are required for all students every day with the exception of Spirit Days

### **Does our family have to be Catholic to apply to St. Theresa's?**

No. Students of other faiths are always welcome and will participate in components of the Catholic faith community while preserving their familial faith principles.

### **Why does my child have to take a student assessment?**

The formal assessment is a way for our staff to measure the child's current level of learning. This assessment data will assist in the class placement process and may be used as an indicator for needed academic support or academic enrichment.

### **How much time will the student assessment take?**

About one hour for all grade levels.

**What happens if the number of applications exceed class space?**

When applicants exceed class space, St. Theresa's Catholic School will maintain a wait pool of completed applications. Families will be notified of acceptance during the school year if space becomes available. No additional fee is charged to remain in the wait pool for the school year.

**Will you take applications after the initial February deadline?**

Yes. However, enrollment is contingent on space availability.

**Will I be charged full tuition if my child is enrolled after the beginning of the school year?**

The school will prorate the **tuition** based on the number of days the child is enrolled.

**What is the school's uniform policy?**

Uniforms are required for all students in Pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade with a special dress uniform required on days when Mass is celebrated. Our uniform policy minimizes distractions in the classroom and discourages students from judging their peers based on outward appearance. School students will enjoy special Spirit Day attire for various occasions on a monthly basis, which includes jeans and other approved clothing.

**How is religion integrated into the curriculum?**

As a parochial school, St. Theresa's Catholic School is part of the faith community of St. Theresa Catholic Church. Religion is formally taught every day, and Catholic values are integrated into all subjects. Additionally, students attend and actively participate in weekly Mass.

**How are students disciplined?**

St. Theresa's strives to create an atmosphere of Christian charity and respect for all students and faculty. Teachers provide many opportunities for student success and the development of a positive self-image. The positive reinforcement used at STCS is very important to help students grow in self-discipline and personal responsibility. STCS has developmentally appropriate elementary and middle school discipline policies.

**What is St. Theresa's approach toward learning?**

At St. Theresa's, we believe a kind, supportive environment is most conducive to academic excellence, not an overly strict or rigorous one. We strive to make the learning experience enjoyable, not stressful, in order to instill a lifelong love of learning within our students. This approach has proven to be very beneficial for our students: many have gone on to place in the top 10% of their high school class with several being class valedictorian.

**What does the school do to ensure student safety?**

We take measures to safeguard students in the physical school environment and while using school electronic devices and the internet. Our campus is equipped with security cameras and secured keyless entry. Take a tour and learn more about our safety measures.