



About St. Christopher School

History

In 1952, St. Christopher School was founded by St. Christopher Parish, under the direction of Fr. Lancelot Quinn. For the first 12 years, the school was located in a refurbished school building on Shattuck Street. The demand for a St. Christopher Catholic education grew, and a new building was opened in 1963. In 1996, St. Christopher School added a Resource Center which contains a computer lab and an expanded library. Most recently, in 2009, we've added a beautiful new playground.

Mission

As Catholic educators, we enter into a noble ministry of teaching and serving the ministry of Jesus.

In a caring environment, we complement the work of the family, the parish, and society by fostering confidence and self-esteem, religious commitment, and a sense of responsibility in all children.

We are committed to providing an excellent elementary education in a structured, disciplined environment where support and encouragement are critical.

Students

Grades Pre-Kindergarten to 6

2009-2010 Enrollment 301
 Maximum Class Size 25

Students attend from the communities of Nashua, Bedford, Merrimack, Amherst, Milford, Hollis, Wilton, New Ipswich, Mont Vernon, Lyndeborough, Hudson, and Windham.

Faculty

Teachers 26
 Staff, including full-time nurse 6
 Student-teacher ratio 17:1

Teachers are certified by the State of New Hampshire

School Hours

Doors open at 8:30 a.m. and school begins at 8:50 a.m. PreK and Kdg are released at 2:55 p.m., while grades 1-6 is dismissed at 3:00 p.m.

For an additional fee, before school care is available from 7:30 a.m. and after school care runs until 5:30 p.m. Both extended care programs are staffed by members of the school's faculty.

Curriculum

Students receive instruction in all of the core subjects, including Language Arts and Reading, Math, Science, Social Studies and Religion. In addition, they have weekly instruction in Conversational Spanish, Computer Science, Music, Physical Education, Integrated Arts and Library.

Testing

Student progress is measured yearly through the CTB McGraw Hill Terra Nova test. Parents receive copies of their child's results.

Religious Education

St. Christopher School offers an education that reflects both academic excellence and a traditional Catholic identity. The school and its teachers are committed to the whole child, including academic preparation, self-discipline, moral values, and spiritual growth. Students receive religious education on a daily basis and participate in a number of liturgies and service projects throughout the year. Non-catholic students are welcome to attend the school.

Facility

St. Christopher School contains 16 classrooms, a music room, an Apple computer lab, a library, a nurse's office and a playground. In February of 2010, each grade 1-6 classroom, as well as the computer lab and music room, will be equipped with an interactive whiteboard. Gym is held at nearby Sargent Ave. Park in good weather, and, during inclement weather, in the Parish Hall which is attached to the school.

Location

Located in the residential North End of Nashua, St. Christopher School is adjacent to St. Christopher parish.

Transportation

Students from Nashua who live north of the Nashua River and more than one mile from the school are eligible for free bus transportation to the school. All other students must arrange other transportation. A number of carpools from the surrounding communities are created by our parents each year.

Enrichment and Extracurricular Activities

Throughout the year, students participate in a number of enrichment programs designed to make their education a fuller, more in-depth experience. Among the programs held in the last year were field trips, Field Day, service projects, Healthy St. Chris Walk/Run, and visits from special guests like a dog sled team and a Channel 9 weatherman.

Extracurricular activities are voluntary, but many students choose to participate in activities such as Lego robotics, Drama, cross-country team, band and instrument lessons, chorus, Ski Club, and the Chess/Checkers Club.

Dress Code

Students in all grades, including PreK. and Kdg., are required to wear the school uniform. There is a special uniform for gym days. Uniforms may be purchased from Educational Outfitters in Nashua.

Tuition 2010-2011

Five Day (1/2 Day) Pre-K	\$3350.00
Five Day (Full Day) Pre-K	\$4350.00
Five Day (Full Day) Kindergarten	\$4350.00
Grades 1 thru 6	\$4250.00

Financial Aid is available for qualified families