

Why a St. Mary's Education? – Ten Reasons

1. **You want the best for your children.** Every parent wants the best for their children. We do, too! We guarantee that we will do everything in our power to provide the best educational experience for your child.
2. **We have a strong sense of community.** Each member of the St. Mary's School family is respected and valued. A supportive partnership teaches respect, admiration, care, and concern for all.
3. **We have the most dedicated faculty and staff working for and with you.** You will not find a more concerned, caring, and generous group of teachers and staff than the individuals you find at St. Mary's School. They work to ensure that each child receives the best education possible and invest countless hours perfecting their lessons.
4. **Our Catholic identity is evident in our building and how we live.** We provide our students with a quality Catholic education where we strive to live out the message of Jesus Christ. Students of all faith traditions are welcomed and respected. Faith-filled experiences assist in creating a strong Christ-centered community that seeks knowledge, loves God, and serves others.
5. **We provide our students with academic excellence and set high expectations.** Students are challenged to be the best they can be. We provide a strong core curriculum that is integrated with technology. St. Mary's Catholic School recognizes that all students come with a variety of abilities, talents, interests, and needs. It is the goal and responsibility of the teachers and principal to assess and meet the needs of all students. Students also have the opportunity to use their talents, intellectual capabilities, interests, and receive additional services that emphasize their strengths and accommodate their needs.
6. **Our students learn self-discipline and become self-reliant.** Students learn to accept responsibility for their own actions and behavior. They learn that we are all connected, and treating themselves, their peers, and those in authority with respect is necessary to everyone's well-being.
7. **We have a small teacher to student ratio.** Our small class sizes allow teachers time to address and meet the needs of all students. Our students also work collaboratively with one another as they learn and share their skills and talents.
8. **We have a safe, secure environment.** Students feel safe to be themselves. They are accepted and appreciated by their teachers and peers. Our building is also physically secured for the safety and well-being of our school community.
9. **Our parents and volunteers are actively involved in our school.** St. Mary's parents work together to bring about the best at our school. They are interested and invested in their children's education and in growing and supporting the school.
10. **We provide the opportunity for athletics, extra-curricular events, and service projects.** Baseball, softball, basketball, volleyball, and track are all sports offered at St. Mary's. The focus is on sportsmanship, teamwork, and respect. All students are afforded opportunity for playing time during practices

and games. Many opportunities exist for clubs, extensions, contests, and field trips. Students learn both in and outside the classroom. As one of the main goals of St. Mary's Catholic School, we provide many opportunities for students to develop attitudes of responsibility and compassion for others. Students are encouraged to participate in all service projects within the school, parish, and community at large.