

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA SCHOOL



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OUR MISSION

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Cedar Grove, NJ

We, who minister within the family of Saint Catherine of Siena School, are committed to the Roman Catholic tradition of education. Within a nurturing environment, we seek to integrate Christian and family values with a challenging and competitive academic curriculum. Through family and faculty support, our children grow in mind, body, and spirit, well prepared to take their place in the Church and in the world, in roles of leadership and service.

OUR MESSAGE

Our message is to carry the Word of God to our students and exemplify integrity, understanding and Christian charity. We treat our students with dignity, and respect all children's individual differences. It is our hope that they will integrate these values and treat others with the same degree of dignity.

Worship is included in our schedule through daily prayer, participating in monthly Masses, and group prayer services held during the liturgical seasons. Our school is an integral part of the larger community of the parish of St. Catherine's. Our parish, faculty, students, and families form a circle of support. The family and community spirit that flourishes within our school contributes to the overall supportive atmosphere found at St. Catherine of Siena.

Service to God through family, school, and community is an important part of our educational program. The faculty acknowledges the concepts of community and service are best demonstrated when the teachers model these ideals for the students and guide them through service oriented activities.

Within these parameters, we nourish both the spiritual and cognitive attributes of each student who attends St. Catherine of Siena School.



AT A GLANCE

Accreditation:

Saint Catherine of Siena School is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. SCS is also a member of the National Catholic Educational Association and the Archdiocese of Newark, New Jersey.

Students

Total enrollment: 261
K-8: 215 students
Preschool: 46 students

Class Size:

K-8: 23 students/class (average)
Student teacher Ratio: 8:1

Preschool: 20 students/class (average)
Student teacher Ratio: 7:1

Grade size:

K-8: one class per grade
Preschool: up to 2 classes per grade

Local towns represented by student body: 25

8th Grade: 100% graduate

High school attended: 80% private, 20% public

Academic scholarships class of 2015: \$424,000

Employees (faculty & staff): 47

Tuition:

2015-2016 K-8

Parishioner: \$4,400/year
Non-Parishioner: \$7,590/year

(K-8 multichild discounts available)

Registration & Book Fee: \$250 per child

2015-2016 Preschool

3 day/ 3/4 day: \$4,100/year

3 day/ full day: \$5,250/year

5 day/ 3/4 day: \$5,780/year

5 day/ full day: \$6,500/year

Registration & Book Fee: \$175 per child

Faith in education for over 57 years

In May 1957 Father Quinn began the project of a new school to be built adjacent to the church for Saint Catherine's children. After a successful fund raising campaign, ground was broken in October 1957 for 12 classrooms, special purpose rooms and an auditorium.

The school opened in September 1958 with 424 pupils in grades one through seven and was staffed by Sisters of St. Dominic of Caldwell and lay teachers. Today the school building is more than just a school, it serves as a parish center. Our building and campus are secure, with a camera at the door, a buzzer system for entry, and multiple safety drills practiced throughout the year by the student body and staff.

National Academic Excellence

Saint Catherine of Siena School fosters academic success with a challenging curriculum taught by inspiring and caring teachers. Our students excel every year, earning merit based scholarships to High School and academic merit awards, including

Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth Award, and the President's Award for National Excellence.



Our teachers are exceptionally talented and dedicated. **More than one-third of them hold master's degrees.** Recruited for their outstanding achievements and academic commitment to Saint Catherine of Siena School's core values.

Saint Catherine of Siena School is also fully accredited by the State of New Jersey, the Archdiocese of Newark, Middle States Commission on Elementary Education and is a member of the National Catholic Educational Association.

Technology enhanced learning at SCS includes: **First in Math, Artsonia, Google Apps for Education, Flip Classroom, smartboards** and more.





Nurturing the Uniqueness of Every Student in a Small School Environment

At SCS we treat our students with dignity, and respect all children's individual differences. **We call students to grow into their best selves and to treat others with the same degree of dignity.**

Our elementary and middle school enroll only one class per grade. This enables our staff to truly get to know every one of our students, and provides them the opportunity to help realize and coax out the potential in even the shyest of students. Good teaching throughout every class helps grow productive and fully realized students who by 8th grade are ready to take on the rigors of the most challenging High Schools.

Our preschool program is the perfect introduction to school for young minds. We provide children with a safe, nurturing, and creative environment that will optimize their development while encouraging them to LOVE school.



Preschoolers learning academics through play... elementary and middle school students learning in a personal academic environment...is it any wonder our students LOVE going to school?

Inspiring a Love of Learning in Preschool

Whether playing in the gym, experimenting in

science, creating arts & crafts, or hearing a story – our 3 and 4-year-old preschoolers learn to express ideas and develop a positive self image in a nurturing environment. Our curriculum helps develop each child’s innate curiosity and enthusiasm for learning and hands-on exploration. **Our NEW extended hours now give you the flexibility today’s world demands, while continuing to provide the high quality care standards Saint Catherine of Siena Preschool is known for.**

Your child’s uniqueness as a child of God will be taught and consistently reinforced as they develop skills in independence and self-direction. Our preschool students are encouraged to learn and grow through play. Our teachers focus on the whole child - social, emotional, intellectual, physical, and spiritual - within a structure that allows for some natural flexibility.

Promoting Community Service and Understanding

Saint Catherine’s community extends beyond our school’s front doors. We teach students to be responsible and caring, both inside the school, and as citizens of their local community, nation, and world.

Students reach out to our local community by bringing in canned food for regular “Feed the Homeless” food drives. Middle school students take that commitment a step further as they trav-

el to inner city soup kitchens to serve meals. Our students also visit local nursing homes and support national charities.

Another place that this happens is in our daily religion classes. In the Catholic Tradition, our teachers encourage students to reflect on how they can strive together to lead a good life. **Our weekly classroom visits from Saint Catherine of Siena Parish priests also give students a sounding board to discuss important faith and moral issues in their lives and in the world outside Saint Catherine’s walls.**

Developing the Whole Person

SCS students are engaged, active, and happy. We develop the whole person, by nourishing both the spiritual and cognitive attributes of each student, resulting in talented, motivated students who flourish in a value centered, caring atmosphere.

At the Preschool and Elementary school grade levels we provide the personal interaction needed between our teachers and your child, to develop a passion for learning and caring – something which will benefit them for life. Moral development continues during these years, with guidance from our parish priests’ weekly visits to the classrooms, sacramental preparation, and our Catholic faith infused throughout your child’s day.

In Middle School, SCS looks to further strengthen





your child's moral foundation by involving them as role models for the younger students in our Big Brother / Big Sister Program. Through parent and teacher involvement, we also strive to help students create a vision of where they want to go in life, and how to get there.

Children Learning Best in a Well Disciplined, Safe Setting

Our teachers strive to be firm, kind, and consistent. Their aim is to create calm, safe, and orderly classrooms while preserving the dignity of each child. **Students are taught how to be contributing members of a caring SCS community.** We feel students do indeed learn best in a well disciplined, safe setting. We encourage and help children develop self-control and self-discipline. We teach children to be responsible, contributing members of their school and community. We also promote respectful, kind, and healthy teacher—student and student—student interactions.

Developing a Positive Catholic Identity

Our goal is to foster in every student an understanding of the Roman Catholic faith. We encourage them to carry the message of God to others and exemplify His Word in themselves, living lives with integrity, understanding, and Christian charity.

Saint Catherine of Siena School is first and foremost a Catholic institution. Religious education is the first class of the day. Catholic values are integrated into every part of the student's day. Children worship together once a month in school liturgies in which they participate in every way. **Faith practices are constantly reinforced:** Prayer Services, Stations of the Cross, The Rosary, Exposition of the Eucharist, and Reconciliation Services.

Strong Parish and Community Support

Our school is an integral part of the parish of Saint Catherine of Siena. Our faculty, students, and families form a circle of support. We call our students to grow beyond themselves, addressing needs greater than themselves. **We are truly blessed to have our Saint Catherine of Siena Church parish family actively support our school.** Students join with parishioners in supporting our greater community by participating in "Feed the Homeless" food drives, Shoebox Ministries, and Holy Childhood Association Mission drives.

COME TOUR SCS

Come see what makes St. Catherine of Siena School such a special place to grow and learn! Call to schedule a private tour 973-239-6968, **we look forward to meeting you!**



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