

## Information

Principal's Welcome At St. Philip we provide our students with a strong academic curriculum, along with a variety of co-curricular activities. We maintain a caring, nurturing environment where every child is respected and is trusted to take an active role in his or her development as a student and as a responsible, discerning Catholic. Our most important goal at St. Philip the Apostle School is to fulfill the academic needs as well as the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of each child. We believe our role is to guide the student for the future, not just the moment. St. Philip the Apostle School is staffed by qualified teachers, with many having advanced degrees. The faculty includes instructors of art, music, computers, physical education and Spanish. Parents are considered an integral part of the education process. We strive to keep our parents informed about their child's progress. We welcome their concern, involvement and support. Sincerely, Jennifer Ramirez, Principal

**Mission Statement & Philosophy** We are a Catholic parish school, serving economically and ethnically diverse students in grades Kindergarten through eighth. Founded in 1927, the Church is in the center of our school both physically and spiritually. The school is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and the Western Catholic Educational Association. The school is supported by a Parent Teacher Organization, a School Board of Trustees and the generous parishioners of St. Philip the Apostle Church. Our Mission The mission of St. Philip the Apostle Schools is to provide each student an environment in which the spiritual, intellectual, emotional and physical needs are met. As an essential component of the teaching ministry of St. Philip the Apostle Parish, the school provides an exceptional education by integrating Catholic values with high academic standards. The school embraces diversity and mutual respect and seeks to inspire each student to adopt their unique role as a child of God. Our Philosophy Our philosophy of Catholic education is one dedicated to educating the whole person, emphasizing the dignity and spiritual development of each child. The total instructional program is intended to stimulate intellectual, religious, psychological, social and physical growth, thus enabling our students to become responsible Catholics. Facts about Saint Philip the Apostle School St. Philip's dynamic student body of 527 mirrors our region's range of race, ethnicity, and socio-economic background. Nearly half our students are non-white. 12% percent are non-Catholic. 47% are families with one wage-earning parent. Our tuition is kept as low as practical to attract and retain the broad spectrum of our parish, and \$93,000 in tuition assistance is available to those in need. At the same time, we have a successful tradition of offering excellent academic and extra-curricular programs, and once again have received a six-year accreditation from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. Additional on-going support is provided by our parents, parishioners, and extended community. Catholic teaching, service, and values are at the heart of all we do. The school embraces diversity and mutual respect and seeks to inspire each student to adopt their unique role as a child of God. The St. Philip the Apostle School Honor Code A St. Philip the Apostle School Student will: Is respectful towards all others, the school environment, and all living things; Is honest; Displays Christian attitudes of kindness and helpfulness, And Always keeps Christ as a role model for life. Our faculty and staff are committed to helping each child explore and develop his or her own unique talents and strengths. A variety of approaches to teaching and learning promote the development of persons who are knowledgeable, questioning, thoughtful and integrated. Further, we believe that parents are our partners in the education of their children. Their understanding, support and witness to the school's mission and philosophy are crucial. Peace Builders Pledge I am a Peace Builder. I Pledge . . .

- To praise people
- To give up put-downs
- To seek wise people as advisors and friends
- To notice the hurts I have caused and make amends
- To right wrongs
- To help others I will build peace at home, at school, and in my community each day. School Wide Learning Expectations A St. Philip the Apostle School Student will: Reflect Moral and Religious Values By
  - Showing understanding of and confidence in their knowledge of the Catholic faith
  - Applying moral and ethical values to everyday decisions
  - Valuing and respecting life
  - Serving the community, exhibiting compassion and seeking social justice
  - Respecting others and oneself
  - Integrating faith with all life experiences Show They Understand Our World By
    - Developing cultural awareness and acceptance
    - Gaining an awareness of the world's religions
    - Learning about nature and its relationship with God
    - Knowing our global role and its connection to our lives
    - Respecting our environment
  - Exhibiting proficient knowledge of diverse subjects Be A Well Rounded Individual Who Can
    - Use information to make good spiritual and physical choices
    - Show confidence and self esteem
    - Discover applications for academic knowledge
    - Exhibit good sportsmanship
    - Be aware of their strengths and weaknesses
    - Resolve conflicts constructively
    - Show confidence and self expression in artistic, athletic or musical abilities
    - Utilize opportunities for leadership Be a Critical Thinker by
      - Analyzing, evaluating, organizing, synthesizing and applying informatio

- Actively seeking knowledge and applying it to new experiences
- Evaluating differing viewpoints
- Developing solutions to life challenges Be an Effective Communicator by
- Being able to carry on a conversation and interact well with others
- Demonstrating effective writing skills
- Listening actively
- Understanding and utilizing technology, proficiently and appropriately
- Maintaining an inquisitive mind