



DIVINE CHILD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Dedicated to instilling Catholic values
and achieving academic excellence
since 1953





Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them
for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.

MATTHEW 19:14





Greetings from the Divine Child Family!



Mission Statement

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About Us

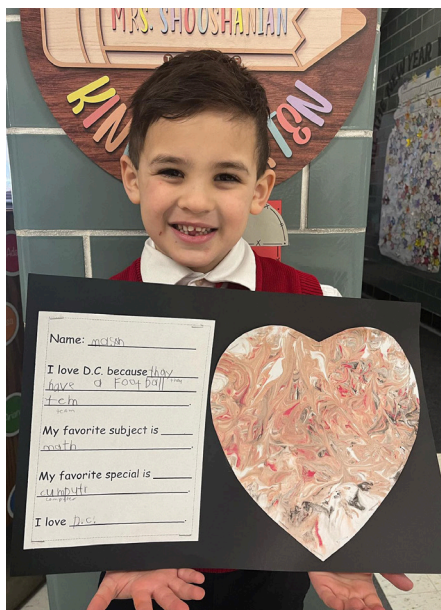
For more than 70 years, Divine Child Elementary School has been imparting “Faith and Knowledge” to generations of students who have gone forward to be good, do well, and know much. Divine Child Elementary School is recognized as a truly exceptional Catholic parish school because of our students, faculty, and staff. It is a school where your child will find the support, tools and encouragement needed to learn and grow spiritually, academically, socially, creatively and athletically. Our program, centered in Gospel values and Catholic tradition, is focused on helping our students identify their God given gifts and then going out and sharing those gifts with the world.

We understand that making decisions regarding your child’s education requires prayer and discernment, and we thank you for considering Divine Child Elementary School. We invite you to explore the following pages to learn more about what makes Divine Child Elementary School a “second home” to our students and their families.

God bless you as you prepare for this exciting new chapter in your child’s life.

Foundation

Divine Child Elementary School offers a full-day academic Kindergarten program designed to nurture curiosity and give young learners a solid spiritual, academic, creative and social start to school. Our small class sizes and certified, highly-qualified teachers provide the perfect environment for little ones to **spread their wings**.



KINDERGARTEN CURRICULUM

Core Subjects

Amplify Core Knowledge Language Arts (CKLA)
Sadlier Math Program
Social Studies & Science
Handwriting & Printing
Religion Classes, Faith Formation & Weekly Masses

Weekly Special Classes

Physical Education	Visual Arts
Computers & Technology	Music
Library & Media Center	Spanish

Enrichment & Social Development

Small Group Work	K-8 Buddy Program
Holiday Celebrations	Parent Involvement
Directed Free Play/Recess/Rest Time	



"Divine Child's kindergarten program has given my children the best start and an early love of learning."

Sarah LeBlanc '00
parent of two DCES students

Children in our program grow as happy, confident and eager learners developing their God given talents and growing in their love for the Lord!

Faith

Our students are an active part of the Church of the Divine Child. In addition to daily religion classes, our Falcons are presented with opportunities to not only grow in and learn their faith, but to **live it**.



"Having our Catholic faith in school has helped my children develop a closer connection to God and strengthen their bond with the church."

Jeff Lentz '97
parent of two DCES students

FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

Daily & Weekly Faith Formation

School-wide morning, lunchtime and end of day prayer

Daily religion classes

Weekly Eucharistic Adoration and Mass

Opportunities to serve as altar servers, readers, gift bearers and choir members

Interaction with our clergy and the Bernardine Franciscan Sisters

Spiritual Enrichment

Second and Eighth Grade Prayer Partners Program

Preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion & Confirmation

School-wide community and Christian service initiatives

Age appropriate retreats

Peace Pledge Program



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Education

Our comprehensive, core curriculum is centered in the Roman Catholic faith and aligned with Archdiocesan and Michigan standards. Our **holistic curriculum** is accredited by the Michigan Association of Non-Public Schools and is augmented with religious education, art, music, physical education, computer literacy and foreign language at all grade levels.



"DC provides teachers that go the extra mile. They are open, respectful, and positive."

Leslie Bermudez
parent of two DCES students

RESOURCES ARE KEY!

Each student's success is critical to our mission. We are proud to offer resources that foster academic growth and a passion for learning. From teachers and tutors to books and technology, we're committed to helping your child succeed.

Our staff includes:
 Certified Instructors
 Reading/Math Specialists
 Instructional Support Specialists
Building Plans (IEPs) accommodate students requiring additional services
 Foreign Language Instructor
 Media Center Specialist/Librarian
 Art, Music, PE & Tech Instructors
 Social Worker/Counselor

GRADING

Parents have 24/7 online access to their student's grades via PowerSchool. Quarterly report cards and progress reports are available online.

TESTING

Standardized testing is conducted annually to measure student and school performance. Our students typically score one grade level above average.

TEACHERS

Access to our teachers is critical to student success. Our staff is available to meet with students before and after classes, and with parents via email or conferences.

**AVG.
CLASS
SIZE** **25**
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Curriculum Highlight: Amplify Core Knowledge Language Arts



Divine Child Elementary School uses Amplify Core Knowledge Language Arts (CKLA) for our Reading and Language Arts Instruction. CKLA is the leading early literacy curriculum grounded in the Science of Reading. By combining knowledge-building and research-based foundational skills, our instruction guides educators in developing strong readers, writers, and thinkers.

Why CKLA and Amplify?

Comprehensive Curriculum: CKLA provides a robust and comprehensive approach to language arts, focusing on building strong foundations in reading, writing, speaking, and listening.

Content-Rich Learning: CKLA's carefully sequenced curriculum ensures that students are exposed to a rich array of content, fostering a love for learning and knowledge across various subjects.

Interactive Technology: Amplify's integration brings a dynamic and interactive element to our classrooms. Students will have access to engaging digital resources, fostering a modern and enjoyable learning experience.

Support for Teachers: The combination of CKLA and Amplify equips our teachers with valuable tools, resources, and professional development opportunities to enhance their instructional practices.

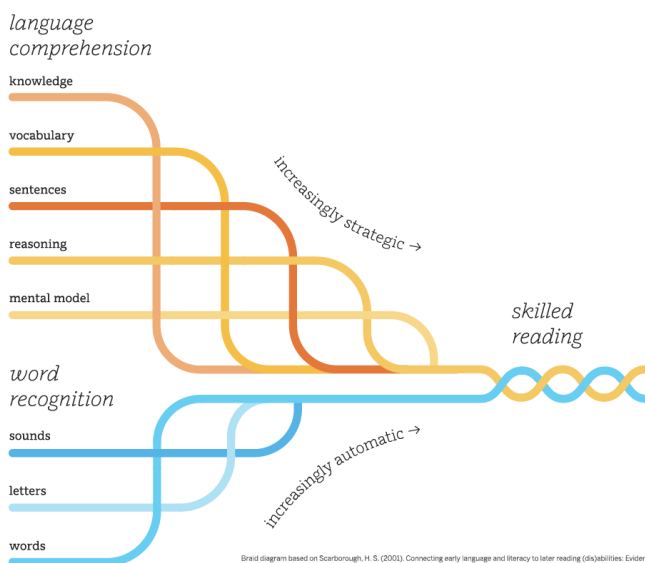
What Does This Mean for Your Child?

Exciting Lessons: Your child can look forward to interactive and engaging lessons that make learning fun and meaningful.

Strong Literacy Skills: CKLA's focus on phonics, vocabulary, and comprehension will help your child build a solid foundation for reading and writing.

21st Century Learning: With Amplify's technology integration, your child will develop digital literacy skills, preparing them for success in the modern world.

We are confident that this adoption will have a positive impact on your child's educational journey, fostering a love for learning and empowering them with essential skills for the future.



Based diagram based on Scarborough, H. S. (2001). Connecting early language and literacy to later reading (dis)abilities: Evidence, theory, and practice. In S. Neuman & D. Dickinson (Eds.), *Handbook of Research in Early Literacy* (pp. 97-130). New York: Guilford Press.

Learn more about the
Science of Reading and take a
look into our classrooms to see
our students and teachers at
work!

Visit bit.ly/DCES-CKLA
or, Scan the QR Code.



Arts

Divine Child Elementary School's curriculum-based arts program is designed to expose our students to various creative disciplines, including fine arts, music and theatre. We value the **powerful impact of creative studies** on the development of each student.



"Through the theater program, I have seen my sons' sense of accountability and responsibility to their peers mature. I am proud to see them interact on stage, as well as in the classroom, with genuine self confidence and social awareness."

Monica Thomson
parent of 3 DCES students

VISUAL ARTS

All grades participate in weekly art classes aligned with Michigan and National Visual Arts Standards. Our students are exposed to drawing, painting, printmaking, media arts, sculpture and art history.

MUSIC

Making music to praise our Lord is a beautiful thing! Our students are exposed to making joyful sounds through weekly music classes (grades K-4) and opportunities to participate in band (grades 5-8) as well as liturgical and pop choirs.

THEATRE

Students in grades 4-8 can take the stage and test out their acting skills as cast members in an annual winter musical performed in the high school auditorium.



3 BANDS, 2 CHOIRS, 1 PLAY



Clubs & Leadership

A key part of growing is learning to work with others. Our students have countless opportunities to grow in faith as friends, leaders and teammates. We encourage our students to not only find their voices, but also to **share them with the world**.

"My three children enjoy the social activities at DC. They love pep rallies and holiday parties during school, and sports, clubs and theater opportunities after school."

Dawn Hansen
parent of 3 Divine Child students



CLUBS

Crafty Club (art)	Video Gaming Club
Chess	Service Squad
Girls on the Run	CYO
Stride	Robotics
Book Club	Rosary Club
Math Counts	Student Council
Singing Falcons	Musical
Liturgical Choir	Scouts
Band	

SOCIAL EVENTS

Pep Rallies	Ice Cream Socials
Holiday Parties	Field Trips
School Dances	Homecoming
Trunk or Treat	MORE
Retreats	
Camps	

PARENT GUILD

Parents are invited to get involved in educational activities through parental and financial support of field trips and other programs, as well as providing funds to purchase supplies and equipment.



D.O.V.E.S. PROGRAM

Initiated to provide assistance to our teachers, staff and Parent Guild, D.O.V.E.S. is a volunteer, parent service program. Each family volunteers 15 hours or more during the academic year.

Athletics

Sports at Divine Child Elementary School are operated through the Church of the Divine Child's CYO (Catholic Youth Organization) program. Open to all DCES students and DC parishioners, the program welcomes students in grades 4-8 to develop as student athletes and express Catholic values, sportsmanship and fair play that leads to **positive athletic experiences**.



"Our three kids enjoy each and every sport they play at DCES. They have great coaches who offer positive encouragement and build camaraderie."

Natalia Juarez
parent of 3 DCES students

We offer more than 10 sports with over 40 teams!

FALL

Cheerleading (Girls)
Cross Country (Boys & Girls)
Football (Boys)
Soccer (Boys & Girls)
Volleyball (Girls)

WINTER

Basketball (Boys & Girls)
Bowling (Boys & Girls)
Cheerleading (Girls)

SPRING

Baseball (Boys)
Lacrosse (Boys)
Softball (Girls)
Track (Boys & Girls)



PARENT INVOLVEMENT

All CYO Parents are required to volunteer for service hours as part of the **Falcon Athletic Boosters**. Parents with athletic experience are also invited to join our coaching staff and continue the longstanding legacy of DC's athletic excellence. Contact the CYO Office for more information.



JOIN OUR FALCON FAMILY



APPLY NOW

Our enrollment application is included in this brochure and available online at www.divinechildelementaryschool.org/admissions. Please return a completed application to the elementary office with any necessary supporting documents.



VISIT US

All prospective families are encouraged to visit DCES. Spend the day with us on a shadow visit or come in for a private tour - either way we're excited to show you what makes DCES special!

SHADOW VISITS

Students in grades 4-7 are welcome to experience a day in the life of a Falcon by shadowing a current student.

FAMILY TOURS

Walk through our space and see firsthand what makes DCES such a great place to learn and grow.

OPEN HOUSE

Tour our facilities, meet our staff, experience our classrooms and see what makes DCES home of the Falcons.



LEARN MORE

Contact our Admissions Office at **313-216-0891 ext. 268** or email admissions@divinechild.org. Or scan the QR code to fill out an inquiry form.



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SCHOOL IS IN SESSION:

Late August through Early June

Monday - Friday: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Visit our website for this year's calendar!

