

Lower School

Overview





DISCOVER THE DIFFERENCE

St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School Preschool-5th Grade

A strong foundation - academically, spiritually, and socially - sets the stage for a lifetime of learning and success. That's what your child will get at St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School. Our Preschool - 5th grade programs are designed to nurture each child's God-given potential in a safe, supportive and faith-filled environment.

Why Choose Us?

- Faith at the Heart - Students grow in their relationship with God through daily prayer, weekly Mass, and service opportunities woven into the school day.
- Academic Excellence - A challenging, well-rounded curriculum in core subjects - combined with art, music, Spanish, and PE - prepares students for middle school and beyond.
- Individualized Attention - Small class sizes allow our dedicated teachers to know and support each student personally.
- Vibrant Community - Our administrators, faculty, staff and parents work together to create a welcoming atmosphere where every child belongs.



OPPORTUNITY

It's what every child wants.

The *opportunity* to learn in a safe, supportive environment.

The *opportunity* to explore interests and develop talents.

The *opportunity* to develop relationships with others and with God.

The *opportunity* to succeed.

The *opportunity* to grow in wisdom and grace.

St. Anne-Pacelli is a college preparatory, preschool through 12th grade, Catholic school dedicated to giving children these opportunities and more.



St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School is one of 353 schools in America to earn National Blue Ribbon School status in 2023 from the US Department of Education. National Blue Ribbon Schools articulate a vision of academic excellence and hold everyone to high standards.

Learning is more than memorizing facts or filling in bubbles on a test - it's about experiencing and applying. To thrive, students must think critically, solve problems creatively, and communicate with confidence.

OPPORTUNITY TO *Learn*



Preschool (Ages 1-3)

Our preschoolers actively explore the world around them - discovering colors, shapes, numbers, letters, and letter sounds. Interactive and creative play sparks imagination, while early exposure to Spanish lessons broadens horizons.

Pre-K4-2nd Grade

In these foundational years, students build strong Reading, Writing, and Math skills through hands-on activities and practice. Science, Social Studies, and daily Religion lessons enrich their understanding of the world. Teachers guide students in small groups, providing the right balance of support and challenge to meet individual needs.

3rd-5th Grade

As students grow, so does the rigor of their curriculum. They dive into daily English Language Arts, Reading, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Religion, while also engaging in collaborative projects and real-world problem solving. Chromebooks become valuable tools, helping them research, create, and present ideas with confidence.

Special Classes & Enrichment

From Art, Music, Drama, PE, Spanish/Dual Language, Science Lab, and Media Center, students discover talents and passions beyond the core subjects. Opportunities for gifted students ensure every child is challenged to reach their fullest potential.



OPPORTUNITY TO *Create*

Art, Drama, and Music ignite imagination, strengthen fine motor skills, build confidence, and give every child a voice for self-expression. In Preschool, our youngest Vikings enjoy classroom art projects along with music and movement to encourage creativity and joy. From Pre-K4 through 5th grade, students participate in weekly Art, Music, and Drama classes.

- Art goes beyond drawing and painting to include ceramics and 3-dimensional projects, helping students bring their ideas to life.
- Music inspires appreciation and skill through singing, rhythm instruments, composer studies, and exposure to diverse musical styles.
- Drama nurtures confidence and social growth as students practice sharing, cooperation, and problem-solving on stage and in class.

Throughout the year, students showcase their talents at special events such as the annual Art Show, Christmas Program, and Spring Musical Performance.

OPPORTUNITY TO *Discover*

From building blocks to building robots, our youngest students explore how things work, spark curiosity, and develop problem-solving skills. Interactive centers, STEAM kits, and our state-of-the-art Science & Technology Lab bring learning to life - starting as early as Pre-K4, with educational field trips to match.

In the media center, a love of reading takes root, while technology like Chromebooks, iPads, and ViewSonic boards is seamlessly woven into lessons.

Step into a classroom and you might see students video-chatting with an author, testing a Math game they created, or even experimenting with slime!

FUN FACT

With an average class size of 19, our elementary school students aren't lost in the shuffle.

Our teachers believe every student can be successful and are available before and after school for extra help.





OPPORTUNITY TO *Pray*

Each school day begins with prayer, setting a positive and faith-filled tone. Students are reminded of God's love during daily Religion class. Pre-K-4 through 5th grade students attend Mass weekly, while our Preschoolers spend time in the chapel for prayer. As part of the Religion curriculum, 2nd graders prepare for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion.

St. Anne-Pacelli also welcomes students of all faiths, encouraging them to grow deeper in their own traditions. Rooted in the teachings of Jesus Christ, our school community is one of love and forgiveness, where children experience comfort, peace, and belonging.



It's a Lower School tradition for St. Anne Church's priests to bless our students' backpacks at the start of each school year.

OPPORTUNITY TO

Lead

Leaders aren't born - they're built through experience. At St. Anne-Pacelli, we create opportunities for students of every age to step into leadership.

From preschool, children take on simple classroom responsibilities like being a door holder or teacher's helper. As they grow, students strengthen their leadership by guiding group projects, serving as Prayer Partners, running for Student Council, joining clubs, or assisting with Safety Patrol.

What sets a Viking apart is the confidence to explore new challenges - and even learn from mistakes - gaining the skills and experience they need to become strong, capable leaders.



OPPORTUNITY TO *Play*

Just like the mind needs to be nurtured, we must also develop the body. Preschool through 5th grade students enjoy daily outside active play. Beginning in Pre-K3, children also have weekly Physical Education classes to practice gross motor skills and learn games and sports.

To spark interest in sports, our Viking Athletics program offers camps and intramural sports such as cheerleading, flag football and basketball for younger students. Competitive sports begin in 3rd grade with tennis. In addition to tennis, 5th graders can participate in our middle school's Basketball, Cross Country, Golf, Soccer and Softball teams.



FUN FACT



Pacelli is worth the drive!

Our students come from across the region, representing counties far and wide, to be part of the Pacelli family. No matter where you're from, you'll feel right at home here!





OPPORTUNITY TO *Give*

At St. Anne-Pacelli, we believe our gifts and talents are meant to serve others. Every student takes part in service to the school, church, and community. From collecting food and clothing for St. Anne Community Outreach to writing letters of encouragement to deployed soldiers, our Vikings actively work to make the world a better place.



OPPORTUNITY TO *Shine*

When you ask students and parents to describe St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School, one word comes up again and again: **family**. The Viking Family is a community where everyone works together, united in helping each child grow and reach their fullest potential.

Our students excel academically, consistently scoring above national averages in every grade and subject on Measurement of Academic Progress (MAP) testing. They shine beyond the classroom as well - earning recognition in Reading Bowls, essay contests, spelling bees, and Math Team competitions. Most importantly, they are confident in trying new things and sharing their gifts with others.



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