

# OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL PARISH SCHOOL 23-24 ANNUAL REPORT



CATHOLIC EDUCATION IS ABOVE ALL A QUESTION OF COMMUNICATING CHRIST, OF HELPING TO FORM CHRIST IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS. *ST. JOHN PAUL II*

**IN 1949**, the parish of Our Lady of Good Counsel opened the doors of its school for the first time, welcoming children in grades 1 - 6. Since the first graduating class in 1952, the parish has graduated over 4,000 students, establishing the legacy of the parish and our rich Catholic heritage for generations. Thank you for being part of the family here and carrying on the mission of this parish.

## MISSION

**WE EXIST TO OFFER A LIFE-CHANGING ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS AND EQUIP LEADERS TO TRANSFORM THE CULTURE.**

## ENROLLMENT

- 454** Total students
- 74** Pre-K students
- 380** Young 5's - 8th grade students

## TEACHERS & SUPPORT STAFF

- 31** Total classroom/elective teachers Pre-K - 8th grade
- 12 YEARS** Average experience as a teacher
- 60%** With master's degree or higher
- LEARNING SPECIALISTS** 2 full-time and 3 part-time
- SCHOOL COUNSELOR**
- CAMPUS MINISTER**



## FACILITIES

- PRE-KINDERGARTEN CAMPUS** 3 and 4 year old program
- MAIN CAMPUS** Young 5's - 6th grade
- COMMONS BUILDING** Junior High program and School Chapel (was OLGCS church prior to 2001)
- New improvements to parking lot and children playground coming in 2024 - 2025*

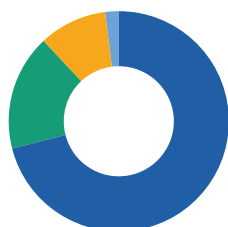
## FUNDING

- COST TO EDUCATE** per student, K - 8th grade: \$7,900
- COST OF TUITION** per student, K - 8th grade: \$6,627
- VOLLBRECHT SCHOLARSHIPS** benefitting 50 students totaling \$113,000

## OPERATIONS

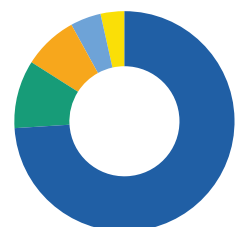
### OPERATING COST

- 71%** salaries and benefits
- 17%** facilities and technology
- 10%** instructional materials
- 2%** programs/development



### OPERATING REVENUE

- 74%** tuition
- 10%** parish subsidy
- 8%** grants
- 4.5%** school fundraising
- 3.5%** tuition assistance/scholarship



# OUR SPIRITUAL & HUMAN FORMATION

Our Pre-K - 8th grade program has Jesus at the center, helping children recognize the beautiful gift and dignity of God's creation in them. Students have the opportunity to experience the richness of the Catholic tradition in sacred liturgy, devotions, and prayer and learn how to grow in the life of holiness.

## WE BELIEVE

- In upholding and embracing the teachings of the Catholic Church to unleash the Gospel, form disciples, and witness to the greater community with love.
- In growing in holiness together by living the virtues and practicing a rich sacramental life.
- In nurturing a culture of personal and communal prayer as the foundation to grow in relationship with God.

## CORE RELIGION CURRICULUM

- *Spirit of Truth* religion curriculum
- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: Pre-K - 3rd Grade
- *Ruah Woods* Theology of the Body program: K - 8th Grade
- *Writing for our Catholic Faith*: K - 8th Grade
- Sacramental Preparation
- Education in Virtue

## PRAYER LIFE AND ENCOUNTER

- Weekly Mass
- Weekly Chapel time for Adoration and to learn prayer forms
- School-wide morning and afternoon prayer
- Devotions for the Liturgical season
- Student and Staff retreats
- Staff formation and Holy Hours

## OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW AS DISCIPLES

- Seasonal evangelical charity projects
- Student Leadership Team
- Virtue of the month
- Whole school Spirit Days
- Field trips and class trips which integrate the faith with real world experiences



# OUR EDUCATIONAL FORMATION

Our K - 8th grade program is developmentally rigorous, teaching the core disciplines with a design for instruction which uses traditional classroom instruction as well as student workshopping and technology. Students use both online and printed resources as textbooks, with all students in the K - 8th grade program having access to iPads in the classroom. All courses follow State and Archdiocesan standards. For the full curriculum of our Pre-K program, please consult our website at [iamolgc.com](http://iamolgc.com).

## WE BELIEVE

- In the continual formation of the heart, mind, and soul as essential to reach one's God-given purpose.
- In fostering a challenging educational environment where students integrate faith with reason in critical thinking, intellectual curiosity, and a lifelong love of learning.
- In ensuring children achieve their highest academic potential while developing their gifts and leadership skills through the lens of our Catholic faith.

## CORE CURRICULUM

### English Language Arts:

- Grammar Workshop: 3rd - 8th
- Literature Anthology: 7th - 8th
- Reading/Writing Workshop: 1st - 6th
- Phonics: K - 2nd
- Vocabulary Workshop: 2nd - 8th

### Science:

- Lab Learner: K - 8th
- Science Laboratory Experience: 5th - 8th

### Social Studies:

- My World by Savvas Learning: K - 3rd
- Catholic Textbook Project: 4th - 8th

### Math:

- Eureka Math: K - 4th
- Sadlier Math: 5th - 8th

### Elective Offerings

- Art: Y5 - 8th
- Media: Y5 - 8th
- Music: Pre-K - 8th
- Physical Education: Pre-K - 8th
- Spanish: Pre-K - 8th
- Study Skills: 6th - 8th

### Extra Curricular Activities

- American Heritage and Boy Scouts
- CYO Sports: Pre-K - 8th
- Chess Club
- Latchkey: Y5 - 8th



## HIGH SCHOOL PREPARATION

We want every graduate of Our Lady of Good Counsel to be confident and successful in their transition to high school. Our Junior High program follows a traditional high school schedule with our math and science courses leveled by skill. Our advanced math program begins in the 6th grade with advanced students completing Algebra 1 by graduation. Students choose electives and also enroll in high school Spanish 1 taught in 7th - 8th grade.

## LEARNING SUPPORT

We use the Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS), a framework that integrates assessment and intervention to maximize student academic achievement and pro- social behavior. **Tier One:** differentiated instruction in classroom; **Tier Two:** learning support in classroom, workshop model; **Tier Three:** learning support out of the classroom, individual instruction.