

HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL
MISSION STATEMENT

As Christian educators, the mission of Holy Spirit School is to be an example of Christ for others, so that they may grow in His love, wisdom and strength. Through our words, deeds and prayer life, we strive to create a climate where Christian values permeate and unify all areas of learning--academic, social, physical and spiritual. Thus, each person in our care can be nurtured to attain his/her potential within an atmosphere of commitment to others.

We serve God by giving witness to His teachings. We serve our community and neighboring communities by offering a Christ-centered education. We serve our faith community--for by strengthening and nurturing its members, we nurture and strengthen the whole Church.

EDUCATION

Our purpose of education is not only to instruct but to allow the student to assimilate and apply as much learning as possible. In accepting the individuality of each student, the instructional program at Holy Spirit is individualized within the limits of our resources. We believe that how the child learns is just as important as what he or she learns. Therefore, whenever and wherever it is possible, instruction is given as the child's abilities and needs dictate.

RELIGIOUS DEVELOPMENT

A spirit of community exists among the staff, teachers and priests who collaborate to bring Catholic doctrine and values to each student. Every child is encouraged to grow in the life of faith through participation in the Liturgy, daily prayer and scheduled classes with their Religion teachers.

The children are prepared for Sacraments as follows:

Reconciliation	Grade 2 or Grade 4
1 st Communion	Grade 2
Confirmation	Grade 8

FACILITIES

Holy Spirit School contains a Library Media Center, a fully equipped computer room, a cafeteria with kitchen, a Nurse's office and a Music/Art room. Large, cheerful classrooms allow for group instruction as well as individual work-space.

FACULTY

The administrator and faculty members are certified by the New Jersey Department of Education, with over 40% having attained advanced degrees.

The professional staff consists of 9 full-time lay teachers plus part-time teachers for Art, Gym, Music, Spanish and Computer Science.

The teachers exhibit a sincere interest in the needs and problems of each student. While the teaching process is generally structured, the teachers strive for flexibility in selecting a variety of methods in order to meet the varied needs of their students.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

In the primary grades the emphasis is on the fundamental basic skills in reading and math. These skills are then applied in science, social studies and computers. As each child progresses through the years the basic skills are expanded leading to self-reliance and critical thinking in problem solving and research.

The full academic curriculum includes Religious Studies, Science, Math, Language Arts and Social Studies. These areas, combined with Art, Music, Physical Education and Computer Science help to cultivate competence, confidence, and to prepare our students for entry into the High School of their choice.

Since its inception, Holy Spirit School has graduated students who have achieved high standing in High School and beyond. In standardized testing, our students test scores are consistently rated higher than the norm. Many of our 8th graders earn scholarships to High School.

Holy Spirit School, in conjunction with the Union Police Department, presents a drug abuse education program covering such topics as how to say no to peers, building self-esteem, assertiveness, and positive alternatives to drug use. The program, D.A.R.E (Drug Abuse Resistance Education), is given one day each week to fifth grade students.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

We encourage all family members to participate in school activities. Parents can assist as Reading Tutors, Library Aides, Field Trip Chaperons, Lunch Program Volunteers, Class Mothers and Coaches for our athletic teams. Parents are also invited to participate on the Home School Association, School Board and the Library Guild.

ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

INTER-PAROCHIAL BASKETBALL

Boys & Girls Grades 5-6

Boys: Grades 7-8

Girls: Grades 7-8

VOLLEYBALL

Girls: Grades 7-8

CHEER-LEADING

Girls: Grades 5-8

PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS

An unattached building offers a home-like setting for our youngest pupils. The enrollment in these two programs is limited and an aide assists each teacher.

- Pre-K children must be 4 by September 30th and attend 5 half-day sessions.
- Kindergarten children must be 5 by September 30th and attend 5 full-day sessions.
- The curriculum includes Math, Reading, Library, Computers, Music, Arts & Crafts and Gym. Kindergarten children participate in many of the school activities.

UNIFORM POLICY

Uniforms for School and Gym are required for Grades 1 through 8.

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

- ☞ Copy of Baptismal Certificate
- ☞ Copy of Birth Certificate
- ☞ Immunization Records
- ☞ Transfer Forms (if applicable)
- ☞ Non-refundable Registration Fee



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PHILOSOPHY

We at Holy Spirit School recognize that we are an integral part of the faith community of Holy Spirit Parish. Therefore, our goals reflect the faith commitment of the parish. We are Christ-centered and proclaim a three-fold purpose: to spread the message of Good News through daily living; to help build a community of faith, and to service with Christ-like love.

We aim to prepare citizens with a moral conscience to fulfill responsible roles within the family, church, and society. We consider these values as important to the student experience as are the basic skills.

This philosophy will enable students to reach their highest possible level of accomplishment and strengthen their self-concept by successful achievement of challenging objectives in preparation for the next stages of their lives.



**NOTICE OF
NON DISCRIMINATION POLICY**

Holy Spirit School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policy, athletic and other school administered programs.



Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth.

*O God, who instructs the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant us by the same Holy Spirit to love what is right and ever to rejoice in His consolation through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

'Holy Spirit, a co-educational Catholic School, established in 1963, is located on 7.2 acres in a suburban setting. It offers a curriculum that ranges from a pre-school program for 4 year olds through 8th grade.'

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