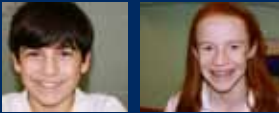


# Saint Joan of Arc

CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Saint Joan of Arc  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

BELIEVING IN THE **DIFFERENCE** FAITH MAKES



*When our family was relocated to Northeast Ohio, we looked at several schools in the local area. We knew after only one visit to St. Joan of Arc School that it was the right place for our children. Because St. Joan of Arc is a small school, it really feels like a family. We were warmly welcomed not only by the faculty, but by the other families at the school. They helped to make our transition seamless. We believe that our children are receiving an excellent education in an enriching spiritual environment at St. Joan of Arc School. **Saint Joan of Arc Parent***



## St. Joan of Arc School | A Faith-Filled Community

Committed to providing a Catholic education in the Chagrin Valley, St. Joan of Arc Catholic School opened its doors for the first time on September 7, 1965.

Today, St. Joan of Arc School continues the tradition of faith-filled education. Inspired by the Gospel of Jesus Christ, St. Joan of Arc School fosters academic excellence, responsibility to self, and service to others. We work in partnership with our families to help educate each child to know and live their Catholic faith.

As a foundation for life, St Joan of Arc School students develop spiritually by organizing and participating in weekly Mass, daily religious education, sacramental preparation, and numerous service activities.

Joyfully as a school community, we also celebrate the special feasts and seasons of the Church year. We make faith conscious, positive and active through education and example.





## An Environment of Strong Academics

OUR GOAL AT ST. JOAN OF ARC SCHOOL IS TO DEVELOP EACH STUDENT TO THEIR FULLEST POTENTIAL.

Students can expect to receive a well-rounded education, taught in a Christ-centered environment. We offer strong core academics, consisting of reading, math, science, spelling, social studies, language arts, computer technology, health, religion and citizenship. All of our K-8 students receive instruction in art, music, drama, Spanish, and physical education by specialized teachers. For enhanced learning opportunities, St. Joan of Arc School offers accelerated reading in all grades and math and science enrichment in grades 4-8.

Our junior high curriculum prepares students for the demanding requirements of the area's best private and public high schools. Emphasis is on critical thinking, study skills and preparation for high school level coursework. Advanced math is offered in 7th and 8th grade.

Academics are also enriched by our 11 acre Chagrin Valley campus. Lessons are taught not only in our classrooms but also in our state-of-the art computer lab, newer art and science labs and an outdoor science trail.

Our **student ratio of 20:1** offers individualized academic attention. We are proud that our academic program helps St. Joan of Arc School students outperform the national average on IOWA test scores.



## A Community of Dedicated & Highly Qualified Faculty

An important element of student achievement is highly qualified teachers who are prepared to meet the diverse needs of our student body. All faculty members are state-licensed with over **50% holding Masters Degrees**.

Our faculty averages over 12 years of teaching experience with an ongoing **commitment to professional development**. Our staff attends monthly inservices and participates in various seminars that focus on educating in the 21st century.

We are also staffed with **learning support personnel** specializing in speech, learning disabilities, reading, math and psychology.



*Teaching at St. Joan of Arc School has been a wonderful and rewarding experience. I have seen many positive changes and enhancements... most of all technology. Our school surpasses many in our technological advances and our efforts to prepare each child to meet the challenges of the future. **Saint Joan of Arc Teacher***

## Leading-Edge Technology

Computers, the internet, and interactive technology are an integral part of the daily education offered at St. Joan of Arc School. Our investment in technology provides the students, staff, and parents with many advantages. **Our Apple Mac computer lab, classroom Mac Desktops, wireless MacBooks and supporting software and hardware** are updated annually.

A technology fund has been established which allows us to integrate wireless systems and keep current with leading edge technologies.

Students attend computer lab two to three times per week and are educated in the most current applications. Beginning in the primary grades, children learn basic computer components and functions.

As students progress, they become proficient in using both Apple's iWorks and Microsoft Office for word processing, spreadsheet development and computer presentations. Prepared for the future, our students also become skilled in internet navigation and research.

Our students also work with online programs and software that reinforce math, reading and writing skills. Our technology supports and enhances what the students learn in the classroom.

All classrooms are equipped with SMARTBoards which offer interactive and internet learning technologies. Grades 4 through 8 use MacBooks to complete projects, do research, and participate in online discussions.

Seventh and eighth grade students produce and present the daily morning announcements via closed circuit television. This hands-on media experience helps cultivate communication, research, and organizational skills.

Our faculty uses our technology to communicate with both parents and students by the use of e-mail, e-grades, uploaded notes, classroom discussions, and online study resources.



# EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

## SPORTS | EDUCATION | THE ARTS

As we help to develop the whole child, students at St. Joan of Arc School participate in numerous extracurricular activities in the school and community. Through teamwork and help from dedicated teachers and parent coaches, students have been consistently recognized for their success.

### RECOGNITION

*2009 CYO 8th Grade Girls Volleyball City Champions*

*2009 CYO 7th Grade Girls Volleyball Eastside Champions*

*2009 Destination Imagination Regional Winners*

*2009 CYO Sportsmanship (Cross Country)*

*2008 CYO Cross Country Girls Varsity Team City Champions*

*2007/2006 CYO Cross Country Girls Cadet Team City Champions*

### MATHEMATICS

Math Club  
Ohio Mathematics  
League Competition

### SCIENCE

5th Grade CVEEC Camp  
Mad Science Club  
Science Club

### ENGLISH

National Plain Dealer  
Spelling Bee

### MUSIC

Orchestra/Strings  
Band  
Vocal Choir  
Liturgical Music

### CYO SPORTS

Boys Baseball  
Boys/Girls Basketball  
Boys/Girls Cross Country  
Boys/Girls Track  
Girls Softball  
Girls Volleyball

### SERVICE/GENERAL

Altar Servers  
Service Club  
Student Council  
Peer Mediation  
Student School Newspaper  
Destination Imagination  
Ski Club

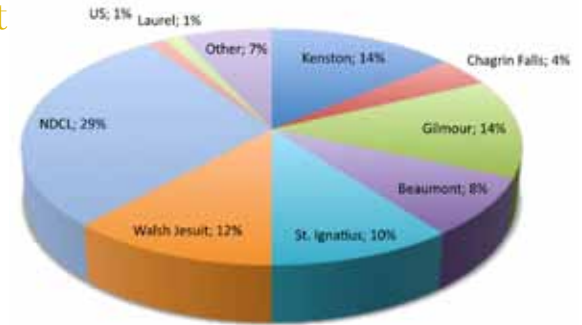


**2009/2010 GOLD Award Level Recipient** from the Ohio Gold, Excellence in Physical Education Award Program. St. Joan of Arc School has been recognized for their physical education program and policies that reflect a high priority on healthy outcomes for children.

## A Community of Student Achievement

Over the past ten years, our graduating eighth graders were awarded many scholarships with 76% enrolled in Catholic high schools and 100% gaining acceptance into their first high school of choice.

Becoming leaders as they move on, many of our alumni receive academic awards and earn membership in the National Honor Society.



## The Value of Volunteerism and Service

Volunteers are an integral part of the day-to-day operation of St. Joan of Arc School. Our dedicated parents give of their time and talent not only to support the teachers and staff, but also to help enrich the students' lives.

Focused on service, our students and families also participate in year round stewardship, including organizing hunger and clothing drives, raising funds for the needy, and taking part in parish outreach activities. Our volunteers and students enjoy a real sense of accomplishment and are an active part of a caring and sharing community.



*I was challenged to pursue my personal best and found myself, when the time came, exceptionally prepared for high school. The knowledgeable, familiar teachers and the close-knit class provide a comfortable learning environment, where one can ask questions and not feel embarrassed. Looking back on it now, adolescence is a very difficult time, but Saint Joan of Arc School does a wonderful job making that time easier and providing a knowledge base that is the perfect foundation to begin a successful higher education and, ultimately, a career. **Saint Joan of Arc Graduate***

## Foundation for the Future | A Final Message

St. Joan of Arc School is committed to the future. Empowering a child for life, we offer a solid foundation of academic excellence, character and faith-filled values. The community of St. Joan of Arc School wants to ensure that no child is unable to attend the school because of financial needs; therefore, tuition assistance is available through Diocesan scholarships and St. Joan of Arc parish.

After reviewing this information, our hope is that you will provide us with the opportunity to be partners in your child's education. Please call us at 440-247-6530 for further information, or visit our website at [www.stjoanofarc.org/school](http://www.stjoanofarc.org/school) to learn more about our program of excellence and.....the **DIFFERENCE** faith makes!

*While we considered St. Joan of Arc School, we questioned area high school principals about their perceptions of the St. Joan of Arc students. We were persuaded by the universal reviews that the incoming St. Joan of Arc students are well-adjusted, kind and extremely prepared academically. **Saint Joan of Arc Parent***

## Facts | Class of 2000 - present

- *Junior high students rank in the 96th percentile on IOWA test scores*
- *76% enrolled in Catholic high schools*
- *100% gaining acceptance into their first high school of choice*
- *Over 60% of our recent graduates take honors courses*
- *Many high school scholarships have been awarded to our graduates*
- *Area high school administrators often comment that St. Joan of Arc School students are well prepared for their challenging curriculum.*

*St. Joan of Arc School not only got me ready for high school, but for life after grade school. The experience I went through in eighth grade was incredible. St. Joan's is a great school for all ages and the help and support the faculty gives you is outstanding. I feel that every kid should have an opportunity to experience school at St. Joan of Arc. **Saint Joan of Arc Graduate***

**OUR MISSION** *Inspired by the Gospel of Jesus Christ, St. Joan of Arc School fosters academic excellence, responsibility to self, and service to others.*

