



Mission Statement

St. Mary's Primary School is a parish school that serves children from the City of Taunton and its surrounding communities. St. Mary's provides students within its early childhood programs through grade five with a challenging and quality education, within the framework of a caring, safe, and Christ-centered learning environment. We strive to educate the whole child with emphasis on respecting the uniqueness of each individual in developing his/her potential. Our commitment is to prepare and develop faith-filled, responsible citizens, and life-long learners who can meet the challenges of today's diverse world.

For more information, please contact us or visit our school's website. We will be happy to talk with you about your child's future at St. Mary's Primary School.



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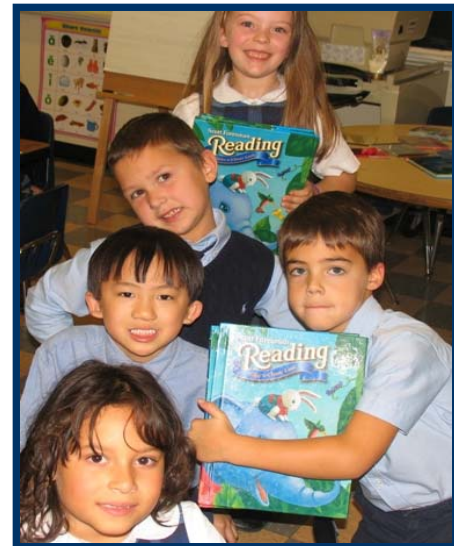
Admissions Policy

St. Mary's Primary School admits qualified students to its program. The school does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, national or ethnic origin, or disability, (if with reasonable accommodations; the student can successfully meet the program).

Priorities for Acceptance

Eligible applicants are accepted in the following order:

- Applicants who are siblings of students presently enrolled at St. Mary's Primary School;
- Applicants who are registered members of St. Mary's Parish in Taunton;
- All other eligible applicants;
- Four years old as of August 31 of the current year to enter into Nursery & Pre-K Programs;
- Five years old as of August 31 of the current year to enter into kindergarten.



Statement of Philosophy

We believe...

- Christ is the focus of our school and integral to our everyday actions;
- education must foster and develop the whole child: spiritually, academically, emotionally, and socially;
- the foundation for academic excellence requires clear expectations, structure, and high standards;
- each child is a unique individual, gifted by God with talents, abilities, and the right to learn;
- our school community has the right to a safe, secure environment, where everyone is treated with dignity and respect;
- our students learn in different ways, therefore a variety of activities must be incorporated to accommodate difference in learning styles.

Academics

St. Mary's Primary School offers a comprehensive and well-balanced program of academic instruction in the core subjects of Religion, Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, as well as, Spanish, Computer classes, Library Science, Music, Art, Drama and Physical Education.

Cultural Enrichment Programs such as assemblies, guest speakers, field trips and drama productions are an integral part of the curriculum. A state-of-the-art computer lab, as well as, classroom stations, fully accessible to the Internet, provide for the integration of technology into the curriculum. The school's automated library maintains books, reference materials and is accessible to the Internet to enhance and support classroom instruction.

Shining in Catholic Education

Welcome to St. Mary's Primary School, a place where boys and girls have started on the path toward academic excellence and spiritual growth since its founding in 1908, by the Sisters of the Holy Union of the Sacred Heart. For over 100 years, generations of students have graced our halls and have been graced by the opportunities for growth and development offered in this special place.

We are very proud of our long history and tradition of providing a challenging and quality education, sharing of faith, experience of caring and outreach to others.

St. Mary's Primary School is a school of choice serving students from the City of Taunton and its surrounding communities. Although St. Mary's is considered a parish school, students come from a multitude of area parishes, both Catholic and non-Catholic.

St. Mary's Primary School offers the following educational programs:

- Full day and half day Nursery and Pre-K
- Full day Kindergarten through Grade Five

St. Mary's Primary School is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc.

Come be a part of our School Family!



St. Mary's Primary School Offers:

- Safe, Caring & Disciplined Learning Environment
- Well-Rounded and Challenging Academic Program
- Catholic Faith & Values-Based Education



- Certified Faculty
- Accredited by NEASC
- Small Average Class Size



- Full & Half Day Early Childhood Programs
- Extended Care Programs
- New Playground



- Growing Co-Curricular Offerings of: Music, Art, Drama, Library, Computer – Technology and Physical Education
- State-of-the-Art Computer Lab



- Curriculum aligned to MA Frameworks
- On & Above Scoring on IOWA Tests
- Diocesan Testing - Assessments Annually



- Global & Local Community Service Projects
- Strong Parent Involvement
- Family Oriented Atmosphere
- Good Stewardship of Resources