



St. Philomena School



At St. Philomena Grade School, our goal is to prepare our students to step into the future with great confidence ... including a strong commitment to faith and family ... with a focus on leadership, responsibility, creativity, innovation, compassion, and service. In keeping with our mission to bring faith to life and life to faith, our goal is to develop students who:

- *Model Christ*
- *Are diligent, life-long learners*
- *Are responsible citizens in the global community*



St. Philomena Grade School accomplishes these goals through:

- **An outstanding academic program that includes:**
 - **K- 8 Writing/Composition Program** - our program was developed by and is supported through the work of Lucy Calkins and the " Teachers Reading and Writing Project" of Teachers College Columbia University. Through this K-8 program explicit writing instruction is delivered daily in a planned and sequential way, developing within students writing skills in a variety of genre.
 - **Rosetta Stone Foreign Language program** offered to students in grades 3rd-8th for an hour each week. Students can choose from 15 different languages.
 - **Illinois Virtual School (IVS)** is offered to qualifying middle school students in math. Students take web-based advanced math offerings during regular class time, with access to the courses at any time for additional study and advancement.
 - **A new science lab coming to the middle school** in the 2010-11 school year. Implementation involves creating a premier STEM (Science/Technology/Engineering/Mathematics) instructional program.
 - **Innovative K-5 math program** using the Singapore Approach promotes deep math understanding for students through the use of clearly explained thought processes while focusing on both the how and why.
- **A technology program that is embedded throughout the curriculum to maximize learning opportunities in all content areas. This is supported through:**
 - A Technology Integration Specialist, a teacher who works with teachers in planning and designing lessons and with students in classrooms to support technology integration into the instructional program.
 - Smart™ Boards (interactive whiteboards) in every classroom
 - 5 COWs (Computers On Wheels laptop mobile labs) available for classroom use
 - 6 Stationary computers in each classroom
 - Supportive hardware
 - RenWeb™ school management software system allows parents to access lesson plans, homework, grades, behavior reports, announcements, lunch menus, and other grade specific information from any location via the web.



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- **A strong faith formation program**, which intertwines daily prayer, reflection, writing, and lessons to deepen students' Catholic identity.
- **The rich Catholic tradition in which the arts educate the "whole child."** Through weekly Visual Arts and Music classes, students express themselves aesthetically, balancing the intellectual side of the brain with the artistic side.
- **Modified block scheduling in middle school** to increase student learning, develop key work habits, and offer more in-depth study of more complex processes and concepts.
- **Parent involvement** - we view parents as partners with us in the care, education, and spiritual growth of our children. Parents are vital to our school and encouraged to volunteer in many different capacities.
- **A structured, nurturing before- and after-care program** for families who need extended care.
- **Child safety measures**, including completion of the "Safe Environment Program" for ALL volunteers, secured entrances, internal filters to control Internet content, and a Student Peacemakers Club to maintain a respectful, Christian environment.
- **Green efforts**, including electronic/web-based communication for routine updates; voice messaging system for important changes (such as school closures, program cancellations); a recycling program; and student-led efforts.

Clubs & Groups

- Lego League Robotics Team
- Scouts: Brownies, Junior Girl Scouts, Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, Webelos, & Boy Scouts
- Speech teams
- Scholastic Bowl
- Student Council
- Children's Choir
- Band instruction
- Spring musical
- After School Study Club
- MathCounts

Athletics

- Co-ed Cross Country*
- Co-ed Track & Field*
- Boys & Girls Basketball programs*
- Peoria Parochial Soccer Program
- 8th Grade Cheerleaders
- Girls' Volleyball program

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