

### **ST. JOHN FISHER SCHOOL...**

- Is a K-8 Catholic elementary school founded in 1959. St. John Fisher is recognized by local Catholic high schools for its excellent academic preparation, values learning and faith-based education.
- Is formally accredited by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges, in collaboration with the Western Catholic Education Association.
- Is authorized to operate by the Archdiocese of Portland and is locally managed by the pastor and principal of St. John Fisher. An experienced School Advisory Council serves in a consultative role.
- Has strong parish support, both financially and philosophically.
- Has a beautiful campus, including an expansive library media center, computer lab, performing arts area and excellent physical education facilities.

### **SPIRITUALITY**

- St. John Fisher School is founded on the truths and traditions of Catholic Christianity.
- Students learn about the life and teachings of Jesus Christ and use those teaching in their daily lives.
- The faculty seeks to model the Christian approach in dealing with life issues and the importance of values and respect.
- Students and staff pray together daily during hall prayer and in the classroom. They prepare and lead school-wide liturgies on a weekly basis.
- Students who are practicing Catholics receive sacramental preparation in the second grade, in collaboration with the parish, for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.
- Students participate in community service projects for organizations such as the Oregon Food Bank, St. Vincent de Paul, Oregon Humane Society, and Neighborhood House.

### **FACULTY MEMBERS...**

- Exceptional teachers from colleges such as Stanford, Notre Dame, Oregon State University, University of Portland and Gonzaga.
- Meet or exceed Oregon certification requirements, with all having completed graduate coursework, some at the Masters Degree level.
- Provide a solid learning environment with a combined 200 years of teaching experience.
- Retain active membership and involvement in a number of professional and educational associations, as well as regular workshops, inservices and advanced coursework.

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## **STUDENTS**

- Current enrollment is 224 students. 75% are Catholic and 25% are of other faiths.
- There are instructional assistants, either full-time or part-time, in grades K-3.
- Tuition assistance is available to registered parishioners on an annual basis and is based on need.
- The on-campus Extended Care program provides additional student care before and after school.
- An active Student Council is in place and offers leadership roles to all students.
- Students participate in the city-wide CYO (Catholic Youth Organization) Athletic League fielding teams from 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade in sports such as football, basketball, volleyball, and track and field.
- SJF alumni have gone on to excel in higher education and professional careers.

## **CURRICULUM & PROGRAMS**

- A full year (179 days) of instruction.
- Small class sizes in a safe, disciplined and well maintained learning environment.
- A strong core curriculum combines both traditional and progressive methodologies.
- A full-day Kindergarten operates with excellent facilities, resources and staff.
- The 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade Middle School program is departmentalized and actively seeks to prepare its students for the challenges and opportunities of college preparatory high school.
- Physical Education is taught several times per week to all students, exposing them to a variety of fitness activities and sports. Facilities include a regulation-size gymnasium and a 73,000 square foot athletic field, in addition to creative play structures and equipment.
- Music Education is provided regularly for all students. Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced Band classes are offered during the school day in grades four through eight. Lower grades participate in a winter holiday concert and upper grades stage a spring musical each year.
- Spanish instruction is provided two times per week for students in grades five through eight.
- In addition to a state-of-the-art technology lab and computer instruction in grades one through eight, there are PC workstations in the library media center as well as in each classroom. An extensive CD-Rom inventory is available for use by students and staff.
- A portable laptop cart provides students the opportunity to access technology in real time during classroom instruction or for individual assignments.
- Several co-curricular programs exist, including Student Council, Yearbook, Honor Society, Robotics Club, SJF Peacekeepers, and Service Ministry.

## **PARENTS**

- An enthusiastic community supports the mission of the school, as demonstrated through countless volunteer hours and involvement, to make St. John Fisher School one of the finest school communities in the state.

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