

St. Stephen Martyr School

Shaping Spirits and Minds

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At St. Stephen Martyr School we are Shaping Spirits and Minds through:

- ✚ Faith Formation;
- ✚ Personal Integrity;
- ✚ Stewardship and Service;
- ✚ Partnership with Parents and Community; and
- ✚ Academic Excellence

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION! St. Stephen Martyr School (SSM) is located in mid-Louisville near the Louisville International Airport, easily accessible from I-65 and I-264 (within 5 minutes). SSM has a team of dedicated teachers who get to know their students well and who are committed to making learning a fun and positive experience. We are a welcoming school to members of St. Stephen Martyr parish community, our neighborhood, and extended community.



SSM is a PEACEBUILDER SCHOOL. PeaceBuilders is a comprehensive community-based program that shifts the school environment into a peaceful, productive and safe place for students, parents and faculty. All members of the community are expected to treat each other with respect and solve problems adaptively when conflicts arise. Students are also involved in various community outreach programs including: DARE to CARE, the Franciscan Shelter House, St. Vincent DePaul Society, St. Baldrick Foundation, and oth special projects helping national and local charities.



Our Pre-School (4 year olds), 3-Year Old Program, After School Program and Summer Program are available for pre-kindergarten and school-aged children. The dedicated staff provide a fun, safe and enriched environment for children to develop.



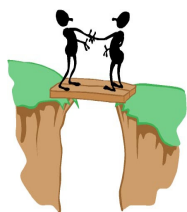
CURRENT ENROLLMENT at SSM is approximately 375 students (pre-school—8th grade). We have 20 teachers on staff. Most of our teachers hold a Masters Degree and all of our teachers hold Bachelors degrees. Our student teacher ratio is currently 21:1, with an average class size of 21 students. The curriculum for grade K-8 includes regular instruction in Art, Computer, Music, Library, Physical Education and Spanish. Our curriculum incorporates the use of our technology center, enthusiastic volunteers and dedicated faculty, all of which creates a strong and supportive learning environment.



FAITH CONNECTION All students participate in classes to help develop their connection with God and their realization of the place of faith in their lives. A regular series of service projects help each student develop a sense of their responsibility to help make the work a better place. Catholic students are instructed in the Sacraments as directed by Church doctrine. Non-Catholic students are exposed to instruction in the Catholic faith and are welcomed and encouraged to share their faith. Tolerance for differences in faith traditions is taught and encouraged.



SSM has a counselor, a certified social worker trained in marriage and family therapy. Our school counselor is affiliated with the Archdiocesan Family Ministry Program. Our counseling program addresses a variety of students' needs, including: Social Skills, Good Touch/Bad Touch Program, Conflict Resolution, Discipline With Purpose, and Peace Builders.



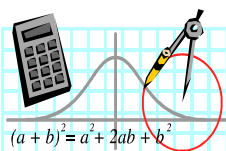
The Special Needs Coordinator at SSM works to identify and to serve students who have learning differences. Some of our students have specifically designed plans developed to meet their learning needs to allow the necessary accommodations and supports to make learning a positive experience. The Special Needs Coordinator assists students in obtaining tutoring and specialized services when needed, and coordinates a peer-mentoring program allowing older students to link up with students who need additional practice and help to grow in an area of weakness.

TECHNOLOGY SSM has invested in Power School, an online student data system, that allows access to students' grades, communication between parents and teachers, and a myriad of opportunities. Computers are in every classroom as well as interactive Smart Boards. We have two computer labs, one with 30 Dell computers (2008) and the other with 25 Dell computers (2005) all with flat screens. There is a mobile lab available with 18 wireless notebooks for teachers to move into their room for projects. Each classroom is outfitted with a surround sound system to aid those students with Auditory Deficits. We recently were able to purchase 10 Kindles (Amazon's Wireless Reading Device) to aid in reading instruction. We are always in the process of increasing our use of technology in a variety of ways. And of course all teachers and administrators at SSM have e-mail and a personal web page to facilitate communication between parents, teachers and school administration.



HOT LUNCHES EVERY DAY Our school cafeteria manager received special recognition as "Cafeteria Manager of the Year" for the 2003-04 school year by the Archdiocese of Louisville. Hot, balanced and nutritious meals are available for lunch enjoyed by our students and staff.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES SSM offers a wide variety of extracurricular activities open to all students and /or parish members including: Quick Recall, Girl, Cub and Boy Scouts, Student Council, 4-H, Academic & Fine Art Fairs/Expos, Junior Achievement, Art Club and CSAA sports—Basketball, Volleyball, Football, Swimming, Cross Country, Cheerleading, Golf, Tennis, choir, and more.



HIGH SCHOOL PREP Our junior high school teachers offer a variety of extracurricular activities and educational opportunities for students to excel and meet the demands of high school. 7th and 8th graders who qualify receive advanced instruction in math by taking pre-algebra and algebra to prepare them for a preparatory high school curriculum.

PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION SSM has an active PTO (Parent Teacher Organization), which meets regularly during the school year to support SSM in a variety of ways, keeping parents up-to-date on a variety of issues and sponsoring projects that help raise funds for the school. In addition, the SAC (School Advisory Council) is active in long-range planning, goal setting and in promoting the school. Committee members are accessible to school parents.



Financial Assistance is available from a number of sources. Contact the principal or the parish business manager for information regarding financial assistance.