



Fact Sheet

St. Stephen Martyr School

Shaping Spirits & Minds

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St. Stephen Martyr School (SSMS) 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.



SSMS is a **Peace Builders School**. "Peace Builders" 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, food drives and special projects helping national and local charities.



Our Preschool, 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 SSMS is approximately 470 students (preschool – 8th grade). We have 25 teachers on staff, with two classes for each grade. Most of our teachers hold a Master's Degree and all of our teachers hold Bachelor's degrees. We have 7 teaching assistants. Our student-teacher ratio is currently 24:1, with an average class size of 25 students. The curriculum for grades K-8 includes regular instruction in Art, Computer, Music, 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.



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 helps each student develop a sense of their responsibility to help make the world 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.



SSMS has a counselor, a certified social worker trained in marriage and family therapy. Our school counselor is affiliated with the Archdiocesan **Family Builders Program**. She has two graduate students working with her in addressing the social and emotional needs of the children at SSMS. Our counseling program addresses a variety of student needs, including:

Communication Skills, Social Skills, Good Touch, Bad Touch Program Conflict Resolution and Tolerance Building, as well as, Group, Individual and Family therapy.



The Special Needs Coordinator at SSMS works to identify and to serve students who have learning differences. Currently, 30 children have specifically designed plans developed to meet their learning needs to allow the necessary accommodations and supports to make learning a positive experience for every child. 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.



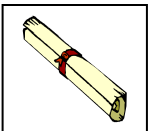
Each classroom has at least one computer. Our computer lab has 30 brand new (2005) Dell computers with flat screens. We are in the process of increasing our use of technology in a variety of ways. All teachers and administration at SSMS have e-mail to facilitate communication between parents, teachers and school administration.



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 and enjoyed by our students and staff.



SSMS 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, Fine Academic & Fine Art Fairs/Expos, Junior Achievement, Peace & Justice Fair, Art Club, & CSAA sports—Basketball, Volleyball, Football, Swimming, Cross Country, Bowling, Cheerleading, Golf, Tennis, and more.



Our junior high school teachers offer a variety of 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, algebra to prepare them for a preparatory high school curriculum.

SSMS has an active **PTO** (Parent Teacher Organization), which meets regularly during the school year to support SSMS 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 active **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.