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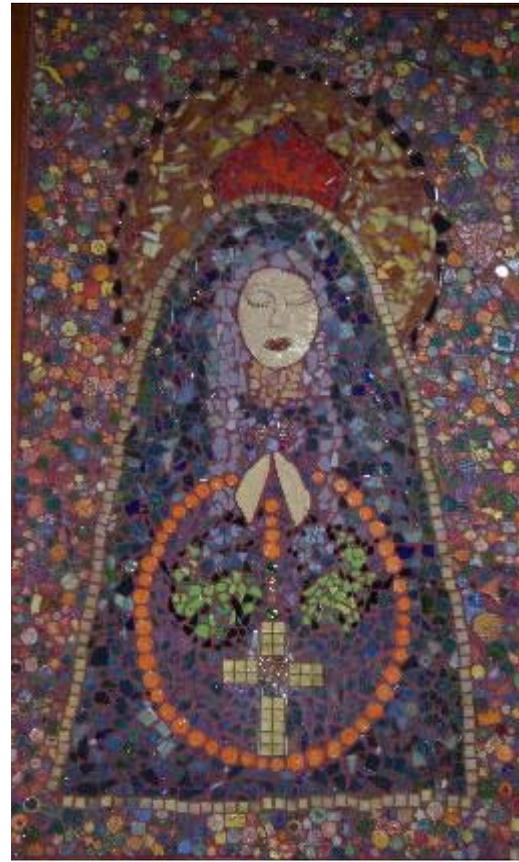
Mother of Sorrows is proud to offer a comprehensive program for children from preschool through eighth grade, specifically:

- ◆ Prekindergarten (3-5 year olds)
- ◆ Kindergarten & Kindergarten Plus
- ◆ Elementary School (Grades 1-5)
- ◆ Middle School (Grades 6-8)

We offer a variety of excellent programs in a new state-of-the-art facility that challenges our students academically, enriches them spiritually, and provides a healthy social environment, all aided by smaller classroom settings. Our program offers Advanced Math which includes Algebra and Math Competitions; Advanced Language which includes Spanish for PK-8th Grade and French for middle school, English Festival Competitions, Reading Specialists and Full Learning Support on staff, Science and Technology Laboratories, Science Competitions, Robotics and Robotics Competitions, Music, Choir, Band, Drama Club and Dramatic Productions, Art Competitions, Track & Cross Country, Girls & Boys Volleyball, Girls & Boys Basketball, Lacrosse, Football, Cheerleading, Jump Rope Club, Student Government, on-site musical instruction and so much more! Our Technology Department has expanded its resources to include personal laptop computers for every eighth grade student. Additionally, smart boards (interactive chalkboards) have been placed in our classrooms.

Matters of Faith, Matters of the Heart...

Our intention is to form each student to be a contributing member of society and to develop a heart that cares to the point of making a difference for the greater good. We offer a great environment where students can practice and continue to grow in their faith with Jesus Christ as the center of the life of our school. We will help our students to develop their minds, their bodies, and their souls, for today, tomorrow and forever.



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Come and see why *Educating the Whole Person* is not just a slogan, but a way of life for our students and their families. Please join us!

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**Welcome to
Preschool!**

Who We Are...

Mother of Sorrows School is a Catholic School in which spiritual formation is an integral part of the program.

We are a family, a school family, that is devoted to the development of our students according to their individual pace and potential. At the start of each school



year we begin a journey. At Mother of Sorrows we set an expectation for ourselves as educators to not only address the needs of the gifted students, but to equally find the gifts in *each and every student* and to ensure that those gifts are nurtured and challenged. The reward for us is to watch the children grow in ways unexpected to those close to them. This transformation is amazingly rewarding to witness and it reinforces why we became educators.



We are dedicated to assisting each family in preparing their children for life and in helping them achieve and develop a good self concept, a healthy, sound body; academic excellence, standards

of social behavior; and to maximize their personal creativity — all in an environment based in Christian principles.



Our Preschool Options...

We offer many options to meet the unique needs of your child. One size does not fit all.

◆ Our 3 Year Old Programs -

Class Days and Times

Tuesday and Thursday
8:40am—11:30am (half-day program)
OR
8:40am—2:40pm (full-day program)
OR
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
12:00pm —2:30pm

◆ Our 4 Year Old Programs -

Class Days and Times

Monday, Wednesday , Friday
8:40am—11:30am (half-day program)
OR
8:40am—2:40pm (full-day program)
OR
Monday through Friday
8:40am—11:30am

Note: Students must be of age by Sept 1 to enroll in the age designated program.



A closer look at the classroom...

Our Preschool curriculum encourages children to develop socially, intellectually, spiritually and physically in a safe, nurturing, and friendly environment.

The age appropriate curriculum executed via hands-on and interactive activities includes, but is not limited to, Spanish, Pre Math, Pre Reading, Computer Lab, Science, Pre Writing, Music, Religion, Art, Physical Education and the development of large and small motor skills.

It is very important to keep in mind that play is a critical element in a preschooler's development. Play experiences allow children to practice social skills and to learn important cognitive skills. Every minute of class in a preschool environment presents a learning opportunity; even snack time is embedded with educational meaning.

Research shows that a quality preschool experience is the best preparation for later school and life successes. Our preschool goals are:

- ◆ To help children develop into independent individuals who can control their emotions
- ◆ To make positive decisions about their activities
- ◆ To learn effectively
- ◆ To learn socially appropriate behaviors
- ◆ To care for themselves and their property
- ◆ To work within a group setting for increasing periods of time
- ◆ To recognize that everyone has similar emotions
- ◆ To have children well positioned for future positive school experiences

Come join us and know that you have provided a best in class preschool experience for your child!

State of the art...



The facilities at Mother of Sorrows school are second to none. In 2003 we completed a nine million dollar expansion. We offer our students the opportunity to learn and grow with the support of a new library, a full size gym, science lab, computer technology lab, spacious classrooms, family life center, dedicated music and art classrooms, a stage, and a full service cafeteria. Our school was expanded to support the growth that we are anticipating over the next decade and to provide every advantage for our current PK3 through 8th grade students.



A few more data points...

Does my child have to be completely independent in the bathroom?

Yes, all children registered in our program must be self-sufficient in the bathroom. We suggest that you avoid difficult belts, snaps or overalls.

What are Mother of Sorrows student-to-teacher ratios?

Our Preschool class size maximum is 16, with a student-to-teacher ratio of 8:1. We recommend that you register early. We have had students on our waiting lists for the past 5 years as there is no exception to our limit of 16 students.

Does the Preschool teacher also teach the "special courses" such as Physical Education Class, Art, Music, Computer Lab, Library and Spanish?

One of the major advantages of being part of and having access to all of the benefits of a full fledge private school is that our "special classes" are taught by those educators specifically trained in those areas. For example, our Spanish teacher has Instructional II certification in Spanish and French. Furthermore, the preschool children have access to the same specialty classrooms that our K-8 students use, such as our computer lab, new library, dedicated music and art classrooms and our full size gym.