

# ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE SINCE 1876

Dear Friends,

It's one of my favorite weeks of the year: National Catholic Schools Week! This week, coordinated by the National Catholic Education Association, is a recognition of the special place of Catholic education not only in our Church but also in the greater society. This year's theme is Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community.



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## STATISTICS 2023

**99%** SENIOR GRADUATION RATE

**96%** SENIORS ATTENDING COLLEGE

**\$25 mil.** SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS FOR SENIORS

AWARDED TO CURRENT STUDENTS TO ATTEND CATHOLIC SCHOOLS **\$4.5 mil.**

**14** BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS DESIGNATED BY THE U.S. DEPT. OF EDUCATION

Here in the Diocese of Richmond, we are very blessed to be united in faith with parishes, priests and a bishop who truly support Catholic education. Their active support of our mission is evident not only in what they say, but also in what they do. I am also grateful to those parishes that do not have a Catholic school at their parish but support Catholic education. Our schools serve to evangelize children and families and cannot do so without strong support throughout the Diocese.

Catholic schools have changed a lot over the years, but we remain steadfast in our pursuit of academic excellence. We maintain a 99% high school graduation rate with 98% of those graduates being accepted by a college or university. Additionally, our graduates received over \$25 million in grants and scholarships last year.

Our students succeed because they receive an education rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, where Catholic doctrine and values, and academic excellence prepare each student for a life of faith, service and integrity. Our administrators, teachers and staff not only have great academic credentials but see their roles as ministers in education. They have answered a call to the vocation of teaching, and we are blessed for their commitment.

Interested in Catholic education? We invite you to visit one of our Catholic schools across the Diocese. Many will have Open Houses this week so it's a great time to stop by. Making Catholic education as affordable as possible is a major priority for the Diocese of Richmond. To that end, we offer a variety of scholarship opportunities. For more information, please go to [discoverCatholicschools.org](http://discoverCatholicschools.org).

Catholic schools in the Diocese of Richmond provide quality educational opportunities through the lens of our Catholic faith. Thank you for your continuing prayers and support, and happy Catholic Schools Week!

In Christ,

Jennifer Bigelow, Ed.D.  
Interim Superintendent

## STUDENT BODY

**9,470** TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS

**68%** CATHOLIC STUDENTS

**13.4%** HISPANIC STUDENTS

**8%** AFRICAN AMERICAN

**1%** AMERICAN INDIAN/NATIVE ALASKAN

**12%** TWO OR MORE RACES

# INSPIRED LEARNING

The Blessed Sacrament Huguenot School



**Catholic Schools offer...**  
*a transformational opportunity for your child to broaden their knowledge, discover their passions, build friendships, and grow a close relationship with God all in one place.*

BLESSED SACRAMENT HUGUENOT, POWHATAN

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All Saints Catholic School is a home away from home for me. I have taught in Catholic schools for 24 years in three cities. I have thoroughly enjoyed my four years here at All Saints. I have seen the passion and determination of our teachers. Our faculty continues to seek ways to engage and enlighten our students. We endeavor to teach as Jesus did. I am grateful to God every day for bringing me to this humble, inner-city school. I hope I will be teaching here many more years to come.

— MaryBeth Adams (MS Language Arts teacher)

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ALL SAINTS, RICHMOND

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The Benedictine Schools have taught me that I need to prioritize things that will fulfill my life. For example, having a theology class has completely changed my way of life and my prayer regimen. I do not think I would be as close to God without this.

— Will Loftin '24



Of the Benedictine values, the one that means the most to me is prayer! Being a senior chaplain allowed me to mature and get out of my comfort zone. Taking this important role has also taught me even more to value God, my friends, my family, and those around me. Because of this opportunity, I was able to grow stronger in prayer and build my relationship with God and those around me.

— Kai'a Coley '23



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SAINT JOSEPH, PETERSBURG



BENEDICTINE COLLEGE PREP & SAINT GERTRUDE, RICHMOND





### ST. BENEDICT, RICHMOND



*Saint Benedict Catholic School is just as advertised. It is an authentic Catholic school that focuses on bringing up the whole child spiritually, academically, and morally. My children will walk away with not only a strong, classical education, but even more importantly, as faithful, good humans who love the Lord.*

— Teresa Dodson, mother of 4 students



### Faith is the heart of Catholic education

*Catholic schools educate the whole child – academically, spiritually, physically, and emotionally. As children grow, they are searching for answers to their emerging questions about the world, their identity, and powers greater than themselves. Our schools are safe, caring communities where your child can explore the realities of life while remaining firmly grounded in their relationship with Jesus Christ.*



### CARDINAL NEWMAN ACADEMY, CHESTERFIELD

### ST. MARY, RICHMOND



*We chose SMCS for our children because it isn't just a place of education; it's a nurturing family rooted in faith. Our children are not only learning academics but also the values of integrity, compassion, and kindness - essential qualities on the road to exceptional character.*

— Kevin & Catherine Harrington

*We initially were drawn to St. Mary's by the strong sense for community the church and school embody. Learning more about the school's strong academic program made it an easy choice to send our kids to St. Mary's.*

— Mike & Melissa Burke



### CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, VIRGINIA BEACH



### WALSINGHAM ACADEMY, WILLIAMSBURG





OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, NEWPORT NEWS



OUR LADY OF LOURDES, RICHMOND



**The Segura Education Initiative** promotes Catholic education for Latino children in the Diocese of Richmond. Site-based assistance is available to help with the enrollment process.



Loved this school! My daughter graduated from there well prepared for Catholic High School, as well as college at Longwood University. In her first semester, her English professor asked her if she graduated from a Catholic school. He said he could tell, because she knew how to write a paper and her grammar was perfect!!!

— Alice Ferguson

St. Matthew School shaped my two grandsons into the greatest young men. They are polite, kind, unselfish, helpful, SMART and I could go on and on. They have made their parents, grandparents and extended family so proud. Thank you to all the teachers from Pre-K-8th grade. You made them who they are. Your passion and patience and the love of God helped them everyday.

— Georgie Allen



ST. EDWARD-EPIPHANY, RICHMOND



SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT, VIRGINIA BEACH

**Catholic school students are more likely to pray daily, attend church more often, and retain a Catholic identity as an adult. Catholic school graduates are more civically engaged, more likely to vote, more tolerant of diverse views, and more committed to service as adults/get involved in social advocacy. Catholic education makes a significant impact in our lives.**





STAR OF THE SEA, VIRGINIA BEACH



SAINT ANNE, BRISTOL



SACRED HEART, DANVILLE



SAINT BRIDGET, RICHMOND

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| <p><b>CARING TEACHERS</b></p> <p>Challenge, support, &amp; engage students</p> <p>Collaborative &amp; hands-on learning</p> <p>Build foundation of self-discipline, empathy &amp; respect</p> | <p><b>NURTURING COMMUNITY</b></p> <p>Catholic values &amp; welcoming all faiths</p> <p>Model compassion &amp; service to others</p> <p>Partner with parents in faith formation &amp; moral development</p> | <p><b>INTELLECTUAL DISCOVERY</b></p> <p>Develop critical thinking skills</p> <p>Foster servant leadership</p> <p>Prepare to succeed in college &amp; tomorrow's world</p> |
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**AFFORDING A CATHOLIC EDUCATION**

*The Catholic Diocese of Richmond and our schools are committed to ensuring a Catholic education is within reach for all families. Our schools provide an excellent education while maintaining affordable tuition thanks to the support of our parishes, donors, and communities. Scan the code to find out more about how to make a Catholic education affordable.*



*Catholic education is a sacred responsibility, and we need your support to serve our students and families. To find out more about supporting Catholic schools in many ways, scan this code. Thank you!*



*St. John Neumann Academy is one of the best things to happen to my family! We stumbled upon the school almost by accident when we were still very new to the area, and I am forever grateful that we did. My daughter has been attending the school since she was three years old. The sense of community, caring teachers, helpful staff, and small class sizes can't be beat. I am now blessed enough to not only be an SJNA parent but also an SJNA teacher and couldn't imagine ever teaching anywhere else. SJNA will forever and always carry a special place in our hearts*

— Angela Shields















*The decision to send our children to Catholic school was made in the hopes that our children would receive both an excellent academic education and a strong Catholic education. In our family's eight years at St. John the Apostle, we continue to have confidence that our children will be prepared for the challenges of what lies ahead academically and spiritually. The Catholic values that the children learn and live every day at St. John's will be the best gift we can give them as parents.*

— Current parent of 1st, 4th & 6th graders- Tara C.







EXPERIENCE THE DIFFERENCE

Our schools across the Diocese of Richmond positively impact the lives of over 9,000 students as well as their families, our employees, and the communities they serve. We invite you to learn more about our schools and how they can meet the needs of your child and your family. We offer flexible tuition payment options and financial assistance to help your family afford a Catholic education.














**RICHMOND REGION SCHOOLS**

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|  <p><b>ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL, JK-8</b><br/>3418 Noble Ave. Richmond, VA 23222<br/>804.329.7524 <a href="http://allsaintsric.org">allsaintsric.org</a></p>                     |  <p><b>BENEDICTINE COLLEGE PREPARATORY, 9-12</b><br/>12829 River Rd. Richmond, VA 23238<br/>804.708.9500 <a href="http://benedictinecollegeprep.org">benedictinecollegeprep.org</a></p>  |
|  <p><b>BLESSED SACRAMENT HUGUENOT SCHOOL, PK-12</b><br/>2501 Academy Rd. Powhatan, VA 23139<br/>804.598.4211 <a href="http://bshknights.org">bshknights.org</a></p>                |  <p><b>CARDINAL NEWMAN ACADEMY, 9-12</b><br/>11000 Smoketree Dr. N. Chesterfield, VA 23236<br/>804.464.3575 <a href="http://cardinalnewmanacademy.org">cardinalnewmanacademy.org</a></p> |
|  <p><b>CRISTO REY RICHMOND HIGH SCHOOL, 9-12</b><br/>304 N. Sheppard St. Richmond, VA 23221<br/>804. 447.7404 <a href="http://cristoreyrichmond.org">cristoreyrichmond.org</a></p> |  <p><b>OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC SCHOOL, JK-8</b><br/>8250 Woodman Rd. Richmond, VA 23228<br/>804.262.1770 <a href="http://lourdesrva.org">lourdesrva.org</a></p>                     |
|  <p><b>SAINT BENEDICT CATHOLIC SCHOOL, JK-8</b><br/>3100 Grove Ave. Richmond, VA 23221<br/>804.254.8850 <a href="http://saintbenedictschool.org">saintbenedictschool.org</a></p>   |  <p><b>SAINT BRIDGET CATHOLIC SCHOOL, JK-8</b><br/>6011 York Rd. Richmond, VA 23226<br/>804.288.1994 <a href="http://saintbridget.org">saintbridget.org</a></p>                          |
|  <p><b>SAINT GERTRUDE HIGH SCHOOL, 9-12</b><br/>12829 River Rd. Richmond, VA 23238<br/>804.708.9500 <a href="http://saintgertrude.org">saintgertrude.org</a></p>                   |  <p><b>SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL, PK-8</b><br/>123 Franklin St. Petersburg, VA 23803<br/>804.732.3931 <a href="http://saintjosephschool.com">saintjosephschool.com</a></p>            |
|  <p><b>SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL, JK-8</b><br/>9501 Gayton Rd. Richmond, VA 23229<br/>804.740.4044 <a href="http://saintmary.org">saintmary.org</a></p>                        |  <p><b>ST. EDWARD-EPIPHANY SCHOOL, JK-8</b><br/>10701 W. Huguenot Rd. Richmond, VA 23235<br/>804.272.2881 <a href="http://seeschool.com">seeschool.com</a></p>                          |

**SOUTHWEST REGION SCHOOLS**

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|  <p><b>CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL, JK-8</b><br/>1205 Pen Park Rd. Charlottesville, VA 22901<br/>434.964.0400 <a href="http://cvillecatholic.org">cvillecatholic.org</a></p> |  <p><b>ROANOKE CATHOLIC SCHOOL, PK-12</b><br/>621 N Jefferson St. Roanoke, VA 24016<br/>540.982.3532 <a href="http://roanokecatholic.com">roanokecatholic.com</a></p>                     |
|  <p><b>SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL, PK-8</b><br/>540 Central Blvd. Danville, VA 24541<br/>434.793.2656 <a href="http://sheartschool.com">sheartschool.com</a></p>               |  <p><b>SAINT ANNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL, PK-8</b><br/>580 Oakview Ave. Bristol, VA 24201<br/>276.591.5375 <a href="http://stanneschoolbristol.org">stanneschoolbristol.org</a></p>              |
|  <p><b>ST. JOHN NEUMANN ACADEMY, PK-8</b><br/>3600 Yellow Sulphur Rd. Blacksburg, VA 24060<br/>540.552.7562 <a href="http://sjnacademy.org">sjnacademy.org</a></p>               |  <p><b>ST. VINCENT DE PAUL VIRTUAL ACADEMY, 8-12</b><br/>Customized online high school education.<br/>757.596.7274 <a href="http://svdpvirtualacademy.org">svdpvirtualacademy.org</a></p> |

**TIDEWATER REGION SCHOOLS**

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|  <p><b>CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, 9-12</b><br/>4552 Princess Anne Rd. VA Beach, VA 23462<br/>757.467.2881 <a href="http://chsvb.org">chsvb.org</a></p>                                      |  <p><b>CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC SCHOOL, PK-8</b><br/>3401 Tidewater Dr. Norfolk, VA 23509<br/>757.625.4951 <a href="http://ctkparish.org">ctkparish.org</a></p>                                       |
|  <p><b>OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL, JK-8</b><br/>52 Harpersville Rd. Newport News, VA 23601<br/>757.596.2754 <a href="http://olmc-school.com">olmc-school.com</a></p>       |  <p><b>PENINSULA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, 8-12</b><br/>600 Harpersville Rd. Newport News, VA 23601<br/>757.596.7247 <a href="http://peninsulacatholic.org">peninsulacatholic.org</a></p>                 |
|  <p><b>PORTSMOUTH CATHOLIC REGIONAL SCHOOL, PK-8</b><br/>2301 Oregon Ave. Portsmouth, VA 23701<br/>757.488.6744 <a href="http://portsmouthcatholic.net">portsmouthcatholic.net</a></p> |  <p><b>ST. GREGORY THE GREAT CATHOLIC SCHOOL, JK-8</b><br/>5343 Virginia Beach Blvd. VA Beach, VA 23462<br/>757.497.1811 <a href="http://sggsvb.org">sggsvb.org</a></p>                               |
|  <p><b>ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL, JK-8</b><br/>1968 B Sandbridge Rd. VA Beach, VA 23456<br/>757.821.1100 <a href="http://sjavb.org/school">sjavb.org/school</a></p>         |  <p><b>SAINT MARY STAR OF THE SEA CATHOLIC SCHOOL, PK-8</b><br/>14 North Willard Ave. Hampton, VA 23663<br/>757.723.6358 <a href="http://saintmarystarofthesea.com">saintmarystarofthesea.com</a></p> |
|  <p><b>ST. MATTHEW'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL, PK-8</b><br/>3316 Sandra Lane Virginia Beach, VA 23464<br/>757.420.2455 <a href="http://smsvb.net">smsvb.net</a></p>                             |  <p><b>SAINT PATRICK CATHOLIC SCHOOL, PK-8</b><br/>1000 Bolling Ave. Norfolk, VA 23508<br/>757.213.0842 <a href="http://stpcs.org">stpcs.org</a></p>                                                  |
|  <p><b>SAINT PIUS X CATHOLIC SCHOOL, PK-8</b><br/>7800 Halprin Dr. Norfolk, VA 23518<br/>757.588.6171 <a href="http://stpiusxschool.org">stpiusxschool.org</a></p>                     |  <p><b>STAR OF THE SEA CATHOLIC SCHOOL, PK-8</b><br/>309 15th Street Virginia Beach, VA 23451<br/>757.428.8400 <a href="http://sosschool.org">sosschool.org</a></p>                                   |
|  <p><b>WALSINGHAM ACADEMY, PK-12</b><br/>1100 Jamestown Rd. Williamsburg, VA 23187<br/>757.229.2642 <a href="http://walsingham.org">walsingham.org</a></p>                             | <p><b>Visit our website to begin your child's journey today!</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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