

CATHOLIC EDUCATION

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Dear Friends,

Catholic Schools Week is a time to reflect on the many blessings that make our schools vibrant centers of faith, learning, and community. Each day, our students grow in their knowledge, deepen their faith, and learn to serve others. This week, we celebrate all those who make this possible.

To our students and parents, thank you for trusting in the mission of Catholic education. To our faculty, staff, and administrators, your tireless dedication inspires excellence and strengthens the spiritual foundation of our schools. And to our generous donors and supporters, your contributions ensure that this sacred work continues to flourish.

Together, we build communities rooted in Christ, where faith and knowledge come together to prepare our students for lives of service and leadership. May this week remind us of the profound impact Catholic education has on our Church and the world.

With gratitude in Christ,

Michael J. Riley, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Catholic Schools



Fourteen schools in the Diocese of Richmond have received the prestigious **Purple Star Award**, recognizing their dedication to supporting military-connected students and families. With 24% of our student population linked to the military, this commitment reflects our mission to serve those who serve our nation.



STATISTICS 2024

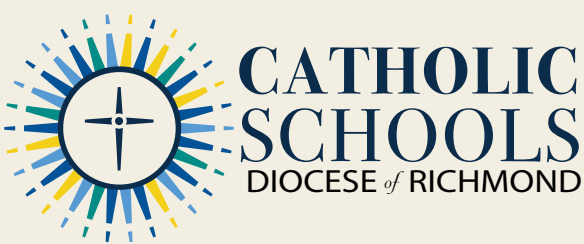
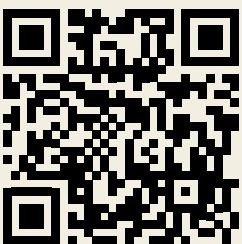
99% SENIOR GRADUATION RATE

SENIORS ATTENDING COLLEGE **99%**

\$39 mil. SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS FOR SENIORS

AWARDED TO CURRENT STUDENTS TO ATTEND CATHOLIC SCHOOLS **\$5.7 mil.**

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



DISCOVER INSPIRED LEARNING



THE LOVE OF LEARNING



- Catholic schools are **vibrant communities** where prayer, worship, justice, peace, reconciliation, and evangelization come to life. Welcoming students of all faiths, they offer the opportunity to experience the beauty and depth of a Catholic education.

STUDENT BODY

9,332 TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS

CATHOLIC STUDENTS **68%**

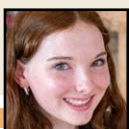
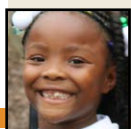
13% HISPANIC STUDENTS

AFRICAN AMERICAN **8%**
1% AMERICAN INDIAN/
NATIVE ALASKAN

TWO OR MORE RACES **12%**



"Saint Bridget is a sincere, faith-filled, caring community - from the teachers and administration to the parents and alumni. The school is committed to providing a high quality of education, but goes beyond the books and tests to help raise children who will be well-rounded, morally responsible young adults. I feel very fortunate that our family decided to send our children to St. Bridget!" — Parent, St. Bridget



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CARDINAL NEWMAN ACADEMY, RICHMOND



CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL VIRGINIA BEACH




CHARLOTTESVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL



A FAITH-CENTERED COMMUNITY




- Enrolling in a Catholic school means choosing a faith-centered community where **every child is known, valued, and nurtured.**
- Recognizing parents as the primary educators, we partner with you to prepare your child for a bright future.
- Discover why a Catholic education is the ideal choice for your child and family.





CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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

The Catholic Diocese of Richmond and our schools are dedicated to making a Catholic education accessible to all families. With the support of our parishes, donors, and communities, we offer **exceptional education at affordable tuition rates.** Scan the code to learn more about making Catholic education attainable for your family.

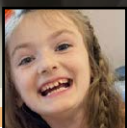


"You guys have done a phenomenal job helping the kids with their transition. We all feel so cared for and your level of intentionality is very unique to CCS. All my fears are gone of moving the kids from their old school and leaving their friends. The kids are adjusting so well. Thank you for... being there for us!"
 — Parent, Charlottesville Catholic School



"So many things to love about Peninsula Catholic! At the top of the list is a school that provides a Catholic education with a focus on academic excellence and an emphasis on producing servant leaders. High praise for the teachers and staff who are supportive and are responsible for the growth and learning I've seen first-hand. Refreshing to see a school that sticks to its core mission of developing students in mind, body and spirit. Great environment with a perfect balance of sports, clubs and volunteer activities that enable personal growth and produce a well-rounded student. Thank you, PC!"

— Brian Baggott, Father of Thomas '25, Sean '27 and Nicholas '27



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OUR LADY OF LOURDES RICHMOND



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL NEWPORT NEWS



PENINSULA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL NEWPORT NEWS



VIBRANT AND ENGAGED FUTURES

"I have 2 beautiful boys who attend Roanoke Catholic School and I wouldn't change it for the world. My boys are in Early Learners and Kindergarten. I've seen a tremendous growth in them since school began in August. I love that Roanoke Catholic focuses on smaller classes because teachers are dedicated to each student with more one on one time and they can control the classroom with more ease. I personally never attended a private school growing up because it wasn't an option, but I'm very grateful to be able to put my children where they are today. The school as a whole is like family to me. Everyone is so friendly and the staff all know which children are mine."

— Parent, Roanoke Catholic School



"I love my children's school because there is a lot of respect for others. There are few children in each classroom and all the teachers help them kindly. My children are doing very well academically, they excelled in all their subjects compared to what they did in other schools. At SHCS they are taught religion, which is what our Hispanic culture values, and I like that they learn much more about our Catholic faith. I 100% recommend Sacred Heart Catholic School."



— Parent, Maria del Rayo Quintero

Catholic education makes a **significant impact in our lives**. 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 also more civically engaged, more likely to vote, more tolerant of diverse views, and more committed to service.

"St. Anne guided me into the person I am today. It taught me how to be a leader and how to speak in public with confidence. It taught me how to be a good friend, daughter, and sister. St. Anne taught me to be a follower of Jesus."

— St. Anne alumni, (now in high school)



PORTSMOUTH CATHOLIC REGIONAL SCHOOL



ROANOKE CATHOLIC SCHOOL



SACRED HEART DANVILLE



SAINT ANNE BRISTOL



SAINT BENEDICT RICHMOND



SAINT BRIDGET RICHMOND



SAINT GERTRUDE RICHMOND



WAYS YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE

- Catholic education is a **cherished mission**, and your support is vital to serving our students and families. Scan the code to explore the many ways you can contribute to supporting Catholic schools.



"As a parent, I couldn't be more grateful for the education and values my child receives at Saint Joseph Catholic School. The teachers are not only highly skilled but truly invested in the success and well-being of each student. They take the time to understand each child's strengths and challenges, providing personalized attention to help them thrive."



Saint Joseph Catholic School

What stands out most to me is the emphasis on both academic excellence and spiritual growth. My child is not only learning core subjects but also developing strong moral values and a deeper understanding of faith, which I witness developing at home, too.

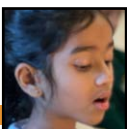
My children are able to develop their leadership skills through participation in the Spirit Squad, Robotics, Chess Club, and tutoring the younger students. These are important skills for my children to learn and I'm grateful that Saint Joseph's shares this value, too."

— Parent, Mr. Levi Owen



"I wish every school was like St. Mary Star of the Sea School! As soon as you walk into our doors; you immediately feel comfort, warmth and the security of knowing you are making the right choice for your child(ren). Our teachers and staff are absolutely amazing and are invested in making sure the children are well equipped in academics and in our continued growth in faith. My child has grown so much since enrolling and is thriving in every way. Enrolling my child in this school has been the best decision I have ever made!"

— Parent, Vicky Smith



SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT VIRGINIA BEACH

SAINT JOHN THE APOSTLE VIRGINIA BEACH

SAINT JOSEPH PETERSBURG

SAINT MARY STAR OF THE SEA HAMPTON

SAINT MARY'S RICHMOND

SAINT MATTHEW'S VIRGINIA BEACH



LEARN MORE ABOUT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Catholic Schools across the Diocese of Richmond provide a faith-based education to more than 9,000 junior kindergarten – 12th grade students in Tidewater, Central and Southwest Virginia.

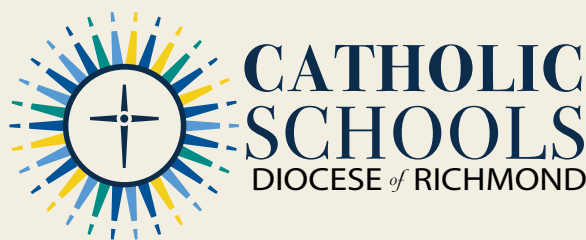
Students from diverse socioeconomic and religious backgrounds come together to learn, serve, lead and succeed. Caring, certified teachers challenge and support students with an engaging and nationally accredited curriculum.

Catholic schools nurture personal growth, scholarship, life-long learning, service, and responsible stewardship through a faith-centered way of life.

We are committed, as responsible

stewards, to collaborative planning to remain the educational choice for the future.

Learn more about what we have to offer your child to prepare them for life's journey.

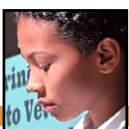


“As a parent of two students here, I’m constantly amazed by the school’s dedication to its mission. The community of families and faculty is like no other – warm, welcoming, and united in supporting the children. My kids are thriving academically and spiritually, and we appreciate the focus on celebrating each child’s unique strengths. Plus, it’s the most affordable option in the area, making quality Catholic education accessible for families.”

— Parent, St. Edward-Epiphany

Every time I walk into SJNA, I am literally overwhelmed with emotion and gratitude. Our children are greeted and held daily in Jesus’s love, and challenged academically in that same wondrous spirit. Importantly, we as parents are held in the same manner, helping us better serve our children and community. We are so grateful for the opportunity to be a part of the SJNA family!

— Parent, St. John Neumann Academy



SAINT PATRICK NORFOLK



SAINT PIUS X NORFOLK



ST. EDWARD-EPIPHANY RICHMOND



ST. JOHN NEUMANN ACADEMY BLACKSBURG



STAR OF THE SEA VIRGINIA BEACH



WALSINGHAM ACADEMY WILLIAMSBURG