

St. Matthew Catholic School

Educating the next generation
of Catholic leaders since 1993



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MISSION

Educating a strong faith -
centered community through
a commitment to the
spiritual, moral, intellectual,
social and physical
development of each child.

STUDENT SERVICES



- Hot Breakfast & Lunch Program
- Early Morning Care Program (no charge)
- After School Program
- Peer Tutoring and Mentoring Program
- Accelerated Reader Program
- Success Maker Computer Enrichment Program
- Full Time Resource/Enrichment Teacher
- Wellness Committee
- Speech Therapy

ADMISSIONS

Applications for Admissions may be downloaded from the St. Matthew Catholic School website or picked up in the office on January 1st of each school year. Special consideration is given to siblings of currently enrolled students and to parishioners. Testing from the new student waiting list begins in February.

Transfer students please call the office for information about current openings.

CAMPUS FACILITIES

The St. Matthew complex includes:

- * St. Matthew Catholic Church
- * Science lab
- * 2 Computer labs
- * Library
- * Fully equipped health clinic
- * McDonald Family Center/gym
- * St. Matthew Sports Complex
- * Full-service cafeteria
- * Music/Band room

SAFETY

- Traffic officer on duty for morning and afternoon carline
- Secure student drop-off and pick-up
- 24 hour surveillance



SCHOOL CONTACT INFORMATION

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PreK—Grade 5 Inquiries

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St. Matthew Catholic School is accredited by TEA (Texas Education Agency) through TCCED (Texas Catholic Conference Education Department).

FAITH IN ACTION

Our Catholic Faith permeates everything we do at St. Matthew Catholic School. Our students have formal instruction in the Catholic Faith and each class from PreK through Grade 8 participates in the preparation and celebration of weekly liturgies. Each morning we place ourselves in the presence of the Lord with student-led prayer.

The Gospel message is integrated throughout the curriculum. Each grade level designs an Advent Service Project and community service hours are mandatory in Grades 6, 7 and 8.

Religious Education at St. Matthew Catholic School also includes:

- Sacramental Preparation—1st Penance and First Holy Communion
- Participation in parish liturgies
- Celebration of the liturgical year
- Participation in the Universal Church through the Holy Childhood Missions
- Participation in the parish with altar serving, choir and food drives for the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry



CURRICULUM

The students from Pre-K4 through 8th grade are well prepared academically. St. Matthew Catholic School follows the standards set forth by the Archdiocese of San Antonio which is based on the TEKS. St. Matthew students participate annually in a nationally-normed comprehensive assessment tool, The Iowa Tests of Basic Skills.

St. Matthew Catholic School offers a balanced curriculum in Religion, Language Arts, Math, Social Studies and Science. Honors English and Algebra classes are offered to qualifying middle school students. Electives are offered at each grade in middle school with mandatory electives of Life Skills and Study Skills at Grade 6 and Healthy Choices for Teens at Grade 7.

The core curriculum is enriched with Spanish, Art, P.E., Music, Library, Computer Literacy, grade level educational field trips, Student Council and National Junior Honor Society. Students also participate in Science Fair, History Fair, Spelling Bee, Speech, Art, writing contests and Yearbook.

The Safe Environment Program, mandated by the Texas Catholic Bishops, complements the formal guidance program implemented by our Guidance Counselors for students at all grade levels.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Extra-curricular activities provide an opportunity for the students to enhance their academic experience.

All Grade Levels

Band	Guitar Lessons
Chess Club	Piano Lessons
Choir	Twirling
Dance Team	Pep Squad



Middle School

Baseball	Safety Patrol
Basketball	Soccer
Cheerleading	Softball
Cross Country	Tennis
Football	Track
Golf	Volleyball



FACULTY

- Principal, 7 years at St. Matthew
- All teachers TCCED certified
- Faculty, 40 % with advanced degrees
- Instructional aides in Pre K, Kindergarten and 1st grade
- 2 Assistant Principals
- 2 School Counselors
- A full-time Registered Nurse and part-time nurse assistant



COMMUNITY

The students, faculty and parents promote a spirit of community by participating in many school and parish activities: The St. Matthew Parish Festival; St. Vincent de Paul donation drives; Class service projects; Parents-as-Partners Volunteer Program; Grandparents Day; Catholic Schools Week activities; Bike Rodeo; Field Day; Spirit Week; Scouting; CYO sports; St. Matthew School Council; Big Buddies/Little Buddies; Altar Servers; Career Day; Halloween Carnival; Annual School Gala and the PTC (Parent Teacher Club).

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