

# Facts and Highlights



## Kindergarten – Eighth Grade

### Mission: To Recognize Christ at the Core

Saint Pius X Catholic School partners with the parish community to provide a safe and effective learning environment, anchored in the Gospel Values, fostering spiritual development, academic excellence and stewardship, centered on the Eucharist.

### Catholic Identity: To Promote Growth in Faith

The students' growth in faith is the central purpose of our school. In an environment reflecting peace, mercy, justice, and love, children are challenged to achieve their highest potential. They are encouraged to live their faith in word and deed in their family, church, and larger community.

### Educational Methods: To Inspire Excellence

We hold high standards of academic excellence in which Gospel values are integrated in everyday activities. School personnel consider each child's spiritual, academic, social, emotional, and physical well being. We use multiple instructional strategies and materials to aid in the students' success.

### Parental Relations: To Foster Mutual Support

We recognize parents as having the primary responsibility for the formation and education of their children. Following the teaching of the Catholic Church, we will support, but are unable to assume, the role of parents. We expect parents to maintain communication with the school and support the school community.

### Classroom Structure

#### Primary Grades (K-2):

- Teaching assistants in each classroom

#### Elementary Grades (3-5) and Middle School (6-8):

- Teaching assistants in each third through fifth grade classroom
- Shared teaching assistant in Middle School

### Teaching the Whole Person

Saint Pius X Catholic School, as part of the parish mission, provides all of its students with an educational opportunity for spiritual, intellectual, and physical development rooted in Catholic values, moral responsibility, and academic excellence. Gospel Values of respect, responsibility, compassion, teamwork and honesty support the Gospel Guide to foster an environment where all students are respected.

	Kindergarten	First Grade	Second Grade	Third Grade	Fourth Grade	Fifth Grade	Sixth Grade	Seventh Grade	Eighth Grade
Spanish	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Technology	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Wellness	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Music	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Religion	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Library	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Art	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Band					•	•	•	•	•

### Programs and Services

- Hot lunch served daily
- Extended Care Program before and after school (7:00-7:55 a.m. and 3:00-5:45 p.m.)
- Health Office staffed daily
- SCRIP

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- Specialized religious instruction in all grades, including Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in grades PK-3
- Multiple opportunities for prayer including Mass twice a week, participation in liturgical celebrations, and student involvement in music and liturgy programs
- Participation in the *Step-by-Step Children's Stewardship Program*—an outreach program focusing on a different need in our community each year
- Promote growth in faith and moral development by integration of the Gospel Values into the daily core curriculum; in addition to the *Virtue of the Month* Program

### Academics

- National Blue Ribbon School in 2015
- AdvancED and Indiana Department of Education accreditation with an "A" rating
- ISTEP+ testing in grades 3-8
- Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) testing to measure growth in students in grades K-8 from fall to spring
- Compass Learning's Odyssey Software Program which uses NWEA scores to create an individualized standards-aligned learning path for each student in grades K-5
- Web-based grade book (Power School) access for parents in grades 5-8
- Student Management System (CANVAS) in grades 6-8
- Fully-equipped science lab to support inquiry-based learning
- Spanish instruction in grades K-8
- Visual arts program taught in an Art Studio covering a wide range of media to stimulate individual artistic talent
- Music wing dedicated to performing arts program, including music instruction in grades PK-8 and a band program in grades 4-8

- One full-time, one part-time resource teacher, and one half-time Special Education teacher available for instructional support in grades K-8

### Extracurricular Activities

- Athletics program (grades 5-8): soccer, softball, football, basketball, volleyball, wrestling, track, baseball and boys lacrosse ([www.icclsports.org](http://www.icclsports.org)).
- Academic competitions: Quiz Bowl, Spelling Bee, Science Fair, ISSMA, First Lego League (FLL) (grades 4-5 and 6-8)
- Student Activities: Book Club, Cheerleading, Chess Club, Craft Club, Lego Club (grades K– 2), Robotics/Coding, Ski Club, and Student Council

### Technology

- Designated computer lab housing 32 desktop computers for technology classes
- *Chromebooks* (1:1 in grades 6-8)
- *Chromebook* carts available for elementary student use
- Each classroom outfitted with an interactive *SmartBoard* and sound amplification system



- Integration of real-life productivity software and internet-based learning, with classroom subject content to help students with lifelong skills that will help them in the workplace, the community and their personal lives



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