

Queen of Apostles Catholic School



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TELLING OUR STORY

Dear Parents,

I realize that choosing a school for your child is a difficult decision. Most of our Diocesan schools provide a good education, an environment where the Faith is integrated throughout the day, and a faculty that is committed to Catholic education. Several of the public schools in Fairfax County provide an adequate education and they do not charge tuition. If you are interested in a Catholic education, I would like to help you answer the question, "Why send my children to Queen of Apostles Catholic School?"

As a parent with four children, all of whom attended Catholic schools, I understand what makes a particular school special. At Queen of Apostles Catholic School I see a school that provides a safe, nurturing environment, a solid formation in the Faith, and academics that challenge and promote excitement about life-long learning. There is so much more to the mission and vision of Queen of Apostles, making us special and unique.

The diverse population represents many cultures, adding richness to our community. Our students learn to appreciate all people as children of God. The climate of the school is such that our children are protected from negative societal influences that pervade our culture. The Model is always that Jesus is the Master Teacher, the saints are examples of living holy lives, and the virtues of our Faith are the basis for the discipline policy.

I hope that the following information answers your questions and, if you discern that Queen of Apostles Catholic School is the school in which you would like to enroll your child, please give us a call to make an appointment. If there are any questions, I am always available.

God bless,

Joanne Yates
Principal,
Queen of Apostles Catholic School

TWENTY-FIVE REASONS WHY QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC SCHOOL IS AN EXCELLENT CHOICE

1. Queen of Apostles has a dedicated teaching staff, all of whom have either Virginia State certification or Virginia Catholic Educators Association certification. Many of the faculty members are either working towards a Masters degree or already have an advanced degree.
2. Queen of Apostles Catholic School is staffed by dedicated and professional educators and support staff who provide a Christ-centered environment, work in close partnership with the parents, and see each child as a special gift from God the Father.
3. Queen of Apostles Catholic School has a dynamic PTO that actively supports the school, provides many opportunities to volunteer, and sponsors a variety of activities including a Gala, field day, staff luncheons, cultural arts activities, teacher continuing education, and fund-raising activities to enhance the academic opportunities.
4. Queen of Apostles Catholic School has multiple extra-curricular activities including a wonderful choir that sings every year at the xxx, band, Quiz Bowl, safety patrols, student council, basketball, tennis, and soccer.
5. Queen of Apostles Catholic School website, with up-to-date information, is available at www.queenofapostlesschool.org. The website includes links to teachers' pages which provides information on classroom activities, homework, projects, and upcoming events.
6. The curriculum is both challenging and conducive to fostering a life-long love of learning; students at Queen of Apostles Catholic School are provided with opportunities for enrichment through such programs as the Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth; teachers employ strategies such as differentiated learning to provide enrichment opportunities, learning needs are met via a team approach consisting of meetings with the student (for the older grades), parents, teachers, and principal to compile a Student Assistance Plan or academic intervention strategies for students with academic challenges and documented testing.
7. Queen of Apostles Catholic School has an excellent Extended Day program open from 6:45 A.M. to the opening of school and 3:00 to 6:00 P.M, staffed by caring and dedicated professionals, and available on a drop-in basis.
8. Queen of Apostles Catholic School participates in the Diocese of Arlington Tuition Grant Program, which offers \$1.25 million in tuition grants every year.
9. Students in Queen of Apostles Catholic School participate in numerous service activities including raising money for the children's hospital, Mother Angelica's EWTN, the Holy Childhood Association, the Little Sisters of the Poor, and Saint Ann's Infant and Maternity Home. The students prepare cards and packages for our troops overseas, and respond to needs of others as situations occur (the Malaysian tsunami, Hurricane Katrina).
10. 100% of the 2008 graduates were accepted to the high school of their choice. This includes several recipients of scholarships to the Catholic high schools.

TWENTY-FIVE REASONS (Continued)

11. Queen of Apostles has competitive athletic opportunities including basketball, tennis, and soccer.
12. Students at Queen of Apostles Catholic School are provided a safe and nurturing environment. The faculty and staff take a pro-active stance on discipline issues. Behavior issues are handled in a prudent manner, without harshness but as a learning experience. Rules are clearly defined in the Parent Student Handbook and within the classroom. The emphasis is on making good choices and leading a virtuous life. The students receive instruction on appropriate and safe use of the Internet, bullying policy, and academic and social expectations. There is an emergency plan in place that is practiced and reviewed yearly.
13. In March, the 8th grade students attend an annual Vocations Mass with Arlington Bishop Paul S. Loverde and all Diocesan eighth grade students.
14. Religion instruction is supplemented during sacramental years in grades 2 and 8 through retreats, projects, field trips, and speakers. The students are given the opportunity to receive the sacrament of Penance during the school day. The priests are actively present in the school, teaching classes and attending school functions.
15. Queen of Apostles Catholic School offers Algebra (high school course) and pre-Algebra to qualified students. Students in seventh grade who qualify may take pre-Algebra.
16. Queen of Apostles Catholic School adheres to State health regulations and the Diocesan Wellness Program.
17. Fifth and eighth grade students participate in the Assessment of Christian Religion Education (ACRE) testing.
18. Students at Queen of Apostles have won first place in the Quiz Bowl competition over the years.
19. Seventh and eighth grade students participate in the school and Diocesan Science Fair. Sixth grade students participate in the school Science Fair.
20. Students at Queen of Apostles Catholic School attend Mass weekly and serve as readers, gift bearers, greeters, and members of the choir. They participate in liturgical celebrations and plan and participate in para-liturgical celebrations.
21. Queen of Apostles Catholic School has all-day kindergarten with a teacher and teaching assistant committed to developing the social and learning potential of their young students.
22. Queen of Apostles Catholic School has a well-stocked library, containing a wide assortment of fictional and non-fictional works.
23. Queen of Apostles Catholic School students participate in weekly physical activity and health classes, art, music, and computer instruction.
24. Queen of Apostles Catholic School students from the second to the seventh grade take the Terra Nova standardized test in the spring. The students consistently score above the Diocesan and national average.
25. The students at Queen of Apostles Catholic School work, play, and pray together each day, knowing that Christ is the reason for the school, the unseen but ever present Teacher in the classrooms, the Model of the faculty, and the inspiration for our whole community.