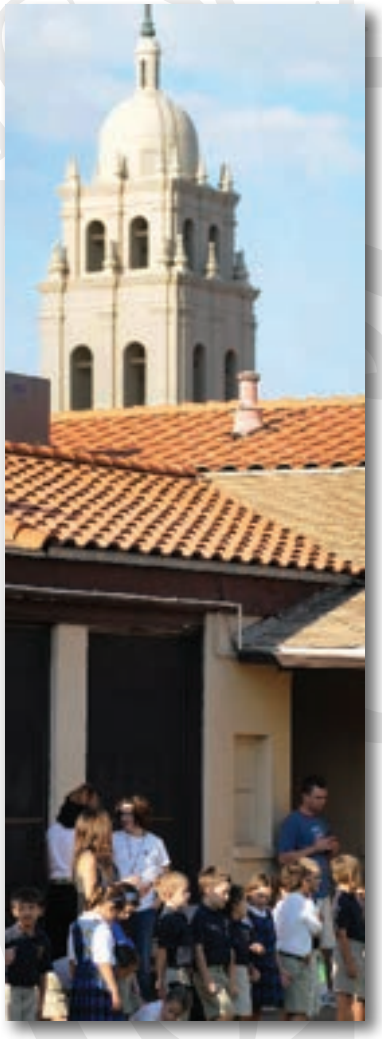












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why a catholic school?

Catholic Elementary schools are unique faith-centered communities that integrate thinking and believing in ways that encourage intellectual growth and nurture faith and inspiration. They create a supportive and challenging climate which affirms the dignity of all persons within the school community.

which school is right for us?

God made each one of us unique with special gifts and needs. School is a new destination along the journey of faith and education. As one begins the task of choosing a Catholic school one will discover that each has its own qualities.

how do we decide?

Step 1 - **Prioritize.** List everything that you and your family expect from a Catholic school experience. Evaluate this list and arrange it in order of importance.

Step 2 - **The Worksheet.** This worksheet is designed to help formulate pertinent questions and record important information. Compare the information recorded and determine how each school meets one's needs.

Step 3 - **Visits**. Take advantage of school tours, open houses, and other special events offered by the school community.





considerations

It is important to evaluate each school in light of the student's needs. Since many students are interested in Catholic education, it is necessary to meet all deadlines set by the school.

admissions procedures have been established for each school. An outline of these procedures is available at the individual schools and on their websites.

entrance exams are administered by many schools. Contact the individual schools for registration procedure and testing policies.

costs include tuition, fees for books, uniforms, athletic participation, special programs, labs, etc.

tours provide an opportunity for parents to see for themselves what the school has to offer. Tours are usually given while school is in session, but weekend and vacation tours are available.

checking them out

open house days allow students and parents to visit and tour the schools, meet faculty, ask questions and gather information.

special events attendance at art shows, music performances, plays, worship opportunities, fundraisers and sporting events can give insight into student and parent involvement and the extra-curricular activities available.





the worksheet

	SCHOOL 1	SCHOOL 2	SCHOOL 3	SCHOOL 4	SCHOOL 5
ACTIVITIES AND CLUBS					
Cost					
Eligibility					
ADMISSIONS PROCESS					
Application fee					
Application package					
Attachments required					
Entrance exam					
Interview					
Recommendation needed					
Sibling/Alumni priority					
ATHLETICS					
Costs					
Division					
Eligibility					
Sports					
CAMPUS ENVIRONMENT					
Accessibility					
Appearance					
Dress Code					
Facilities					
Computer lab					
Library					
Lunch program					
Parking					
Security					
HIGH SCHOOL ADMISSIONS					
High schools attended					
Scholarships awarded					
COUNSELING / GUIDANCE					
Services					
CURRICULUM					
Ability to meet special needs					
Foreign language					
Honors program					
Innovative programs/courses					
Religous studies/Technology					
SPECIAL FEATURES					
Innovative programs					
DEMOGRAPHICS					
Current enrollment					
Cultural and economic diversity					

	SCHOOL 1	SCHOOL 2	SCHOOL 3	SCHOOL 4	SCHOOL 5
DISCIPLINE					
Code of Conduct					
Student handbook					
FACULTY					
Faculty degrees					
Professional/spiritual development					
Student - teacher ratio					
Years of service					
LOCATION					
Miles from home/work					
Public transportation					
Carpooling					
Bus service					
PARENT PARTICIPATION					
Financial contributions					
Fundraisers					
Volunteer opportunities					
School Board					
Parish participation					
SCHOLARSHIPS					
Availability					
SCHOOL DAY					
Hours					
Calendar					
Early dismissal days					
Before/After school programs					
TUITION & OTHER FEES					
Activities/social events					
Books					
Sports					
Fundraising					
Lunch					
Payment plans					
Tuition					
Uniforms					
Actual cost per student					
WORSHIP/SPIRITUAL LIFE					
Opportunities					
Retreats					
Service hours					
NOTES					

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AVONDALE
Saint Thomas Aquinas School, PS-8
13720 West Thomas Road, 85323
623-935-0945

BAPCHULE
Saint Peter Indian Mission School, K-8
1500 North St. Peter Road, 85221
520-315-3835

CAREFREE
Our Lady of Joy Preschool, PS-K
36811 North Pima Road, 85377
480-595-6409

CAVE CREEK
Annunciation Catholic School, 1-2
32648 N. Cave Creek Road, 85331-5540
480-595-0883

CHANDLER
Saint Mary-Basha Catholic School, K-8
200 West Galveston, 85225
480-963-4951

COTTONWOOD
Saint Joseph Catholic School, PS-7
2715 East Highway 89A, 86326
928-649-0624

FLAGSTAFF
San Francisco de Asis Catholic School, PS-8
320 North Humphreys. 86001
928-779-1337

GLENDALE
Our Lady of Perpetual Help School, PS-8
7521 North 57th Avenue, 85301
623-931-7288

Saint Louis the King School, PS-8
4331 West Maryland Avenue, 85301
623-939-4260

GOODYEAR
Saint John Vianney School, PS-8
539 La Pasada Blvd, 85338
623-932-2434

LAKE HAVASU CITY
Our Lady of the Lake Catholc School, PS-8
1975 Daytona Drive, 86403
928-855-0154

MESA
Christ the King Catholic School, K-8
1551 East Dana Avenue, 85204
480-844-4480

Queen of Peace School, PS-8
109 North Macdonald Street, 85201
480-969-0226

Saint Timothy Catholic Academy, K-8
2520 South Alma School, 85210
480-775-2650

Saint Timothy Preschool, PS
1730 West Guadalupe Road, 85202
480-775-5237

PHOENIX
Most Holy Trinity School, PS-8
535 East Alice Avenue, 85020
602-943-9058

SS Simon and Jude School, K-8
6351 North 27th Avenue, 85017
602-242-1299

Saint Agnes School, PS-8
2311 East Palm Lane, 85006
602-244-1451

Saint Catherine of Siena School, PS-8
6413 South Central Avenue, 85042
602-276-2241

Saint Francis Xavier School, K-8
4715 North Central, 85012
602-266-5364

Saint Gregory School, PS-8
3440 North 18th Avenue, 85015
602-266-9527

Saint Jerome School, PS-8
10815 North 35th Avenue, 85029
602-942-5644

Saint Joan of Arc Preschool
3801 East Greenway Road, 85032
602-867-9179

Saint John Bosco Interparish School, PS-8
16035 South 48th Street, 85048
480-219-4848

Saint Matthew School, K-8
2038 West Van Buren Avenue, 85009
602-254-0611

Saint Theresa Catholic School, PS-8
5001 East Thomas Road, 85018
602-840-0010

Saint Thomas the Apostle School, K-8
4510 North 24th Street, 85016
602-954-9088

Saint Vincent de Paul School, PS-8
3130 North 51st Avenue, 85031
623-247-8595

PRESCOTT
Sacred Heart School, PS-8
131 North Summit Avenue, 86301
928-445-2621

QUEEN CREEK
Our Lady of Guadalupe Preschool, PS-K
20615 East Ocotillo Road, 85242
480-987-0315

SCOTTSDALE
Blessed Pope John XXIII
Catholic School Community, K-8
16235 North 60th Street, 85254
480-905-0939

Blessed Sacrament Preschool, PS-K
11300 North 64th Street, 85254
480-998-9466

Our Lady of Perpetual Help School, K-8
3801 North Miller Road, 85251
480-874-3720

Saint Daniel the Prophet School, K-8
1030 North Hayden Road, 85257
480-949-8034

Saint Maria Goretti Preschool, PS-K
6261 North Granite Reef, 85250
480-948-3606

TEMPE
Our Lady of Mount Carmel School, K-8
2117 South Rural Road, 85282
480-967-5567

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Little Lambs, PS
2115 South Rural Road, 85282
480-966-7356

HIGH SCHOOLS

CHANDLER
Seton Catholic Preparatory High School
1150 North Dobson Road, 85224
480-963-1900

PHOENIX
Bourgade Catholic High School
4602 North 31st Avenue, 85017
602-973-4000

Brophy College Preparatory (Jesuit)
4701 North Central, 85012
602-264-5291

Saint Mary's Catholic High School
2525 North Third Street, 85004
602-251-2500

Xavier College Preparatory
4710 North Fifth Street, 85012
602-277-3772

SCOTTSDALE
Notre Dame Preparatory
9701 East Bell Road, 85260
480-634-8200

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