



MQPCS

*Mary, Queen of Peace
Catholic School*

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Open House Date:

Wednesday, January 9, 2008 7:00 p.m.

Registration Date for New Students:

Pre-Kindergarten

Tuesday, January 15, 2008 8:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Kindergarten – 7th grade

Monday, February 25, 2008 8:00-2:00 p.m.

Dear Parent,

We appreciate your interest in Mary, Queen of Peace Catholic School. Our school provides a strong, well-rounded academic program, as well as, enrichment opportunities in a variety of disciplines. Catholic values and traditions are entwined in all aspects of our curriculum and students' lives.

Our school has a strong family atmosphere and we encourage parental involvement in the daily activities and the special events of the school.

This brochure contains information pertinent to the 2008-2009 school year. We encourage you to read this brochure thoroughly and to call the office if you have any questions.

We invite you to attend the New Student Open House on Wednesday, January 9, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. We will begin with a brief presentation followed by tours of the facility.

Pre-Kindergarten registration will be held on Tuesday, January 15, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. New Student registration for kindergarten through seventh Grade will be held on Monday, February 25, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Please make plans to be here in person or to send a representative during the scheduled time.

We thank you for your interest and hope to see you on these dates.

Dr. Jan Daniel Lancaster
Principal

SCHOOL HISTORY

Mary, Queen of Peace Church Parish was established in 1988. In January of 1996, Archbishop Francis B. Schulte dedicated the new church building. In that same year, Mary, Queen of Peace Catholic School was founded. In August, 1996, Mary, Queen of Peace Catholic School opened in the Worship Center. The original school included grades kindergarten, first and second. The school has added grades each year and now offers pre-kindergarten through seventh grades.

In 1998, our new school building was completed. This building houses administrative offices, a full service cafeteria, classrooms for the elementary school – pre-kindergarten to first grades and the After Care room. The Worship Center houses our library and computer lab. The modular building houses second to seventh grades.

MISSION

Mary, Queen of Peace Catholic School seeks to provide a nurturing environment that allows each child to grow spiritually, academically, emotionally, and physically in Christ's love through high academic standards and emphasis on serving God and community. Our children are encouraged to develop good moral character and are taught to live their Catholic faith.

CURRICULUM

The curriculum follows the Archdiocesan curriculum guidelines and state and national standards. Elementary students are taught religion, math, reading, and language arts daily. Science and social studies are taught through thematic units in kindergarten through fourth grades. Middle School students are taught religion, math, reading, language arts, science and social studies.

Students learn about their Catholic faith and how to live it as part of their daily classroom experience, through activities centered on

the liturgical seasons of the Church, and attendance at weekly Mass and special celebrations.

There is strong technological support to enhance the curriculum and prepare students to meet the needs of a technological world. Our middle school students are assigned laptops which are utilized in all classes. Grades Pre-K through Fourth has computers with teacher directed Internet access available. Computerized Interactive boards are featured in all classrooms. The school library, with more than 8125 volumes, and computer lab are located in the Worship Center. The Accelerated Reader and STAR Reading Programs are integral parts of our curriculum which promote and enhance student reading. Strong emphasis is placed on educating the total child. Besides the library and computer exposure, students attend enrichment classes in physical education, art, foreign language, and music weekly. Band is also offered to our students at an additional charge.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Assembly bell rings at 7:30 with the final bell at 7:35. School hours are 7:35 a.m. until 2:40 p.m. - After Care is provided at an additional charge until 6:00 p.m. The school cafeteria serves nutritional meals under the supervision of the Archdiocesan Food Services. St. Tammany Parish provides bus transportation to those students living within the local public school district.

Early Childhood Program

The Early Childhood program at Mary, Queen of Peace Catholic School prepares your child in five areas of development: religious, social, mental, physical, and emotional. Each child is accepted as a unique gift from God with individual strengths and needs. Your child will be guided, helped, and encouraged to advance according to his or her individual development. Each child is encouraged and helped to become independent, self-reliant and to develop a positive self-image.

The curriculum is built around activities that include observing the world around them and seeking solutions to concrete problems. Children are provided the opportunity to see how reading and writing are useful. The children learn about math, science, social studies, health, and other content areas, all integrated through meaningful activities. Routines are followed that help children stay safe and healthy.

Our early childhood education program is geared toward laying the foundation for your child's eventual awakening of faith. Through their own personal experiences the spiritual growth of each child is a gradual discovery of, and a personal relationship with, God. Prayer is a customary and integral part of the day. The following is a list of features regarding our Early Childhood Program.

- *Five days a week, full day sessions*
- *Lunch is available through the school cafeteria*
- *Extended care is available after school*
- *Class size limited*
- *The program follows the regular school calendar*
- *Children must be four years old by September 30, 2008.*
- *Children must be potty trained*
- *The family plan does not apply to the Early Childhood Program*

TEXTBOOK SERIES 2008-2009

These textbooks are currently being used for grades PK-7. Some series may change as we further develop our curriculum and replace older books.

Religion:	We Believe, William H. Sadlier, Publisher
Reading:	Voyages in English, Loyola Press Publishers
Language Arts:	Collection for Young Scholars, Open Court Publishers; Lipincott Phonics, McGraw Hill; The Letter People, Abrams and Co.
Mathematics:	Harcourt Math Louisiana Edition, Mathematics Applications & Concepts Course 1 and 2, Pre-Algebra, Glencoe
Science:	Science, Harcourt, Glencoe
Social Studies:	Louisiana Edition, Scott Foresman
Handwriting:	Handwriting, Zaner-Bloser Publishers
Spelling:	Spelling, Zaner-Bloser Publishers
Computer:	TechWorks, Teacher Created Materials Publisher
Spanish, Art, Music, PE:	No specific textbook is used. Middle School – Holt Spanish 1A textbook

2008-2009 REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Please bring the following information with the registration form to registration. All information must be received in order for the application to be accepted as complete. Only complete applications will be considered for admission to Mary, Queen of Peace Catholic School.

All materials marked * will be copied and returned on registration day. We cannot make a copy from a copy for * items.

- *Official copy of Birth Certificate.
- *Official copy of Baptismal Certificate.
- *Original Social Security Card.
- Immunization form Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health – Student Health form for school registration. (State of Louisiana Universal Certificate of Immunization) This may be acquired from either your child’s physician or the St. Tammany Health Unit, (893-6208). No personal health cards will be accepted.
- Families who meet the support guidelines of other Church parishes should provide their Voucher from their home parish at registration. However, the voucher may be furnished up to the deadline for tuition payment on May 1, 2008.
- A copy of the current report card and Standardized Test results for students who are entering first grade or above.
- A check for the registration fee of \$165. 00 for the youngest sibling in Catholic school (\$150.00 for each additional sibling)

Applications for Kindergarten through Seventh grade that are received after 6:00 p.m. February 25, 2008 will be considered only if space exists after acceptance of those students whose applications were received on New Student Registration Day.

ORDER OF ACCEPTING STUDENTS:

The order in which registration applications are received in the school office on the application date is not a factor in the selection process.

The order is determined through the following criteria:

1. Currently enrolled students in M.Q.P. Catholic School.
2. Children of M.Q.P. parishioners who live within the geographical boundaries of the parish and have a sibling currently enrolled at M.Q.P. Catholic School.
3. Children of Catholic parents who live outside of M.Q.P. parish who have a sibling currently enrolled at M.Q.P. Catholic School.
4. Children of non-Catholic parents who have a sibling currently enrolled in M.Q.P. Catholic School.
5. Children of registered, active, and supporting M.Q.P. parishioners who live within the geographical boundaries of the parish.
6. Children of registered, active, and supporting M.Q.P. parishioners who live outside of the geographical boundaries of the parish.
7. Children of M.Q.P. parishioners who live within the geographical boundaries of the parish.
8. Children of M.Q.P. parishioners who live outside of the geographical boundaries of the parish.
9. Children of Catholic parents who live in the Mary, Queen of Peace Church Parish geographical boundary.
10. Children of Catholic parents who are parishioners in a parish with no Catholic school.
11. Children of Catholic parents who are parishioners in a parish with a Catholic school.
12. Children of non-Catholic parents.

Definition of registered, active, and supporting parishioner is determined by Mary, Queen of Peace Church Parish. Please contact the Church office for more information.

EXPLANATION OF FEES

All fees are separate from tuition

REGISTRATION FEE – A non-refundable fee of \$165.00 per child for the youngest child in Catholic school and then \$150.00 per each additional child

NON-PARISH FEE – A non-refundable fee of \$300.00 per child is to be paid by:

1. All Non-Catholics (added to the Non-Catholic tuition)
2. All Catholic families who do not meet the support guidelines of Mary, Queen of Peace Church Parish.
3. Families, who meet the support guidelines of another church parish that does not have a school, may have this fee paid by the other church parish through a voucher. It is the responsibility of the parent to obtain the voucher from their parish.
4. Families, who meet the support guidelines of another church parish that has a school, but no room in the child's grade, may have this fee paid by the other church parish through a voucher. It is the responsibility of the parent to obtain the voucher from their parish.

TUITION AND FEES FOR 2008-2009

Catholic students meeting support guidelines for Mary, Queen of Peace Church Parish

<i>Family size</i>	<i>Base tuition</i>	<i>Reg. Fee</i>	<i>Non/Parish Fee</i>	<i>Total Cost</i>
<i>One child</i>	<i>\$3,760</i>	<i>\$165</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>\$3,925</i>
<i>Two children</i>	<i>\$6,580</i>	<i>\$315</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>\$6,895</i>
<i>Three children</i>	<i>\$8,460</i>	<i>\$465</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>\$8,925</i>
<i>Four children</i>	<i>\$9,400</i>	<i>\$615</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>\$10,015</i>

Catholic students not meeting support guidelines for Mary, Queen of Peace Church Parish

Family Size	Base Tuition	Reg. Fee	Non-Parish Fee	Total Cost
<i>One child</i>	<i>\$3,760</i>	<i>\$165</i>	<i>\$300</i>	<i>\$4,225</i>
<i>Two children</i>	<i>\$6,580</i>	<i>\$315</i>	<i>\$600</i>	<i>\$7,495</i>
<i>Three children</i>	<i>\$8,460</i>	<i>\$465</i>	<i>\$900</i>	<i>\$9,825</i>
<i>Four children</i>	<i>\$9,400</i>	<i>\$615</i>	<i>\$1200</i>	<i>\$11.215</i>

Non-catholic students

Family Size	Base Tuition	Reg. Fee	Non-Parish Fee	Total Cost
<i>One child</i>	<i>\$4,610</i>	<i>\$165</i>	<i>In base tuition</i>	<i>4,775</i>
<i>Two children</i>	<i>\$8,070</i>	<i>\$315</i>	<i>In base tuition</i>	<i>\$8,385</i>
<i>Three children</i>	<i>\$10,375</i>	<i>\$465</i>	<i>In base tuition</i>	<i>\$10,840</i>
<i>Four children</i>	<i>\$11,525</i>	<i>\$615</i>	<i>In base tuition</i>	<i>\$12,140</i>

Pre-kindergarten

(Family plan is not applicable to pre-kindergarten)

	Base tuition	Reg. Fee	Non-Parish Fee	Total Cost
<i>Catholic</i>	<i>\$4,260</i>	<i>\$165</i>	<i>In base tuition</i>	<i>\$4,425</i>
<i>Non-Catholic</i>	<i>\$5,120</i>	<i>\$165</i>	<i>In base tuition</i>	<i>\$5,285</i>

Reg. Fee = Non-refundable Registration Fee

TUITION PAYMENT OPTIONS

1. All tuition and fees paid directly to the school prior to 3:00 p.m. on May 1, 2008.
 2. Families may sign a loan agreement with Resource Bank during a scheduled bank night at MQPCS in April. Tuition payments will be spread across ten months. We have worked out an interest rate with the bank for 7.9%.
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We appreciate you submitting a registration fee with the application. However, unfortunately we cannot guarantee a place for your child at our school. You will be contacted at a later date to confirm your acceptance into Mary, Queen of Peace Catholic School.

The schools of the Archdiocese of New Orleans admit students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin, or disabilities to all the rights, privileges, and activities generally accorded or made available to students in its schools.

This acceptance is based on the ability of the school to meet the needs of the student within reasonable resources. Should the student require accommodations or modifications that the school is unable to provide, the school reserves the right to determine that the child's placement in the school is inappropriate.

State regulations require that a child entering first grade be six years of age on or before September 30th of the current school year. State regulations require that a child entering kindergarten be five years of age on or before September 30th of the current school year.