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Admissions & Registration Guidelines

Admissions Guidelines have been developed to support the mission and philosophy of St. Mary's Primary School. These guidelines pertain to initial admission and annual re-registration of returning students. All complete applications and registrations will be considered in accordance with these Admissions Guidelines.

Entry Date

Nursery students must be three years old and Pre K students must be four years old as of August 31st. St. Mary's Primary School follows the policy of the Taunton Public School system for entrance to kindergarten. Children entering kindergarten must be five years of age as of August 31st and will require screening.

Entrance to grades one through five requires the satisfactory completion of the present grade in a recognized public or private school as well as academic readiness testing is required.

Fees

An application fee of \$150 per student is non-refundable and due with the application for new students. A re-registration fee of \$150 per student is non-refundable and due with the re-registering of returning students. These fees serve as commitment so that a space can be reserved for the applicant/registrant and the school can effectively plan and prepare its budget for the following year.

Priority Acceptance Guidelines

St. Mary's Primary School has a primary obligation to the students currently enrolled and any siblings, as well as the parishioners of St. Mary's Parish in Taunton, MA. Re-registration for returning students and parishioners is available as of January 4, 2010 and are due by January 29, 2010. Open registrations will begin on January 31, 2010 and applications/registrations will be considered in the order they are received.

Non-Discrimination Policy

St. Mary's Primary School admits qualified students to its program. The school does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, national or ethnic origin, or disability (if with reasonable accommodations; the student can successfully meet the program).

Waiting Lists

St. Mary's Primary School recognizes that waiting lists for specific programs/grade levels may occasionally occur. In this event, applicants will be placed on the waiting lists in order that the applications and registrations are accepted and received.

Visit

A day visit in the applicant's grade level may be arranged at a time that is agreeable to both the school and parent.

Support of the School's Mission

Parents/guardians of applicants acknowledge by submitting an application that they understand the school's mission and philosophy and intent to fully support the school in its goals and objectives. They also agree to meet the financial obligations.

Records

Parents/guardians of students seeking initial admissions to St. Mary's Primary School must provide the following records to complete an application for consideration of admission:

Grade Level	N	P	K	1	2	3	4	5
Birth Certificate	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Baptismal Certificate (if applicable)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MA School Health Record (including immunizations)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Release Form for Transfer of School Records (including evaluations and IEP, if applicable)			X	X	X	X	X	X

Timeline

January 31, 2010	Applications, records and fees accepted
January 31, 2010	Financial assistance applications available
March 25, 2010	Financial assistance applications due to FACTS
April 13, 2010	Students measured for uniforms (8:30 – 10:30)
April 13, 2010	Academic Testing (grades 1 – 5)
June 15-16, 2010	Kindergarten Screenings
July 15, 2010	Uniform pick-up day at T.C.M.S (12:30 – 3:30)
August, 2010	Opening of school year packet mailed

** Final decisions on registration/admission rest with the Administration.*