



# St. Mary's Primary School



## Celebrating 100 Years of Excellence in Catholic Education

### *Mission Statement*

It is the mission of St. Mary's Primary School to provide our students with a challenging and quality education, within the framework of a caring, safe, and Christ-centered learning environment. We strive to educate the whole child with emphasis on respecting the uniqueness of each individual in developing his/her potential. Our commitment is to prepare and develop faith-filled, responsible citizens, and life-long learners who can meet the challenges of today's diverse world.

### ***St. Mary's Primary School***

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Association of Schools & Colleges Inc.***

## *Admissions 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).

### *Priorities for Acceptance*

Eligible applicants are accepted in the following order:

- Applicants who are siblings of students presently enrolled at St. Mary's Primary School
- Applicants who are registered members of St. Mary's Parish (Taunton)
- All other eligible applicants
- Three and four years old as of August 31 of the current year to enter into pre-kindergarten
- Five years old as of August 31 of the current year to enter into kindergarten

*Please contact us for more information. We will be happy to talk with you about your child's future at St. Mary's Primary School.*



## *Statement of Philosophy*

We believe...

- Christ is the focus of our school and integral to our everyday actions;
- education must foster and develop the whole child, spiritually, academically, emotionally, and socially;
- the foundation for academic excellence requires clear expectations, structure, and high standards
- each child is a unique individual, gifted by God with talents, abilities, and the right to learn;
- our school community has the right to a safe, secure environment, where everyone is treated with dignity and respect;
- our students learn in different ways, therefore a variety of activities must be incorporated to accommodate difference in learning styles;

## *Curriculum*

St. Mary's Primary School offers a comprehensive and well-balanced program of academic instruction in the core subjects of Religion, Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, as well as Spanish, Computer classes, Library Science, Music, Art, and Physical Education.

Cultural Enrichment Programs such as assemblies, guest speakers, field trips and drama productions are an integral part of the curriculum. A state-of-the-art computer lab, as well as classroom stations, fully accessible to the Internet, provide for the integration of technology into the curriculum. The school library maintains books, reference materials and accessible to the Internet to enhance and support classroom instruction.

## *Celebrating 100 Years in Catholic Education*

Welcome! With the opening of St. Mary's School in 1908, by the Sisters of the Holy Union of the Sacred Heart, a legacy of Catholic education in the City of Taunton was born.

Over the past one hundred years, our school has provided that special vision of life and learning rooted in faith to generations of students. Throughout our rich history, our traditions, legacies and standards of excellence are the tenets that truly make our school special and unique in this millennium.

Today, St. Mary's Primary School is an accredited school of choice for students in our three-year old pre-kindergarten program through fifth grade. Even though St. Mary's is considered a parish school, students come from a multitude of area parishes, both Catholic and non-Catholic.

We are truly committed in providing our students with a safe, secure and Christ-like learning environment that fosters intellectual growth, promotes the development of the whole person and embraces and proclaims the Gospel message.

St. Mary's Primary School – "Learn to Live ... Live to Learn."

Sincerely,



Reverend William H. Kelley, C.S.C.



Brian M. Cote  
Principal



Sandra M. Parker  
Assistant Principal

# St. Mary's School Highlights

- Safe, caring and Christian learning environment
- Well-rounded and challenging academic program
- Faith & Values based curriculum



- State certified faculty
- Accredited by NEASC
- Member of National Catholic Educational Association



- Average class size of 20
- Full day & half day 3 & 4 years old pre-kindergarten programs
- Full day kindergarten program



- State of the Art Integrated computer education
- Music, Art and Drama Programs
- Yearly Drama Club Production



- Strong creative writing program
- Departmentalized Mathematics, Language Arts, Science and Social Studies programs in grades 4 & 5



- Community Service Opportunities
- Extended Day Programs – before & after school care
- Student enrichment programs & extra-curricular activities
- Active School Life Parent Organization
- Family Oriented Activities