A photograph showing several students in a classroom. In the foreground, a student with glasses and a denim jacket is looking down at their hands, which are working on a small object. Behind them, other students are visible, some wearing headbands. The scene is filled with natural light from windows on the right.

philosophy

ST. GILES SCHOOL

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Philosophy

Whole Child, Whole Family

As a Catholic school, we are privileged to educate the whole child - mind, body, and spirit - and strive to meet and develop the individual needs and gifts of our learners, while inspiring them to grow into their best selves. We believe that the learning isn't just about the school and the student - it involves all those in a student's life. A St. Giles School education is a partnership between family and school, and it belongs to all those who raise, know and love our students.

I have been teaching at St. Ignatius for twelve years, and I can say without exception that the Giles alums that I have met and taught have been well-prepared, hard-working, and faith-filled contributors to our school community. We hope that our Ignatius graduates become "women and men for and with others," but the journey to get there is not limited to four years of high school; it starts at a school like St. Giles.

Patrick Winter, 5th, 2nd and preschool grade parent,
St. Ignatius teacher of math and religious studies

Philosophy

PreK-8 Model: A focus on Community and Leadership

Educating students from preschool to preteen is complex, but worth it. Studies continually show that students in K-8 environments feel safer and thrive academically and emotionally. Our middle school students stay younger longer and serve as role models and leaders for our littlest Lions, while families with multiple children have the gift of more years together in the same place. Students make connections and learn from each other across grade levels; they're known by faculty and staff schoolwide.



Philosophy

Graduation is just the beginning

At St. Giles School, we are preparing our students for the future, enabled to meet any challenge, achieve any goal, and make the world a better place. Our alumni success stories highlight that this is true. Whether it is excelling at a highly competitive high school or thriving in their chosen field or living a life in service to others, our graduates leave St. Giles School prepared for anything.

Studies show that students in a K-8 environment benefit from fewer transitions between schools: students experience less stress and perform better academically when they transition to upper grades within the same school.



curriculum

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Curriculum

Our curriculum aligns to Common Core and Archdiocesan standards, but goes far beyond to create learning opportunities that help students grow into their best selves – academically, socially, physically, and spiritually. As guides and facilitators, our teachers execute a curriculum that builds upon students' natural curiosity and innate gifts and abilities. At St. Giles School, we balance the importance of foundational knowledge and skills with the value of an education that inspires, challenges, and sparks a love for learning.

Preschool Unit

Primary Unit

Intermediate Unit

Middle School Unit

I believe that there is power in knowing different ways to express yourself. When we read, we learn how others use language and imagery to express their ideas. When we write, we are practicing new ways to express ourselves. St. Giles students read to identify the use of figurative language, vocabulary, and storytelling to share ideas and experiences to later take this knowledge and apply it to their own writing.

Jennifer Jawicki, Middle School Language

Curriculum

Primary Unit, Intermediate Unit, and Middle School Unit

K-5: My Math, McGraw Hill

6-8: Big Ideas, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

**Literature,
English /
Language Arts
(ELA)**

K-3: Reading Wonders Program, McGraw Hill

4-6: Sadlier Vocabulary and Grammar

3-8: Novel studies

6-8: Literature Anthology, Mythology, Novels

Writing

K-8: Collins Writing Program

6-8: Writing multi-paragraph expository,
persuasive, and research papers

7-8: Turnitin

Science

K-8: Elevate Science, Savvas Learning
Company

**Social
Studies**

3-6: Our Communities through Ancient
Civilizations, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

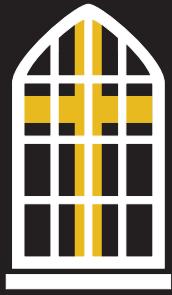
7-8: American Journey, McGraw Hill

Religion

K-8: Blest Are We Faith in Action
(includes Family Life), RCL Benziger

**Specials
Classes**

K-8: Physical Education, Technology,
Spanish, Music, and Art



St. Giles School exists to foster the spiritual, intellectual, emotional, social, and physical growth of our elementary school children.

We are committed to a quality education that prepares our students to be people of faith, to be lifelong learners, and to serve the broader community.

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