

ST. CHARLES: OUR PARISH SCHOOL

Dear Holy Family,

I am Mary Omecene, Principal of St. Charles School, and parishioner of Holy Family. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Holy Family for all the support you have given our 543 children. St. Charles is a preschool through 8th grade with a daycare. We have approximately 60 students from Holy Family enrolled in kindergarten through 8th grade. There are additional Holy family children in our preschool. Our mission is to provide "...academic excellence in a Catholic Christian atmosphere." Our children leave St. Charles prepared for High School. They have good study habits and a strong foundation in their faith.

Our strengths:

Religion is not just an isolated subject, but is integrated throughout all we do.

Education begins in preschool helping children learn the skills they need to be successful learners. It is developmental, allowing for 2 or even 3 years of preschool before kindergarten depending on the readiness and maturity of the child.

Strong parental involvement- our parents are supportive and involved- we welcome their Presence in our school.

Staff longevity - parents and students know the staff and the staff knows the students and parents.

Our staff includes a school nurse, school counselor, and special needs teacher.

Opportunities for service- our children are known for their service in the community- through the Catholic Social teachings they learn what their responsibility is to help those in need.

Our basic curriculum: Religion, Catholic Social Teachings, Life Skills, Math, Advanced Math, Algebra, Science, Social Studies, Constitution, Language, Spelling, Phonics, Handwriting, Literature, Reading, Accelerated Reading, Spanish, Study Skills, Essay Writing, Public Speaking, Physical Education, Music, Art, Computer, Families and Library, all enhanced by many special programs.

Families Program- Monthly our "families" meet, to share an activity together. A family is one student from each grade k-8, unrelated, that form a family unit. This program helps to break down barriers between grade levels and gives everyone a place to fit in and belong.

My thanks again for all you do for us and to Fr. Matthew for his involvement and support of our school!

Mary M. Omecene