



Our Curriculum



St. Raphael School's curriculum is created by the Archdiocese of Washington and meets or exceeds the academic standards of Montgomery County Public Schools. We use this standards-based program as the basis for a creative, thematic approach to learning as exemplified by our cross-curricular

projects that group students from various grades. This type of learning not only enriches the academic life of each child but helps build the family atmosphere that is so important to who we are as a school community.



Dreaming of a school with smaller classes, stunning facilities, a family-like community, and academic instruction tailored for just your child?



St. Raphael School

We're Living The Dream

Kindergarten–Grade 8

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A 2019 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL





St. Raphael School

Dedicated to Excellence

At St. Raphael School, we focus on the whole child—spiritually, intellectually, physically, and socially. Our nationally recognized elementary school provides children with an inspiring and challenging academic program infused with state-of-the-art technology. Through differentiated learning and small-group instruction, your child will receive a customized education in a setting where every student is known, loved, and thrives. Throughout the educational journey, our Catholic identity shines through. Through faith and reason, your student will be prepared to lead a life of service by embracing the love of God and neighbor. At SRS, your child will receive the tools needed to reach his or her full potential in mind, body, and spirit.

During COVID-19, we have strategically adjusted our practices to allow us to continue to operate in a safe learning environment. Visit our website for details.

Highlights

Class Size: We strategically created a small school to give children added attention, including breaking into even smaller groups for reading and math. Lower student-teacher ratios allow each child to receive a personalized education.

Warm and Welcoming: Our kind environment is consistently cited as a top reason for choosing St. Raphael School. Students and parents alike form lifelong friendships.

State-of-the-Art Technology: Classrooms are furnished with Promethean boards and document cameras for interactive learning. All middle-schoolers are assigned iPads, which enhance their cross-curricular academics and reduce the weight of textbooks. In addition to our well equipped media center, there are laptops in every classroom for student use. These strategies work together to facilitate enriched, challenging learning.



Our Facilities: Built in 2011, our beautiful building offers large, light-filled classrooms, a science lab, library and media center, art room (with a kiln), music room, and more. Middle-schoolers have their own home on the upper level.

Customized Education: Differentiated learning and small-group instruction are woven throughout a rigorous academic curriculum. This means we're able to accelerate students who are ready to advance, while providing extra help for those who need it.

On the Move: Research shows that physical activity stimulates the brain for better learning. Grades 3–8 have P.E. four times a week; K–2 have P.E. once a week and two recesses each day. Whether getting their hearts pumping through a fun dance video in class or by trekking along Angel Path—our tree-lined walking trail—our students sharpen their minds through movement.

Character Development: The Golden Rule is the moral compass that guides our students in their emotional development. Outreach projects offered throughout the school year teach the children that others need our compassion and care.

Morning Prayer: The children begin their day in the church, where the calming influence of prayer and quiet discussion helps them start every day with God in their hearts.