



Saint Peter's Catholic School

Olney, Maryland

Unlocking potential through faith and knowledge since 1957



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STRATEGIC PLAN

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Introduction & History

Saint Peter's Catholic School opened its doors in 1957 with an enrollment of 160 students.

Led by the Sisters of Saint Joseph, the School was established to provide an education that would bear witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



1958, First Graduating Class

Over the last six decades, Saint Peter's School has grown and thrived. The School has been recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as an exemplary high performing school twice, receiving the National Blue Ribbon School Award in 2012 and 2020.





Mission

Rooted in our Catholic faith, Saint Peter's School is dedicated to unlocking a child's fullest potential and creating a foundation for lifelong scholars committed to transforming their community through compassion and wisdom, and striving to make a positive impact on the world.

F.A.C.T.S. about Us



Faith

Our Catholic faith is central to our curriculum. Our students are encouraged to live as examples of Christ's love for all through compassion, wisdom, and service.

Academics

Two-time National Blue Ribbon School Award recipient. Our graduates are consistently accepted into the region's premier Catholic high schools and regularly test into advanced and honors level classes.

Community

We are a welcoming and diverse community of families and faculty. A high level of family engagement fosters a sense of belonging for all community members.

Teachers & Staff

Dedicated and talented faculty with a low student to teacher ratio for personalized instruction.

STREAM

At every grade level teachers incorporate and highlight science, technology, religion, engineering, art, and math.

Catholic Identity & Service

Goal: To foster the growth of Catholic faith in action and encourage students to live as examples of Christ in our School, our community, and beyond.

Objectives:

1. Provide a foundation for students to be a genuine reflection of our Catholic faith within and beyond our School walls.
2. Develop and implement an integrated and intentional service agenda to highlight our Catholic calling to be of service to those in need.
3. Enhance engagement with our faith community.



Academic Excellence & STREAM

Goal:

Establish an engaging, rigorous, and collaborative learning environment that prepares students for success as lifelong scholars.



Objectives:

1. Promote cross-curricular and collaborative learning experiences in all subject areas.
2. Evaluate curricular materials to ensure that our students have access to the most current resources.
3. Enhance STEM and STREAM curriculum and extracurricular opportunities.
4. Maintain eligibility for National Blue Ribbon Award.
5. Encourage and support teachers and staff in their pursuit of professional development.

Technology

Goal: Utilize technology to support and enhance the curriculum, bolster development, and prepare students for the future.

Objectives:

1. Further integrate technology into curriculum at all grade levels and increase use of technology in the Middle School.
2. Enhance core computer and technology courses.
3. Assess and meet current and future technology needs.



Retention & Recruitment

Goal: Enhance recruitment and retention efforts to maintain a diverse and dynamic school community.

Objectives:

1. Identify optimum school and class size and stabilize recruitment and retention of students to maintain that enrollment level.
2. Develop concise, consistent, and informative messaging to recruit new families.
3. Engage and involve current families to strengthen retention and foster an inclusive environment.
4. Increase the School's presence in the broader Olney community.



Marketing & Development

Goal: Establish a comprehensive marketing and development plan to ensure long-term economic growth and sustainability.

Objectives:

1. Establish concrete fundraising goals and create targeted development campaigns to support the various needs of the School.
2. Create an alumni network to further engage Saint Peter's School alumni in current happenings.
3. Assist in the establishment and maintenance of strong communications and public relations for the School.



Financial Planning & Affordability

Goal: Develop and implement a balanced budget and long-range financial plan to maintain affordable tuition and support strategic initiatives.

Objectives:



1. Maintain annual balanced budget and increase financial transparency.
2. Streamline financial management and ensure sound stewardship of School resources under the guidance of the Parish.
3. Minimize tuition increases to maintain affordability.
4. Set goals for and establish a financial reserve.

Sustainability & Campus Improvements

Goal: Provide a safe, secure, and welcoming environment and ensure the long-term viability of the School facilities and grounds in a manner that reflects a commitment to protecting the environment.

Objectives:

1. Establish comprehensive and staged plan for improvements and updates to facilities.
2. Continually asses and update security measures.
3. Obtain Maryland Green School certification.
4. Develop a plan to meet increased classroom and building space needs.



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