



TOP TEN REASONS WE LOVE SMS...

You may know about our standard for excellence in education, our experienced and devoted teachers and staff, and our successes in preparing our students for the future.

But here are some other reasons St. Matthew is such a special place.

SERVICE

Service to others is a key component of the culture of St. Matthew School. Students have numerous opportunities throughout the year not only to gain awareness of the **needs of others** but also to get involved. A few examples of our service projects include leading food and supply drives for families in need and Fund-a-Friends for charitable causes, volunteering at the St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry, and participating in presentations for the Joseph Maley Disability Awareness Week.

DIVERSITY

We love that our community is **enriched by its diversity**. Our school is comprised of students and educators of many different backgrounds, perspectives, ethnicities, and life experiences. We understand and embrace the value that diversity offers and strongly believe it is an essential part of the fabric of SMS.

LEADERSHIP

Our “**Warrior Way**” sets the tone for how we are to lead by example through **kindness, cooperation, and collaboration**. From our Buddies program which matches older students with younger ones for friendship and guidance, to Classroom Jobs which give students the chance to try out different helper positions within the classroom, the call to leadership comes in a variety of ways all throughout a student’s tenure. The Outstanding Warrior Award, given to one student per grade each term, is a long-standing tradition at SMS. These students selected by teachers, demonstrate the characteristics of kindness, leadership, and Christian behavior. Once in Middle School, students can run for Student Council, and 7th graders with a GPA of 3.4 or higher are eligible to apply for the National Junior Honor Society.



OUTDOOR PLAY & LEARNING

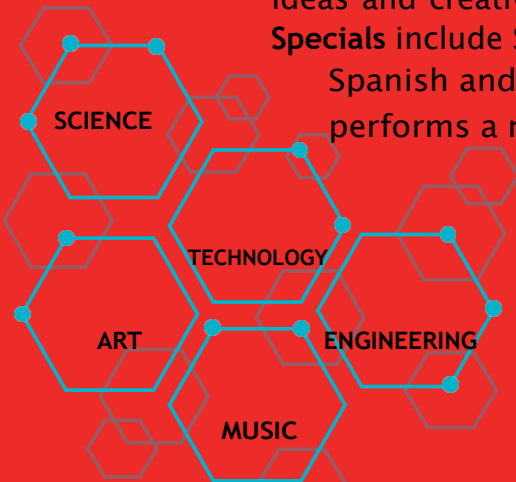


Poet William Wordsworth said, “*Let nature be your teacher.*” We are uniquely blessed with an abundance of just that! SMS is situated on **15 acres of land**, and children have room to run, play and explore throughout the school day. Lessons often take place outside, including in our **Nature Lab** area. Additionally, our grounds contain the “**Harvest for the Hungry Garden**”. This large garden is lovingly tended to by a group of parish and school volunteers and annually yields well over 10,000 pounds of produce for those in need. The school’s annual Walk-a-thon takes place all around the property.

STEAM

SPECIALS

Ideas and creative problem solving are fostered in our new **STEAM Lab**. **Specials** include STEAM, Art, Music, Library and Physical Education for all grades, and Spanish and Band for Middle School. The 8th grade class performs a musical each year.



WARRIOR ACADEMY!

At SMS, we are excited to offer a unique program for Middle School students called “Warrior Academy”. This class focuses on leadership skills, executive functioning skills (organization, time management, goal setting, task initiation, etc.), conflict resolution and compromise, study habits and more. In learning these critical soft skills, our students will be prepared for success not only in their future education but also in the careers they pursue.



FAITH



Students can be leaders of faith by participating in Mass as altar servers, greeters, cantors, or members of the choir. Classes also take turns leading the Mass, doing the readings and bringing up the offertory.



Faith informs everything we do at SMS. An all-school Mass is celebrated each Wednesday.



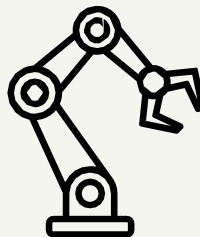
CYO SPORTS



St. Matthew offers 10 sports during the Fall, Winter and Spring seasons through the Christian Youth Organization (CYO). CYO sports are for youth ages 3rd through 8th grade. Players are evaluated each season per sport and divided onto A, B and C level teams based on ability and number of players available. All those who sign up have an opportunity to play. St. Matthew sports include Fall & Spring Kickball (Girls), Soccer (CoEd Teams), Football (Boys), Track (Boys & Girls), Cross Country (Boys & Girls), Basketball (Boys & Girls), Volleyball (Boys & Girls), Cheerleading (Girls), Fastpitch Softball (Girls), and Baseball (Boys). Wrestling may also be available based on interest. More information can be found at www.cyoarchindy.org.

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Clubs and Activities at SMS bring so much joy to the school and are opportunities for fellowship and learning! Chess Club, Robotics, Spelling Bees, Choir Club and more... Jump on in!



We believe St. Matthew Catholic School is
THE place to be, and we would love to have you!
ENROLL TODAY!

