

St. Francis de Sales School
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PROFILE SHEET 2019-2020

PASTOR: Rev. Paul Wharton

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SCHOOL HISTORY

The parishioners of St. Francis de Sales Parish decided in 1956 that "God belonged in the classroom." It was from this belief that they launched a capital fund campaign to build a parish grade school. The St. Francis de Sales Parish responded with overwhelming support and established a strong spiritual and educational foundation with the opening of St. Francis de Sales School in the Fall of 1957. It is this foundation that has remained strong throughout the years. The success and deep traditions of St. Francis de Sales School are a result of the generosity and foresight of these visionaries.

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Francis de Sales Catholic School exists to provide a safe, nurturing environment for our students in their pursuit of academic achievement, moral development, and spiritual growth in Our Lord, Jesus Christ. This combination builds character and creates responsible citizens.

GRADE LEVELS AND ENROLLMENT: PK - Grades 8 = 186

Pre K = 28	4th Grade = 12
Kindergarten = 23	5th Grade = 18
1st Grade = 17	6th Grade = 20
2nd Grade = 21	7th Grade = 15
3rd Grade = 19	8th Grade = 13

For grades PK - 8, we have 14 full-time teachers, 4 part-time teachers and 4 teachers' aides. We have an 10:1 pupil teacher/aide ratio.

In grades PreK - 8 we have 186 students. 47% of our students are Catholic and 53% of our students are of other faiths. Our student population is quite diverse with 21% being of a minority ethnicity or race.

St. Francis de Sales School is accredited by AdvancEd, the North Central Association for Accreditation and School Improvement. We are also members of the NCEA - National Catholic Education Association, AMLE (Association for Middle Level Education)

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston has a tuition assistance program available to all Catholic students in this Diocese. There are also local scholarships available for families of all faiths.