



## **Invest in Your Child's Future with a Catholic School Education**

Dear Parents,

Join us at **OUR LADY OF FATIMA CATHOLIC SCHOOL!** We understand that as a parent you want your child in a safe, nurturing environment that fosters moral, spiritual, and academic excellence and provides support for your child's complete development and personal success. We believe that Fatima is here to assist parents with this mission by weaving the tenants of our Catholic faith, community involvement, and family values into its rigorous academic curriculum.

### **SAFE AND NUTURING LEARNING ENVIRONMENT**

- We believe in our children's future, particularly in those formative years from early childhood learning (preschool - age 3) through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Fatima has created an environment that engages our children with teachers and faculty who genuinely care and in whom we believe are second to none.
- We believe parental involvement is a critical component to our children's success. The Catholic teachings, faith and traditions are integral to a curriculum that reinforces what is taught at home, including virtues of discipline, respect and responsibility.
- We understand that our children will be exposed to many choices in their lives. Fatima stresses an environment that reinforces the ability to make age appropriate choices and foster positive communication and education.
- We believe that no child should be made to feel inferior or excluded. Fatima does not tolerate bullying including emotional or physical violence or profanity.

### **MORAL AND SPIRITUAL EXCELLENCE**

- We believe children today need a moral compass. Fatima goes beyond academics. Fatima teaches, emphasizes and expects honesty, integrity, modesty, compassion, hard-work, politeness, teamwork, and most importantly knowing right from wrong. Within Fatima's Catholic vision, these values are incorporated into the entire curriculum.
- We believe that our mission is to help our children become authentic disciples of Christ. Fatima is dedicated to educating our children to become devoted followers of Jesus' teachings and faithful stewards of our faith. Through stewardship projects within our community and abroad, Fatima is helping create young adults of integrity and outstanding character.

### **ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**

- We believe the academic education of our children is fundamental and must provide measurably accomplished achievement. Fatima demands and achieves academic excellence. Students at Fatima consistently out-perform public schools and many parochial and private schools both locally and nationally. Fatima proudly emphasizes basic reading, writing and math skills that allow our children to excel in all academic disciplines. Fatima's 8<sup>th</sup> grade students' standardized test scores consistently average two grade levels above the national Iowa Assessments. Fatima students are taught how to participate in the classroom, are exposed to public speaking, and are taught how to interface politely with other students and adults.
- We understand that achievement of academic success is different for all children. Fatima provides resources for students across all spectrums of the learning and development curve through a board certified psychologist and a resource teacher to assist in each child's development.
- We believe that academic success is not only measured in traditional subjects; but, also encompasses the arts, technology and physical fitness. Fatima's curriculum requires students to participate in art, music, technology, library, physical education and Spanish classes weekly.
- We believe our children's education does not start or end when the school bell rings. Fatima provides multiple extracurricular options including athletics, choir, Science Matters, Boy Scouts, American Heritage Girls, and Taekwondo to name but a few.

Thank you for your interest in Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School. We believe that the fullness of education found at Fatima is truly an investment in our children's future.

Sincerely,  
The Parents of the Fatima School Advisory Council

Please go to our website, [www.olfcs.com](http://www.olfcs.com) for more information and call our principal, Lisa Taylor, at 303-233-2500 to set up a private tour (10530 W 20<sup>th</sup> Ave, Lakewood)