



### THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL OF ST. EUGENE

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Located in the heart of The Village, St. Eugene excels in nurturing the growth of every child and fostering a love of learning, love of family and love of Christ. Opportunities to engage in real life experiences, such as learning in our outdoor classroom spaces, bring that natural sense of curiosity to the forefront.

#### **PHILOSOPHY**

As part of the parish community, the Catholic School of Saint Eugene partners with families in the Roman Catholic faith formation and education of their children. We are each made in the image and likeness of God, valued as unique individuals and called to develop our God-given gifts with passion and purpose.

Our school's atmosphere is inviting and safe; one that stimulates intellect, is graced with the Holy Spirit, and fosters a love of learning, love of family, and love of Christ. Optimal learning happens when we provide opportunities within and beyond the curriculum that are meaningful, enjoyable, and challenging, and that maximize each student's potential.

Our understanding and practice of the traditions, principles, and values of the Catholic Church help to foster a personal relationship with Christ and positive relationships with others in the school and community.

Commitment to continuous improvement is imperative for our school to empower students to become fulfilled, self-directed, lifelong learners who become agents of goodness for the world.

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

We, The Catholic School of St. Eugene, dedicate ourselves to keeping Christ in our vision by nurturing spiritual growth and academic excellence in our students, their families, and the community in the tradition of the Roman Catholic Faith.

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CSSE has one of the lowest student to teacher ratios in the Oklahoma City area — classes are capped at 20-22 students! CSSE has competitive tuition rates comparable to other local private schools with similar class sizes.

Founded in 1959, The Catholic School of St. Eugene is home of the Eagles!

#### FAITH

"We, the Catholic School of St. Eugene, dedicate ourselves to keeping Christ in our vision by nurturing spiritual growth and academic excellence in our students, their families, and the community in the tradition of the Roman Catholic Faith." With Christ as the cornerstone of our school, we welcome families of all faiths.

Students attend and lead mass each week, participating as readers, cantors, and altar servers. They have opportunities to pray the Rosary and attend Adoration and Reconciliation throughout the year. We teach the Liturgical Seasons and carry on Catholic traditions each month. Students learn about and celebrate saint feast days, observe the month of the Rosary, receive classroom and Epiphany blessings, have the option to participate in the annual St. Francis blessing of the pets, lead the May crowning of Mary, learn about the Jesse Tree, and much more. Many of these celebrations and traditions are student-led, leading to deeper connections with their growing faith.

Preschool through first grade students attend Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, which is a nationally recognized program designed to introduce religious values and concepts to young children.

Second graders receive Sacramental Preparation in school for both First Reconciliation and First Communion. Seventh and eight grade students participate in Confirmation preparation during Theology classes.

Religion is taught daily as a core subject at all grade levels. Catholic Social Teaching is infused in all teaching and learning.

#### **ACADEMICS**

In our Early Childhood classrooms, the focus is on purposeful play. While students are acquiring important foundational skills in numeracy and literacy, our curriculum is designed to develop the whole child. Our youngest students have access to an age-appropriate outdoor classroom where they can engage in active exploration and imaginative play. We have created a safe and inviting environment for our students that promotes the growth and development of the young child.

In our elementary grades, the classroom balances traditional learning with personalized approaches to individual concepts and lessons. Learning opportunities are designed to be meaningful, enjoyable, and challenging. Students are encouraged to engage in project-based learning, building a work ethic of collaboration, problem-solving and service. We also introduce technology in a purposeful way in the elementary grades; students use a variety of online tools, including Google Classroom and Google Suite, to begin developing the skills they will rely on in our upper grades.

Our Middle School students participate in a rigorous academic program that prepares them for high school and beyond. Students focus on six core classes — Theology, English, Reading, Math, Science, and Social Studies — as well as having the opportunity to pursue individual interests through our Electives program. Our Middle School curriculum includes a variety of innovative project-based learning opportunities designed to appeal to a wide range of interests and abilities. At the same time, our students have opportunities to practice foundational study skills they will rely on to succeed in high school. Middle School students also participate in a House system consisting of mixed age cohorts; this system offers opportunities for fellowship, service, and social-emotional growth and learning, and helps to foster vital leadership skills.

St. Eugene students are well-rounded, participating in enriching opportunities ranging from academic bowl to the environmentally-focused Green Team to numerous athletics and the arts. The school also offers many service opportunities so students learn to give of themselves.

#### **ACADEMICS CONTINUED**

We assess student academic growth in our first through eighth grade cohorts three times a year using NWEA MAP Growth. It provides teachers with accurate, and actionable evidence to help target instruction for individual students or small groups, and to differentiate instruction in a way that benefits and challenges all of our students.

From Pre-K 3 through eighth grade, St. Eugene provides opportunities for students to grow in their faith and deepen their relationship with God. At the same time, we strive to foster academic excellence and a love of learning, and to enable every student to achieve his or her potential.

#### **SERVICE LEARNING**

The Catholic School of St. Eugene integrates service into our curriculum through the SALT Program. Each class focuses on one service topic each year, integrated through activities, speakers, and an all-school service day. Each activity is meant to educate, provide an opportunity for students to take action, or reflect on their topic.

The program aims to strengthen our Catholic identity as a school and provide opportunities for all students to embrace Jesus' call to missionary discipleship as an essential part of who we are. We serve together, working with Faith Formation, faculty, staff and volunteers to develop and implement this exciting effort!

#### SALT Areas of Focus by Grade Level

- Preschool: Cares for Living Things (the Earth)
- Kindergarten: Cares for Living Things (God's creatures)
- · 1st: Cares about Education
- · 2nd: Cares for the Sick
- 3rd: Works to End Poverty & Homelessness
- 4th: Works to End Hunger
- 5th: Cares for our Older Friends
- 6th: Respects Ability Awareness
- 7th: Promotes Human & Civil Rights
- 8th: Supports Veterans and Active Duty Service Members

#### **EXTRACURRICULARS/EVENTS**

#### **Athletics**

CSSE Athletics provide team and athletic opportunities for school children in Kindergarten through 8th.

CSSE offers the following sports each year through the CGSAA (Catholic Grade School Athletic Association), and often forms school-based teams for other sports in outside leagues.

- CGSAA Soccer (Spring, K-8th)
- CGSAA Volleyball (Fall/Spring, 4th-8th)
- CGSAA Basketball (Winter, 2nd-8th)
- CGSAA Basketball Camps (K-1st)
- CGSAA Track & Field (Spring, 1st-8th)

Academic Bowl (4th-8th)

**Altar Servers** 

A/V Team for mass (7th-8th)

Choir

Girls on the Run

**Green Team** 

**Lego League** 

**Scouting** 

**Spelling Bee** 

#### **Youth Group**

Some of our activities have been on hiatus due to COVID-19, but we anticipate their return in the future, and look forward to adding new opportunities in the future with student and volunteer interest.

#### COMMUNITY

As the largest ministry of St. Eugene Catholic Church, we celebrate that we are rich in diversity, yet one in our faith in Jesus Christ. Students come to understand their faith and learn to value and respect others through classroom study of scripture and church teachings, opportunities to participate in religious activities, respect and care for one another each day and through service to the community. We are blessed to have a strong community of dedicated parent volunteers who model servant leadership each day.

- Eagle Run and Carnival
- · Family Trunk-or-Treat & Monster Mash Bash
- Catholic Schools Week
- Eagle Expo Showcase of Student Learning
- · Middle School Project Showcase
- · Fine Arts Night
- · Field Day
- · Turkey Bingo

We also extend support to working parents by offering extended care before and after school.

Families are invited to become involved in school and parish activities. From PTO to Dads' Club, to Children's Liturgy of the Word and weekend Choir, St. Eugene offers a multitude of paths to fully becoming a part of the community. We invite you to grow in faith and fellowship with us!



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## **FAST FACTS**

# What makes our St. Eugene students well-rounded individuals?

- All students participate in a service curriculum designed for each grade level.
- K-8th students experience Art, PE and Spanish classes. Pre-K-5th experience Music class weekly.
- Middle School students attend elective classes including cooking, chess, book club, bridge building, intro to finance and more!
- Enrichment Cluster Program (interest-based classes) for Elementary and Middle School\*
- There are a variety of school-based extracurricular activities that a student may choose to join alongside their schoolmates.
- Each student is given opportunities to grow and reach their greatest personal potential.

Saint Eugene Catholic School is fully accredited by the Oklahoma Conference of Catholic Schools Accrediting Association and is a member of the National Catholic Educational Association.

#### What makes St. Eugene School unique?

- We have one of the most culturally and economically diverse student bodies among local private schools.
- We have an early release day each week for students. In turn, our teachers get the unique opportunity to receive job-embedded training on a weekly basis in addition to regularly scheduled professional development days. This allows them to implement their training in a timely fashion.
- We are one of the few Catholic schools that offers in-school Level I & II of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, a Montessori approach to the religious formation of children.
- We embrace the Responsive Classroom, a social emotional curriculum that emphasizes students' social as well as academic growth.
- We offer 1:1 ChromeBooks in 4th-8th grade to infuse technology into teaching and learning.

