

Family Testimonials on Lourdes Catholic School

Lourdes Catholic School is a special place that families have chosen because of the faith based education, family environment, and academic excellence. Read about why some of our families value their education at Lourdes Catholic School.

Why did you choose Lourdes Catholic School for your children?

Greg and Rebecca Armstrong, who have one child at Lourdes Catholic School

My wife and I were pretty late in the game on making our Kindergarten decision for our first child. We originally thought we'd be moving out of the QC, and when that fell through we kind of had to scramble to find a school. We knew we wanted Catholic education, but didn't know much about any of the local schools. We toured several grade schools, but it was our tour with principal Jennifer Alongi at Lourdes that made us feel immediately comfortable. She was more than welcoming, giving us a private tour. Encouraging us to pray and make the right choice, whether that be Lourdes or not. After some thought, we knew Lourdes was the place for us. Our son is now in 1st grade and we couldn't be happier with that decision. Lourdes not only embraced our son, but also our family. Casey is thriving in school and has established great friendships. We have embraced the education and community that Lourdes provides. We appreciate the great staff of teachers and the families that make up the Lourdes community. I've long been a proponent of Catholic education, and Lourdes is a shining example of why.

Dante and Jasmin Cabrera, who have three children at Lourdes Catholic School

We were raised as Catholics by our parents, we both came from close knit Catholic families and have learned and lived the faith. We also attended Catholic Schools including graduate school. We have found that our strong faith in God and excellent education are two solid foundations for raising and providing for our family and facing the sometimes harsh world ahead of us. We would like for our children to experience the same, to learn and live the Catholic faith at the same time get excellent education, to prepare them for their future.

Dave and Andrea Reilly, who have five children at Lourdes Catholic School

Lourdes Catholic School provides a faith based education for our children. The older children are role models for the younger students and teach them by example through prayer buddies and service projects. It is so special to see the children actively growing their faith by participating in the Mass with amazing confidence, pride, and joy.

With its smaller class sizes, Lourdes also fosters a strong sense of "family", a close knit community in itself that can't be found just anywhere. We love being surrounded and supported by families who share the same Catholic values and we find comfort in knowing we are there for one another. The smaller size is not only good for the individual or the class, but

also good for the school, teachers, and parents. With numerous opportunities to volunteer, parents can get involved and feel invested in the school.

John and Sarah Leinart, who have two children at Lourdes and another child at Assumption High School

When we moved back to the Quad Cities, we were looking for a Catholic education for our children. We received positive feedback about Lourdes families that with children enrolled there. We had a very positive impression from a tour of the school and felt it was a great fit.

Randall and Julie Zude, who have four children at Lourdes Catholic School

We chose to send our children to Lourdes because our Catholic faith is the cornerstone of our lives. We wanted our children not only educated in the beliefs and practices of the faith but also immersed in a school environment where faith can be part of every discussion and interaction.

What are your impressions of the academics at Lourdes Catholic School?

Leinart Family

Based on our experience with our four children attending the school, and also based on the published test scores from each class, we are very happy with the academics at LCS. Small class sizes allow for more individual attention. Lourdes also has an Enrichment program that ensures all children have a challenging learning environment.

Zude Family

Classroom teachers are willing to work with your child individually to enhance strengths through extra challenging work and to improve weaknesses through extra attention.

Cabrera Family

We have been in this school for 7 years after we moved from Alabama. I find their academic education as both strong and challenging. Strong because they have a solid structured academics for everyone and challenging because they also offer "more" to higher achieving students. Good examples are their reading program and Math and Enrichment Program.

What kinds of activities are your children involved in at Lourdes Catholic School?

Cabrera Family

There are plenty of extracurricular activities offered, our kids are involved in Robotics, band, choir, volleyball, and cheerleading. Our daughters participated in the talent show this year which was very entertaining.

Reilly Family

Lourdes has also given our children the opportunity to grow with extracurricular activities such as Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, the school play, and Lego Robotics.

Zude Family

Our children have benefitted from participation in weekly Mass, the Sacraments, numerous service activities, enrichment activities, and and Lego Robotics. Our children really enjoy when older children in the school interact with them by testing reading skills and serving as prayer buddies.

Leinart Family

Our children have participated in sports, band, student council, and the school play. They have also benefitted from service projects, the yearbook committee, and a trip to Washington DC.

What do you consider the advantage of LCS over other schools?

Reilly Family

Lourdes provides a foundation for molding students' character and moral development. Lourdes promotes an environment that teaches our children how to be good people, to be respectful, and to be well rounded, faith filled individuals. We truly believe that an education at Lourdes will help our children further understand and appreciate their Catholic faith. Being at Lourdes encourages and guides our children and will help them grow into confident, bright, considerate and compassionate young adults.

Leinart Family

Lourdes has a very conservative and faith filled environment that you cannot find at other schools. It is very welcoming and inclusive of all people. The class sizes are small as compared to other schools which is important to us. Overall Lourdes has a "family feel", our children love the school, and we have been extremely happy with the experience that all four of our children have had at Lourdes.

Zude Family

Small class size allows for more individualized instruction. The older students serve as mentors and leaders for younger kids through tutoring and being prayer buddies. This creates a close-knit community where kids feel they belong and are valued and teaches the importance of helping others as do the many service projects performed by students.

Cabrera Family

The biggest advantage is the Catholic based education not likely found in non-Catholic schools. We also find the kids at Lourdes are polite, talented and smart.