

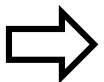


Admission Timeline 2010-2011

Valley Catholic Elementary School's admission process for the 2010-2011 school year begins Sunday, January 24, 2010 with our Open House. If you have children who would like to be considered for admission, we encourage you to attend. Our doors open at 12:30 p.m. and the presentation begins at 1:00 p.m., followed by an opportunity to tour the school and visit with teachers until 3:00 p.m. This is a great way to find out about the wonderful programs we offer at Valley Catholic Elementary School.

Important dates to remember:

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| Sunday, January 24 | Open House from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. (doors open at 12:30 p.m.) |
| Monday, January 25 | Application packets are available in the office for those who missed the Open House. |
| Thursday, February 4 | 3:30 p.m. deadline for submission of applications for the first round of consideration. |
| Friday, February 12 | Parish verification forms are due in the school office for families qualifying for a “supporting” Catholic priority rating. |
| Tues., Thurs., Fri.,
February 16-19 | Kindergarten readiness testing — during the school day. |
| Saturday, February 20 | Grades 1-6 readiness assessments from 9:30–11:00 a.m.
Sign-up sheets will be available to schedule classroom visits. |
| February 23-March 18 | Gr. K-5 (Gr. 1-6 applicants) classroom visits. |
| Friday, April 2 | Kindergarten admissions letters mailed. |
| Friday, April 9 | Admission letters sent to applicants in grades 1-6. Positions are offered as openings occur, which could be immediately if a current family is not returning, later in the spring and summer, or even during the 2010-2011 school year. Sometimes current families leave during the school year because of job transfers or other unforeseen reasons. We keep waiting lists for an entire school year, unless applicants ask to be taken off once the new school year has started. New waiting lists are created each year. They do not carry over from year to year. |
| Wednesday, April 21 | Deadline for registration of applicants who have been offered an immediate opening. |
| Monday, May 17 | New parent meeting for students who have been offered and have accepted an open spot for the 2010-2011 school year. 8:30-10:00 a.m. in the Hot Lunch Room. |



We may also accept a second round of applications. Please watch our website to see if we are accepting additional applications for particular grades.

The grade level readiness testing, classroom visits, and information provided by report cards and test reports from applicant's current schools help us determine if a student meets Valley Catholic Elementary School's academic and behavioral criteria for admission. If we do have openings for the 2010-2011 school year, admission will be granted according to the following priorities:

1. Siblings of current students attending Valley Catholic Elementary School, Valley Catholic Middle School, or Valley Catholic High School
2. Children of employees of SSMO Ministries Corporation or its Affiliates
3. Children of Valley Catholic School alumni
4. Children from practicing Catholic families. For Kindergarten, priority will be given to applicants attending Valley Catholic Early Learning School
5. Children from non-Catholic or non-practicing Catholic families. For Kindergarten, priority will be given to applicants attending Valley Catholic Early Learning School

Should you have any questions, please feel free to call 503-626-7781 or e-mail dvanalstine@valleycatholic.org.

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