



Valley Catholic Elementary School

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2009-2010 FACT SHEET

MISSION

Valley Catholic Elementary School, sharing the charism and mission of the Sisters of St. Mary of Oregon, aspires to build a community committed to teaching, learning, and living as Jesus did.

PHILOSOPHY

Valley Catholic Elementary School provides an academically rich faith-filled learning environment, creating a Catholic values-based education. We are a joyous faith community in which students, staff, and parents respect, affirm, and support one another. The Valley Catholic Elementary School community models and nurtures the development of a personal relationship with God through various forms of prayer and worship. We encourage students to develop a sense of justice, peace, compassion, and respect for all people.

Valley Catholic Elementary School supports each student's family in its role as the child's primary educator. We nurture the education of the whole child: spiritual, intellectual, cultural, social, emotional, and physical growth. We recognize the dignity and diversity of each student by fostering his/her ability to recognize and develop individual strengths and talents. We maintain high academic and social standards, preparing students for life long learning, leadership, and service in their community, country, and world.

HISTORY

In 1902, the Sisters of St. Mary of Oregon established St. Mary's Institute, a boarding and day school for elementary and high school students. It also provided business training for boys and girls. In 1905, the Sisters limited on-campus educational ministries to education for girls only. In 1932, the school's name was changed to St. Mary of the Valley Academy. The school was divided into elementary and secondary divisions and a new high school was built in 1969. The residency program was closed in 1979. The grade school readmitted boys in 1984 and added a kindergarten in 1985. We have outgrown our building and have embarked on a capital campaign to build a new K-8 school building here on campus, on the other side of 148th Ave. from our present site.

ACCREDITATION

Northwest Association of Accredited Schools
Western Catholic Educational Association

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REGISTRATION	Oregon Private School
GRADE LEVELS	Kindergarten (full-day) through 6 th grade
'09-'10 ENROLLMENT	392 Students
FACULTY/STAFF	30 Faculty/Staff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22 Oregon Licensed Teachers (2 Sisters) • 1 Oregon Licensed Administrator • 5 Instructional Assistants • 2 Administrative Assistants
CURRICULUM	All students study Religion, Art and Art Literacy, Health, Language Arts, Mathematics, Music, Physical Education, Science, Computer, Library skills, and Social Studies. We also have a school counselor who teaches social skills and conflict resolution. All fourth grade students receive violin instruction. Our curriculum lays the groundwork for the rigorous academic program at Valley Catholic School (7-12).
ACTIVITIES/CLUBS	The Music Department offers orchestra, choir, hand bells, and private music lessons. Extracurricular sports are sponsored by Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) and include basketball, swimming, track and field, volleyball, and football. We also have after-school Spanish instruction through “Kids Like Languages”, a number of school sponsored boy and girl Scout troops, Chess Club, and an after-school “Mad Science” program.
TUITION	The tuition for 2009-2010 is \$5,400 for the first child. A multiple child discount is available, deducting \$500 for each additional sibling in grades K-12.
ACTUAL COST OF EDUCATION	Currently, the actual cost of educating a child at VCES is \$6,680. This figure is calculated by dividing our total budget expenses by the number of students enrolled in our school. Standard tuition, which is a lesser amount, is what we charge for each child. The difference between standard tuition and the actual cost of education is made up through fundraising and benefactor support.
FINANCIAL AID	Financial aid is available for the 2009–2010 school year. Families are encouraged to apply.
THE FUTURE	The Sisters, faculty and staff, in partnership with our parents, will continue to provide excellent, affordable Catholic values-based education to students in the Portland-Metropolitan area in the 21 st century. We are currently in the midst of a capital campaign to build a new K-8 school.

More information about VCES can be found at <http://www.valleycatholic.org/elementary/index.php>