

My husband and I are parents of two children, Luke and Sarah. Luke is in fourth grade and Sarah is in second grade and they both attend St. John's the Evangelist Regional Catholic School. Our decision to keep our children at St. John's are different than the reasons we started them there. We simply started there by word of mouth and we continue there because they share the values we are teaching our children at home. We are confident that everyone involved in St. John's, from the staff to the families that attend, have the children's best interest at heart. Each child is treated with love and respect which rubs off on them as individuals.

The St. John's students are challenged academically on a daily basis. We as parents couldn't be happier with the quality of work our children are bringing home and the work that they are doing in class. The teachers encourage the students to use online activities to improve their learning skills. They are learning Spanish, computers, art, music, religion and have access to smart boards and Ipads. The students are given opportunities to participate in challenging academic competitions, extracurricular activities and service projects within the school.

The students in the eighth grade class are paired with students in the Kindergarten class to act as an "Eighth grade buddy". The eighth grade buddy helps them with class projects and sits with them at mass. This helps them be a part of the whole school community. The other children throughout the school continue to interact with other classmates and encourage one another to succeed and support each other as a family.

We will continue to keep sending our children to St. John's the Evangelist Regional Catholic School because of its faith filled academic program and its well qualified teachers.

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