Guardian Angels Catholic School Pre-K - 8

Prospective Parent Information Guide 2011 - 2012



Mrs. Cindy Malinski, Principal Ms. Susan Odle, Assistant Principal

IMPORTANT DATES:

January, 2011: Contact the school office at 799-6724 to set up a school tour with Mrs. Malinski.

January, 2011: Parents of current Pre-K students should call the office to sign up for one of the visitation days in kindergarten.

Thursday, January 6: Prospective parents are invited to visit the school from 8:30 – 10:00am. This will be a time for parents to be escorted through the buildings, ask questions, and observe the students and teachers in the classrooms.

January 3, 2011: Application packets for new students may be picked up at the parish office during regular office hours. When parents pick up the application packet, they also make an appointment with the pastor.

January 3, 2011: Application packets for new students who are not members of the supporting parishes may be picked up at the school office during regular office hours.

January 3 - February 11, 2011: Completed application packets, along with a non –refundable check or money order made payable to Guardian Angels Catholic School, may be returned to the school between the hours of 8:00am and 2:00pm

What grades does your school have?

Guardian Angels currently has students in grades kindergarten through grade eight. The classes at Guardian Angels have an average of 25 - 27 students. We are expanding our program to include Pre-K in the 2011-2012 school year. We will accept 18 students in Pre-K.

Are your teachers certified?

We are very proud of the staff we have assembled here at Guardian Angels. All of our classroom teachers hold a valid Florida teaching certificate. Our specialists hold a valid teaching certificate or have the credentials required through our accrediting agency, The Florida Catholic Conference. In addition to our teachers, we have teaching assistants in grades kindergarten through grade 5 at various times during the day. A single assistant is shared between the middle school teachers.

What are the school hours?

The school hours are 7:50AM - 2:25 / 2:50PM.. Students may be dropped off as early as 7:25am. We have two dismissal times that depend on the age of your child, and / or carpool arrangements. At this time we do not offer a before school program to supervise students who may need to be dropped off earlier. Pre-K hours will be 8:00AM-2:00PM.

How old do you have to be to enroll in Pre-K?

We accept student who are four years of age on or before September first.

How old do you have to be enroll for kindergarten?

We accept students who are five years of age on or before September first.

Do you have an athletic program for students?

We are members of the Pinellas County Youth Conference and offer a variety of after school sports for both girls and boys. Students in grades 5 - 8 are encouraged to participate in the athletic program.

Is involvement of parents welcomed?

Parental involvement is encouraged through the Parent – Faculty Association. This very active group is always looking for willing volunteers to help with the many things they provide the school community each year. Volunteers are also utilized in the classrooms depending on the teachers' needs. These opportunities for involvement foster the strong community spirit that exists at Guardian Angels.

What other special classes do you offer?

Spanish, art, general music, physical education, media, and technology classes are additional classes offered at Guardian Angels. In providing the students the opportunity to participate and learn in these subject areas, we are educating and nurturing the development of the whole child.

Do you have computers in the classrooms?

We have a multitude of technological equipment in our school. This equipment includes over 150 computers, Smartboards, Interwrite boards, document readers, DVD, Personal Response System equipment, to name a few. The students not only have technology class where they are learning the applications necessary to be successful at the high school level and beyond; they are utilizing technology in their classrooms on a daily basis! Learning has come alive and the students are continually improving their technology skills.





SUPPORTING PARISHES

St. Ignatius of Antioch 725 East Orange St. Tarpon Springs, FL 34688 Reverend Joseph Pellegrino (727) 937-4050

All Saints 2801 Curlew Road Clearwater, FL 33761 Reverend Callist Nyambo (727) 789-1025

St. Luke 2757 Alderman Road Palm Harbor, FL 3468

Palm Harbor, FL 34684 Reverend Paul Kochu (727) 786-3648

St. Michael the Archangel 2281 State Road 580 Clearwater, FL 33763 Reverend Gregg Tottle (727)797-2375

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