

## About Our School

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Pastor: Fr. Arthur Wright

Principals: Pamela Vasta & Lisa Fasano

# St. Mary of the Hills School

## MISSION

St. Mary of the Hills is a diverse Pre-K through Grade 8 Catholic school inspired by our love of Christ. By valuing innovation in education, our programs promote spiritual growth, personal academic excellence and social development in a safe and nurturing environment.

## ACADEMICS & SPECIALS

St. Mary of the Hills School is an accredited member of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges and offers a full academic curriculum including Religion, Mathematics, Grammar, Writing, Reading, Phonics, Spelling, Social Studies, and Science. Spanish is a part of the curriculum in Grades 5 to 8, and accelerated and honors Math courses are currently offered to students in Grades 6 to 8. A full time Academic Advisor is available to support students with their classroom learning providing more individualized attention when needed.

The following specials are available to students: Technology, Music, and Physical Education are offered to students in Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 8, Art is offered to students in Grades 1 through Grade 8, and Library is offered to students in Grades 1 through Grade 4.

## FACILITIES

School safety is a priority and our building remains locked throughout the school day. There is a camera located at the front door and we ask all visitors and volunteers to check-in at the Main Office. The school has a technology center, library, music, and art rooms and multipurpose room for lunch and assemblies including, morning prayer services, physical education, drama productions, and band practice. Our facility includes internet access in all classrooms with high-level content filtering and security.

## FACULTY to STUDENT RATIO

The classroom capacity is 24 students in Kindergarten through Grade 8. Pre-Kindergarten classes have their own class maximum based on the physical size of the classrooms and have a teacher aide in each classroom.

## SCHOOL DAY HOURS

Our school day hours are 8:50 am to 3:00 pm.

## EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM

We offer a before and after-school program. The before school program is available beginning at 7:15 am. The after school program runs from 3:00 - 5:30 pm and offers a structured period of time for completing homework assignments. There is an additional fee for both of these services.

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## EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Students have the option of participating in activities that may occur either before or after-school. Recent activities include band, book club, Continental Math League, drama, instrumental lessons, liturgical dance troupe, monthly dances and/or socials, Spanish club, step club, and street hockey. Extra curricular activities are supervised by the teaching staff and an additional participation fee may apply.

## FOOD SERVICES

The school offers all students the option of a hot lunch three days a week. The cost for lunch is \$3.00. Students also have the option to pre-purchase milk at the beginning of the school year.

## TUITION

The current 2008-2009 tuition rates are as follows for one child out of parish. Family discounts and in-parish rates are available.

Pre-K	\$7,050
Kindergarten	\$5,620
Grades 1-8	\$4,020

In order to be eligible for Kindergarten, a child must be five years old on or before August 31.

There is a limited amount of aid through The Catholic Schools Foundation and parents are encouraged to apply beginning in February for the upcoming school year. To obtain more information please visit [www.factsmgt.com](http://www.factsmgt.com).

## UNIFORMS

All students wear uniforms. Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students wear the school embroidered sweatshirt and athletic pants. Our uniform supplier is Lands End and orders can be made online at [www.landsend.com/school](http://www.landsend.com/school), by calling 1-800-469-2222 or by visiting your local Sears store. Our Preferred School Number is 900125816.

## APPLYING FOR THE 2009/2010 SCHOOL YEAR

The application process for each school year begins in November. Each student applying for admission is required to submit an application with all required forms before an admission screening/test date will be scheduled. There are three ways to obtain application materials:

- At the school office
- Online at [www.saintmaryofthehills.org](http://www.saintmaryofthehills.org)
- By calling the school office at 617-698-2464.

## PARENT INVOLVEMENT

The school has an active School Board consisting of parents, parishioners, and others supportive of Catholic education. The school has a Parent-Teacher Organization consisting of experienced parent representatives from each grade who meet frequently with the administration.