



St. Colette Catholic School

Dear Parent,

Established in 1960, St. Colette School has a long, rich history of education and service to our community. **We provide a values-based education in a student-centered environment that nurtures character, leadership, and a heart for service.**

Our dedicated staff is truly second-to-none and our low student to teacher ratios allow each student to receive the personalized attention that all children deserve.

St. Colette Parish joins the Archdiocese of Chicago in their commitment to all families who seek a quality, values-based education for their children. To that end, we have a robust financial aid program in place to help every family that desires a Catholic education. In the 2018-19 school year, over \$134,000 was awarded to St. Colette families through scholarship organizations like Empower Illinois, The Big Shoulders Fund, and Archdiocese of Chicago.

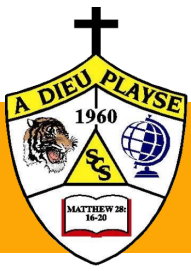
Enrollment for the 2019-20 school year begins in January!

In the meantime, we invite you to schedule a tour, attend an open house, or join us at an upcoming event. You can find more information online and in the pages that follow to help you prepare for the new school year.

I look forward to meeting you soon!

God Bless,

Mr. Joseph Quinlan
Principal of St. Colette School



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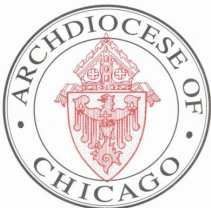
Financial Aid and Scholarships ARE available!

71.2% of all students and **95%** of K-8 families at St. Colette School receive some form of financial aid. **These are numbers with impact!**

When you begin the registration process, our staff will help guide your family through the financial aid application process; no up front registration fee is required.

Through scholarship organizations like Empower Illinois Rise, Empower SGO, Big Shoulders, Archdiocese of Chicago Caritas Scholars, St. Colette has been able to award scholarships and need-based assistance to deserving students for for many years.

Caritas Scholars

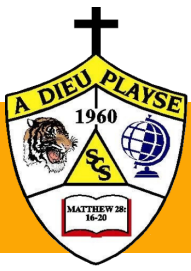


The Archdiocese of Chicago, through the Office of Catholic Schools, is coordinating a financial assistance program, the Caritas Scholars Program, in conjunction with the Archdiocese's To Teach Who Christ Is Capital Campaign.

Families enrolling their children in an Archdiocese of Chicago school for the first time in the upcoming fall who demonstrate financial need will receive first priority in consideration for the Caritas Scholars Program. Funds are limited so families are encouraged to fill out an application immediately.

Grants will be committed for three years, assuming the student remains in good standing and continues to demonstrate financial need, based on annual submissions of financial aid forms. Renewals beyond three years will be considered as needed.





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Ready to register?

Great! Here are your next steps:

At St. Colette, we strive to keep the admission process **SIMPLE**. It begins when the prospective family requests an appointment with the school principal or staff to discuss the registration process and tuition.

If the terms of admission are mutually agreed upon, the family will then complete a registration packet and financial aid application. Families should be prepared to provide the following documents:

- An official birth certificate or passport
- A Baptismal Certificate (if applicable)
- A copy of two of the most recent report card and Individual Education Plan (IEP), if applicable for children entering after second grade.
- Immunization Record and all required exams as per State of Illinois.
- If applying for financial aid, a copy of most recently filed tax forms, W2, pay stubs, or other documents establishing income if tax forms are not available.

Important note: Grade placement is based on child's age as of September 1st of the school year. Example: Only if the child is at least 5 years old on September first will s/he be placed in Kindergarten. We are unable to make exceptions as this policy is mandated by the Illinois Board of Education. Thank you for understanding.



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FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions

Are Extended Care & Bus Services Available?

YES! St. Colette School has made extended child care a key component of its program. After-school activities provide a stimulating, fun, and caring environment from dismissal through 6:00 pm, Monday through Friday. The drop-in rate is \$5.75 per hour per student and prearrangement options are available for your convenience. Bus service is available to families that do not utilize after-care.

Is Financial Aid Available?

YES! St. Colette School has a robust financial aid program. Please inquire for details!

Are there opportunities for parental involvement at St. Colette School?

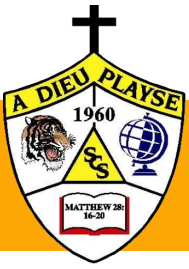
YES! We really hope that you will be a part of our community! In fact, our Parent Club is a vital part of our school as they endeavor to support the educational efforts of students, faculty, and staff of St. Colette School. You will have many opportunities to volunteer and be involved. We especially hope you'll enjoy coming out and cheering for our Tigers at the many athletic events throughout the school-year! Tigers ROAR!

Will my child be ready for high school?

YES! We understand how important it is that our students are prepared for high school and beyond. Our principal, Mr. Joe Quinlan, welcomes your questions and is ready to speak with you about how we will prepare your child for high school and life.

Are Fine Arts, Athletics, and other extra-curriculars available at St. Colette School?

YES! At St. Colette School, we understand the value of extra-curricular activities and involvement in community clubs and organizations. They are important in fostering the strengths of youth, strengths that help young people steer away from undesirable behavior. We have competitive teams in Soccer, Volleyball, and Basketball. We also offer School Band, Instrumental Instruction, an after-school STEM program. We have a dedicated art room and art teacher. We have it all!



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Early Childhood Education

Why choose preschool?

Preschool at St. Colette school is more than daycare; it is the beginning of your child's educational journey!

In the last few years there has been a burst of research in cognition and learning, child development, and the social and cultural context of learning. One clear outcome of this research is the exceptional enthusiasm and competence for learning shown by young children.

Although much of the learning in the preschool years is delightfully play-based, we make sure our preschoolers gain the background they need in language skills, listening, comprehension, attention-management, and a positive attitude toward learning.

Pre-K3 & 4 Schedule

Full-Day:

Monday through Thursday:
7:35am to 2:15pm
Friday:
7:35am to 1:30pm

Half-Day morning:

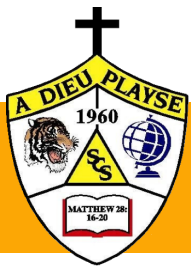
Monday, Wednesday,
Friday:
7:35am to 11:00am

Half-Day afternoon:

Monday through Thursday:
11:30am to 2:15pm
Friday:
11:30am to 1:30pm

Kindergarten Schedule

The Full-day Kindergarten will meet from 7:35am to 2:15pm Monday through Thursday, and 7:35am until 1:30pm Fridays with enriched mathematics, reading, and religion curriculum along with science and social studies.



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Grades 1-5 & Junior High

OUR MISSION:

To provide a values-based education in a student-centered environment that nurtures character, leadership, and a heart for service.

While this mission is central to everything we do at St. Colette School, it is possibly most evident in our approach to students in the Intermediate Grades and Junior High.

Our focus on Catholic virtues and values build up our students' character. Our students grow to love God, love family, and love learning during their time at St. Colette school.

Initiatives like R.O.A.R. and the Virtue of the Month are just two examples of we nurture character, leadership, and a heart for service.

Our curriculum fosters students' skills in the areas of reading, writing, spelling, composition, creative writing, mathematics, science, social studies, health, physical education, art, music, Spanish, and faith formation.

Upon graduation, a St. Colette student will not only be ready academically for the demands of high school, they will be equipped to navigate through life with kindness, strength, and leadership.