

HERE'S WHAT PARENTS AND ALUMNI HAVE TO SAY ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

AND HERE ARE THE TEST SCORES THAT SHOW HOW OUR STUDENTS EXCEL

All four of my children have attended St. Patrick School and I am grateful to have had this option for them. The smaller classes led by professional and caring teachers allow for a more tailored education for each student.

Cooperative learning skills are specifically taught and used from the early grades on. Group projects at every level reinforce academic, organizational, and social skills essential for success in every child's future. Flexible schedules allow for exciting and beneficial cross-curricular projects. Students are accountable for their own learning, being taught to set goals, achieve, and assess them.

In addition to all of the regular subjects, all students study Spanish and religion. Service projects also include the youngest to oldest classmates. Everyone has great opportunities to participate in extracurricular sports, band, clubs, and academic competitions. Weekly all school assemblies and Catholic masses have all students comfortably speaking in front of a crowd as a matter of course.

All this occurs in a very welcoming setting, filled with a sense of appreciation and respect. St. Patrick graduates have success in high school and beyond, whatever it is they choose to do. We are so fortunate to have this opportunity for anyone who chooses it right here in Cedar Falls.

Michelle Buchan, parent

...sending me to St. Patrick Catholic School is the best gift my parents have ever given me. I didn't realize this until I had started high school, but the welcoming atmosphere of St. Patrick is so contagious and it brings out the best of everyone who's a part of the community.

Another huge aspect of St. Patrick is the high academics. When I came to Columbus, I was surprised to hear that I already was doing things in my school work other kids...weren't. Whether athlete, musician, prayer leader, other, or all, **St. Patrick graduates tend to be the top students of their class** and most responsible with their schoolwork. ... I think this says a lot.

Emily Benda, 8th Grade Class of 2010

... students mix classes for their various subjects with each instructor teaching their specialty, and, they learn in smaller groups from teachers who get to know them really well. There are integrated cross-subject learning activities involving the practical application of their other classes. **Some activities which are reserved for special groups at the public school are available to all students at St. Pat's.** With strong academics and breadth of experiences in a convenient location, we were always glad Martha was at St. Patrick School.

Joan and David Easton, parents

The small class sizes allowed me to get involved in many things I may not have otherwise tried; whether it be a specific sport, leadership group, or public speaking opportunity. **The faculty and staff really want you to succeed, and the access to one on one help from teachers made it easier to stay on track in accelerated math and literature classes.** Having a faith-based curriculum through 8th grade reinforced certain values and beliefs that I may not have otherwise been reminded of.

Jon Relph, 8th Grade Class of 2003 (now at the University of Iowa)

Being a student at St. Pats ...allowed me to play whatever sport I wanted to without having to worry about not making the team or not getting any playing time. It also helped me with my academics because of the small class sizes and the personal attention that I was able to receive from all of my teachers.

Mitch Maiers, 8th Grade Class of 2008

OUTSTANDING TEST SCORES

On the 2010 Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS), the percentage of St. Patrick students proficient was 91.6% for reading/comprehension, 93.7% for math and 90% for science.

But there's more...looking at the grade level equivalency at which they are testing shows the effects of our smaller classes and small group instruction over time.

Composite Grade equivalency compared to students nationally (years.months)

Grade 3	4.3
Grade 4	5.8
Grade 5	7.6
Grade 6	10.0
Grade 7	11.1
Grade 8	13+

Our 8th graders tested over 5 years above grade level compared to students nationally!

