



MISSION STATEMENT

St. Jane Frances de Chantal School is a Christ-centered, educational community committed to the individual needs of students through a flexible and innovative curriculum. Our administration and faculty recognize their obligation to provide a school that is unique, contemporary, and oriented to Christian service. We structure an environment founded on Catholic tradition that is academically challenging, emotionally nurturing, and spiritually grounded in the Gospel message. We instill in our students a positive self-image, leadership qualities, and a sense of responsibility towards the school, parish, and community.



HISTORY

Monsignor James Caulfield, the founding pastor of St. Jane Frances de Chantal parish, and three religious from Mother Elizabeth Seton's Sisters of Charity, started the school in 1953. Forty-nine students received instruction in a one-hundred-year-old farmhouse as goats grazed on the lawn. In 1954, a church hall was added to accommodate another 150 students, and a dedicated school building was completed in 1961. Recent improvements include a new gymnasium, renovated library and cafeteria, and the latest educational-enhancing technology in the classrooms. While much has changed since the school's founding, the leadership and faculty remain committed to carrying forth Mother Seton's mission – to "teach as Jesus did," and manifest the presence of God in our children.



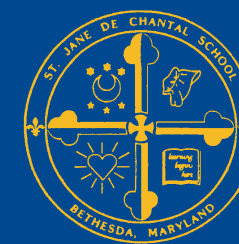
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*St. Jane de Chantal becomes a part of who you are,
for the rest of your life.*



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ADMISSIONS PROCEDURES & CHECKLIST

- Visit www.DeChantal.org or call 301-530-1221 for application
- Attend November 8 or January 31, 2011 Open House
- Submit application by February 29, 2011 and include:
 - Fees: \$475 (plus 10% of tuition rate for new students), all non-refundable
 - Baptismal certificate
 - Immunization records
 - Any applicable school reports
- Acceptance notices mailed March 2011
- SMART tuition agreement due by May 15, 2011

FINANCIAL AID

- Apply confidentially online to the Archdiocese of Washington (www.adw.org)
- Eligible ADW tuition assistance provided directly to school on behalf of student



QUICK FACTS

- K-8, two classes per grade
- A diverse student body of over 500 children from 300 families
- One of the most affordable Catholic school tuition rates in the Archdiocese
- On-site morning and after school care
- Affiliated with St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish

LEADERSHIP AND FACULTY

The administration and faculty are regularly recognized for their contributions to our community and within their respective fields.

- Pastor, Monsignor Donald S. Essex, St. Jane de Chantal Parish
- Principal, Mrs. Betsy Hamilton (1988-present)

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

The curriculum reflects a commitment to Roman Catholic values. Faith is nurtured through positive reinforcement, with an emphasis on personal responsibility and social service.

- Students receive in-depth religious instruction
- The school day begins and ends with prayers
- Students attend Mass regularly



ACADEMICS, CLUBS & SPORTS

Critical thinking is encouraged and students are challenged to develop an “I Can” attitude. Students graduate intellectually confident young men and women, whose academic preparation is highly respected by high school admission directors.

- Education-enhancing technology is a key component of the teaching philosophy; each classroom is equipped with a “SMART” board, students have access to Netbooks, resource labs, advanced science equipment, and the “SKYBOX” program, which reinforces math skills with interactive teaching techniques
- Music, Art, Computer, Physical Education, and Language Programs are offered in addition to weekly visits to the newly renovated, 11,000 volume library
- The school provides ample opportunities to participate in clubs such as the Student Council, band, choir, journalism club, chess club, ski club, Junior Sodality, and Boy and Girl Scouts
- Students’ participation in Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) sports is among the highest in the Archdiocese

SCHOOL LIFE

A sense of community is encouraged and maintained through the dedication of the parish, school leadership, faculty, staff, and students’ families, resulting in a stronger faith for all.

- Younger and older students are paired together as “families” for school events
- The Home & School Association (HSA) works year long to plan fundraising and social events and coordinates volunteer activities
- Parents are encouraged to share in their child’s education; volunteers are welcome as teachers aids, book readers, lunch angels, room parents, field trip chaperones, in Sodality, and within the HSA
- Many children and grandchildren of de Chantal alumnae attend the school