

## St. Cletus Catholic School

St. Cletus Catholic School is a school for boys and girls in Pre-Kindergarten 3 through grade 7. Our school was founded in 1978 to serve the families of St. Cletus Catholic Church parish and the surrounding area. St. Cletus provides an exceptional education rooted in the Catholic faith that promotes the careful, compassionate development of each child in body, mind, and spirit. St. Cletus Catholic School also works with parents to foster the development of strong moral character, a commitment to excellence, and a caring appreciation for God's abundant gifts.

## Our Mission Statement

St. Cletus Catholic School provides a challenging education rooted in Catholic faith and promotes service, responsibility, and respect for others in a caring community.

## Affiliations and Accreditation

St. Cletus Catholic School is approved by the Archdiocese of New Orleans and the State of Louisiana and is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

## Contact Information

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## Administration

Fr. Tuan Pham, Pastor  
Jill Grabert, Principal  
Jeannine Dwyer, Assistant Principal  
Katie Lambert, Counselor

## School Hours

School begins at 8:20 A.M. and is dismissed at 3:30 P.M.

## Uniforms

All St. Cletus Catholic School students wear a uniform on a daily basis. Uniforms may be purchased at Skobel's.

## School Counseling

The school counselor at St. Cletus Catholic School offers a variety of services to assist the school population. She counsels, coordinates, and consults in order to provide the support necessary to maximize the opportunities offered at St. Cletus Catholic School. The counselor meets with students individually and in the classroom, as well as with teachers and parents as needed to address academic and personal issues. These issues include but are not limited to new student transition, family concerns, academic performance, and peer relationships. The counselor may be reached by phone at 504-366-3538, ext. 109 or email at [klambert@stcletuscolts.com](mailto:klambert@stcletuscolts.com).

## Lunch Program

Lunch is provided by the Archdiocese Food Services Program in our school cafeteria. All students are served a hot lunch and students in third through seventh grades are also given a sandwich or pizza option. Breakfast is also served 7:50 A.M. - 8:10 A.M. Free or reduced lunch is available to students who qualify.

## Before/After Care

Before school care is available from 6:30 A.M. - 7:50 A.M. and after school care is available from 3:30 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. Before/After Care operates five days a week. Holiday care is also available on certain holidays. All Before/After Care services are supervised and offered at a nominal fee.

## Transportation

Bus transportation is provided by Jefferson Parish Public Schools free of charge and is available in specified areas. For detailed information, contact the school office.

## Computer

Students in Pre-K through seventh grade attend weekly computer classes. Pre-K and Kindergarten students begin learning basic mouse skills and interaction with computers through a series of learning games. First through fifth graders are introduced to topics such as basic keyboarding skills, mouse skills, moving within Microsoft word, parts of the computer, basic Internet safety and curriculum enrichment software. Middle school students become highly proficient in such areas as: typing papers in Microsoft Word and generating slide presentations using Microsoft PowerPoint and Google Docs.

## Technology

St. Cletus Catholic School is proud to offer its students the latest in education through technology. Every classroom is equipped with student computers and a SMARTboard system. Students in grades 2-7 enjoy one-to-one Chromebook deployment. Technology in the classroom enhances student learning while empowering teachers with a more interactive approach to teaching. The school also utilizes Plus Portals and School Messenger to improve communication with parents.

## Library

The St. Cletus Catholic School library has more than 10,000 books, desktop computers, and access to programs such as Destiny, Book Flix, Science Flix, and World Book online. Students in Pre-K3 through seventh grade attend library on a weekly basis. Students in Pre-K and Kindergarten learn about authors, parts of a book, and incorporate songs and movement. Students in first through seventh grades learn library and research skills, discuss stories, and check out books weekly. St. Cletus Catholic School utilizes the Accelerated Reader program which encourages students to read books that they select for pleasure.

## Physical Education

The physical education program emphasizes the development of basic loco-motor skills, fitness assessment and improvement, individual and team sports skills, social skills, and cognitive skills. These skills are developed through a variety of drills, lead-up activities, games, and classroom instruction. Fourth through seventh grade students can participate in after-school sports. These sports are played in competition with other school teams in the Catholic School Athletic League.

## Extracurricular Activities

St. Cletus Catholic School offers many extracurricular activities. Most activities are immediately following dismissal in the afternoons.

Altar Servers	Computer Club	Boys Flag Football	Environmental Science Club
Art Club	Safety Patrol	Boys and Girls Indoorball	Science Club
Beta Club	Student Council	Girls Volleyball	*Art Class
Cheer	Intramural Soccer (1 <sup>st</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> )	Drama Club	*Spanish Class
Mission Club	Boys and Girls Basketball	Library Club	*Thinkerella
Liturgical Dancers		*these activities are offered on a fee basis	

The middle school curriculum is designed to help students grow and develop into responsible individuals, maximizing the academic, religious, and social skills introduced in the lower grades. During these important developmental years, students are encouraged to build a foundation in social skills and explore personal interests. Team sports, clubs, other extra-curricular activities, and supervised social events encourage positive peer interaction and social growth. This unique combination of academic, religious, and social growth opportunities prepares St. Cletus Catholic School students for success in the many Catholic high schools of the metropolitan New Orleans area.

## **Language Arts**

The language arts department provides a meaningful and challenging curriculum to ensure that our students are knowledgeable and well-prepared for their high school years and for life. Our teachers select relevant, stimulating materials so that students become proficient communicators in all five areas of the verbal arts. In literature classes, the chosen materials promote knowledge of the essential literary elements that enhance comprehension and critical thinking skills. English classes focus on the writing process and content development with an emphasis on correct grammar, mechanics, and usage. Students are given the opportunity to express their individuality and creativity which encourages deeper learning and involvement.

## **Mathematics**

In sixth grade, students apply their skills in addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division to increasing complex problems. Algebra concepts and negative numbers are introduced in seventh grade. These concepts are expanded by the application of algebra in order to assist students with the transition to advanced math through strategic problem solving. Our middle school math program completes the students' pre-high school mathematical foundation and allows the students to be competitive on a high school level.

## **Religion**

Our middle school religion students are instructed in Sacred Scripture, Church doctrine, morality, and the sacraments, encouraging them to live Christ-centered lives. Our seventh graders bring to life the birth and death of Christ through their performances of the Nativity and Passion plays. Our sixth graders evangelize through the living biography presentations of the saints. Daily prayer and weekly Mass attendance are also important components of our program. Students may also participate as altar servers. Middle school students are involved in working toward social justice. They participate in quarterly service hours to the community, as well as projects to raise money for a chosen mission country. We also offer participation in the Mission Club. Overall, the middle school religion program is designed to impart great love for our Catholic faith and to instill Catholic values so that these young men and women may live out their faith and spread the Good News of Jesus Christ.

## **Science**

Our middle school science curriculum examines the wonders of God expressed through His magnificent creation. Students are introduced to the basic principles of the scientific method and learn tools of scientific inquiry including hypothesis, analysis, measurement, graphing, inference, classification, and modeling. Our curriculum starts with the study of the Earth. It includes mapping our Earth, Earth in space, the dynamics of the Earth's surface and natural resources. The curriculum continues with life science by looking at the simplest organisms to the most complex beings. Our science curriculum uses real-life examples and practical explanation to understand the role of science in our everyday lives.

## **History**

Middle school begins in sixth grade with world history. Students explore maps of the world while studying early civilizations and developments. Time is spent covering Middle Eastern, Egyptian, Greek, and Roman civilizations. In seventh grade, content begins with United States history, focusing on the early developments of the country prior to the Civil War. Topics cover key debates discussed at the Second Constitutional Convention, the Declaration of Independence, and the U.S. Constitution. Maps and data-based questions are utilized to prepare students for the type of critical thinking questions they may encounter on standardized tests. Seventh graders are offered the opportunity to visit our Nation's capitol during their Easter holiday.

Students in these transitional grades typically blossom in the loving Catholic atmosphere provided at St. Cletus Catholic School. Faculty and staff welcome each student with a warm greeting and a desire to share their love of learning. St. Cletus Catholic School students are expected to take responsibility for home and classroom assignments. They are encouraged to be curious and independent in each area of study, adding to the foundation provided in the primary grades.

### **Language Arts**

In Language Arts, reading and writing go hand in hand to support one another. Each grade uses a basal reader, leveled readers, as well as picture books and novels to enhance the reading curriculum. The series incorporates language, literature, vocabulary, phonics, and spelling words. The Accelerated Reader Program, which begins in grade one, encourages the students to read books that interest them, thereby receiving rewards for reaching goals. Through the writing process children learn to understand writing as a way to communicate and express a variety of ideas through shared writing and interactive writing activities.

### **Mathematics**

The alignment of our Math curriculum and instruction allows students to become successful in conceptual understanding and mental math facts. The goal is for our students to explore and acquire logical reasoning by effectively using a variety of mathematical methods and manipulatives for problem solving. Each grade reviews past skills and builds on them to acquire new skills and a higher level of proficiency in advanced concepts.

### **Religion**

Our daily Religion program focuses on the teachings and practices of the Catholic Church and instills Catholic values across the curriculum. This is accomplished through instruction in Scripture, Church doctrine, morality, sacraments, and living a Christ-centered life. Daily prayer, weekly Mass attendance, and celebrations throughout the liturgical year are important components of our religion program. Students can also participate as altar servers and in community service projects.

### **Science**

In Science we have integrated a series that covers life, earth, and physical science elements. We have achieved this by complying with both state and national standards and benchmarks. Teachers and students alike enjoy hands-on experiments in the classroom to illustrate various concepts and processes.

### **Social Studies**

In Social Studies we have incorporated a series that provides students with various opportunities to experience current events as well as history, economics, map skills and our unique culture. To achieve this teachers utilize technology such as SMARTboards, Chromebooks, and laptops.

## **Pre-Kindergarten 3 and 4**

St. Cletus Catholic School welcomes its youngest students and creates a safe, nurturing and supportive environment where children are able to develop physically, socially, emotionally, and cognitively. The three and four-year-old program provides the foundation for all future learning. Recognition of letters, numbers, shapes, colors, and sounds is stressed in imaginative and varied ways by experienced and compassionate teachers and assistants. Enrichment classes of P.E., computer, and library are offered. Religion class is held daily, including simple prayers that are learned. Song and movement, outdoor play in their own yard, snack time, and nap time balance instructional time and complete the learning process.

## **Kindergarten**

The full day kindergarten program at St. Cletus Catholic School continues the work started in Pre K and further develops the students' skills in listening, speaking, reading, writing, and mathematics. Phonetic awareness, handwriting practice, learning vowel and consonant sounds, and letter combinations help to create readers and emergent, fledgling writers. Students rotate through various academic centers to reinforce newly learned skills and enjoy enrichment classes of P.E., computer, library, and social living. Daily religion class and weekly Mass enhance their understanding of God's world and their place in it. Devoted, experienced teachers also plan off-campus field trips as well as many unique educational experiences that celebrate the seasons, feast days, and holidays of the school year.

## New Student Registration

Registration for new students will take place from February 5 - February 9, 2018. All fees must be paid at the time of acceptance in order to put a child's name on the roster for the next school year. The principal will be available for interviews with parents and students that week.

## Registration Fees

The following fees are due at the time of registration and are non-refundable as well as non-transferable. A place will not be held for a student unless these fees are paid in full.

### Catholic/Contributing \*

\$165 **Oldest** or **only** child

\$150 **Each additional** child in family

\$50 Technology fee per student

### Catholic (Non-contributing) or Non-Catholic

\$165 **Oldest** or **only** child

\$150 **Each additional** child in family

\$350 Parish support fee **per student**

\$50 Technology fee per student

### **Active, Registered, Supporting Member of St. Cletus Parish (Contributing)**

To be considered an active, registered, supporting member of the parish, a family must contribute \$500 for one child or \$800 for more than one child per family to St. Cletus Church by December 31, 2018. You must make this contribution in the 2017 calendar year to be considered supporting and not have additional fees. Family members should also participate in the life of the parish and support parish activities.

**\*An approval form for in-parish tuition from St. Cletus Church MUST accompany your registration form.** Forms can be obtained from the parish office between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. A Catholic family residing in a parish without a school or in a parish with a school that has no openings at the time of registration may apply to their pastor for a voucher for the parish support fee.

## 2018-2019 Tuition Information

	<u>Catholic</u>	<u>Non-Catholic</u>
Pre-K3 and Pre-K4	\$5,400.00	\$5,400.00
One Child K-7	\$4,950.00	\$5,250.00
Two Children K-7	\$8,665.00	\$9,190.00
Three Children K-7	\$11,140.00	\$11,815.00
Four Children K-7	\$12,375.00	\$13,125.00

**Tuition must be paid in full by April 27, 2018 or financed through First Bank & Trust.**

**New student registration is February 5-February 9, 2018 from 6:30am–3:00pm.**

## **Order of Acceptance:**

- Siblings of current students
- Children of territorial parishioners who are deemed active by the pastor; children of alumni or legacy families as determined by the pastor
- Children of territorial parishioners of a parish without a school or no room in their territorial parish school who are deemed active by their pastor
- Children of non-territorial parishioners of a parish without a school or non room in their parish school who are deemed active by their pastor
- Children of active parishioners who live outside the territorial parish in a parish with a school that has room
- All others – including inactive parishioners, non-Catholics, etc.

## **Documents needed to apply:**

Birth Certificate

Immunization Record

Social Security Card

Report cards for all grades (K on)

All previous standardized test scores (if applicable)

Baptism Certificate (if Catholic)

We will accept copies of these documents.

## **Info needed to apply:**

Date and Church of First Reconciliation (if Catholic)

Date and Church of First Communion (if Catholic)

**Statement of Policy:** St. Cletus School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at our school. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, in administration of our educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, athletic, and other school-administered programs.

- ❖ Daily prayers, readings and intentions
- ❖ Weekly school-wide Mass
- ❖ Monthly Adoration and Benediction
- ❖ Seasonal Living Rosary, Stations of the Cross, May Crowning, Sacrament of Reconciliation
- ❖ Student re-enactment of Nativity and Passion
- ❖ Strong parish/school/community partnership
- ❖ Several mission-based fundraising opportunities offered regularly including Mission Fair and Trick-R-Trunk
- ❖ Annual participation in the NET retreat by middle schoolers
- ❖ Technology incorporated into Religion classes
- ❖ Religion classes include safe environment topics for students
- ❖ Scheduling to include Religion class every day with dedicated and qualified Religion teachers