

Now Offering 7th Grade



Discover the Difference...

**Information Packet
2010-2011**



Dear Parent or Guardian,

Deciding on the best educational environment for your child is one of the most important choices you make as a parent. We invite you to consider Annunciation Catholic School as you make this very important decision.

Over the past 46 years, Annunciation Catholic School has earned a community-wide reputation for our emphasis on Christian values, high behavioral expectations and academic excellence. We offer a solid academic foundation in a warm, nurturing Christian environment to children grades Pre-Kindergarten through Seventh. With parents and guardians as our partners, we strive to develop the talents and gifts of our students and challenge them to be productive, responsible citizens and lifelong learners.

As you read this packet, you will find information about our school including our mission, beliefs, curriculum and other pertinent information about Annunciation Catholic School. We encourage you to visit our website, annunciationcatholicschool.org to learn more. Of course we extend a warm invitation for you to visit our campus, so you can see first-hand what we have to offer your child. To arrange a tour please contact our office

Thank you for your interest in Annunciation Catholic School. Don't wait...Discover the difference today!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara Calland".

Barbara Calland
Principal



Quick Facts

- ◆ Affiliation: Roman Catholic
- ◆ Principal: Barbara Calland
- ◆ Pastor: Father Robert Dore
- ◆ Pre-K4 through 7th grade
- ◆ *All Faith Traditions Welcomed*
- ◆ *Only area non-public school* accredited by the Mississippi Department of Education
- ◆ Accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges & Schools
- ◆ All full time faculty members are certified and hold a degree from an accredited university
- ◆ School Hours
(Regular Schedule) 7:55 - 3:00 (Wednesday Schedule) 7:55-2:00
- ◆ Student/Teacher Ratio 16:1
- ◆ Special curricular programs include:
 music, art, physical education, library, technology and Spanish
- ◆ Spiritual Development includes:
 weekly mass, religion classes and sacramental preparation
- ◆ 1st elementary school in the nation to initiate the Autonomous Learner Model (ALM) approach school wide
- ◆ After Hours Program
- ◆ Active Parent-School Association

For more information or to schedule a visit

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Mission

Annunciation Catholic School teaches the whole child in a Christ-centered environment. We encourage all children to reach their full potential by building character, fostering community and creating life-long learners.


Our Beliefs

1. Student learning and the teaching and modeling of God's love are the chief priorities of our school.
2. Each student is a valued individual with unique intellectual, physical, social, emotional, spiritual, and aesthetic needs.
3. Parents are the primary educators of their children.
4. Everyone involved in the school (teachers, staff, administrators, parents, students, parish, and local community) emphasizes the importance of learning and shares in the responsibility for providing a safe and supportive learning environment.
5. Administrators and teachers set clear goals and have high expectations for student achievement.
6. Administrators and teachers are engaged in ongoing personal and professional development to enhance their contribution to self, school, and community.
7. Teachers provide clear and focused instruction based on curricula that integrates traditional school subjects, technology, critical and creative thinking skills, and basic Christian attitudes and values.
8. Students participate in community service followed up by reflections in writing to develop a sense of responsibility to others.
9. Teachers respect and demonstrate understanding of different cultures, faiths, genders, and socioeconomic backgrounds.
10. Teachers serve as facilitators and coaches while basing learning activities on students' varied learning needs and styles.
11. Administrators, teachers, and parents establish and enforce clear consistent discipline policies to develop integrity and self discipline.
12. Teachers use a variety of assessment tools to allow students to demonstrate their achievement and apply their learning.



Curriculum

In compliance with the Diocese of Jackson and the Mississippi Department of Education, Annunciation Catholic School provides the following:

Traditional Core Subjects:	language arts, mathematics, science and social studies
ALM:	all students participate in a school wide gifted program using the Autonomous Learner Model
Special Courses:	art, library, music, physical education and Spanish
Technology:	integrated technology program reinforces classroom content as students learn word processing, multi-media presentations, create databases and explore appropriate Internet sites during weekly technology class
	
Faith Formation:	daily religion classes, weekly liturgies and sacramental preparation
Support Services:	part-time counselor, remediation, private piano, private guitar, after hours program and on-site services for identified students through Columbus Municipal School District

Instructional Strategies

ALM:	an innovative, research-based approach to learning that focuses on teaching students to be life-long learners
Differentiated Instruction:	a teaching concept in which the classroom teacher plans for the diverse needs of students
Multiple Intelligences:	a concept that allows teachers to teach and assess students based on individual intellectual strengths and weaknesses
Personalized Learning:	small group instruction, remediation, independent projects and cooperative groups



Special School Events

Catholic Schools Week
Draw Down
Jeans and Jazz Annual Auction
Grandparents Day

Student Activities

Altar Servers
Awards Day
Class Buddies (5th and K, 6th and PreK)
Class Community Service Projects
Musical Programs
Field Day
Field Trips
Intramural Sports
National Honors Society (6th and 7th)
Pinwheels for Peace
Red Ribbon Week
Sacramental Preparation
Scouts (Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts)
Sixth Grade Ambassadors
Student Council
Talent Show

Parent and Family Activities

We recognize that the success of any school is dependent upon active and involved parents. All families agree to volunteer 10 hours a semester for a total of 20 hours a year. There are a variety of ways to volunteer your time and talents:

Homeroom Parent
Box Top Collection
Campbell's Soup Labels Collection
Field Trip Chaperones
Scout Leader
Volunteer Room Helper
Brown Envelope Stuffer
Draw Down

Work Days
Classroom Helper
Catholic Schools Week
Uniform Closet Helper
Scrip Program
Office Helper
Jeans & Jazz Auction
Field Day

Just to name a few!