



2024-2025 SCHOOL PROFILE

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MISSION

Valley Catholic School, sharing in the mission of the Sisters of St. Mary of Oregon, fosters a faith-filled community of lifelong learners and compassionate leaders committed to living out Catholic values and following Jesus' example through prayer, service, and love.

PHILOSOPHY

Valley Catholic Elementary School provides an academically rich faith-filled learning environment, creating a Catholic values-based education. We are a joyous faith community in which students, staff, and parents respect, affirm, and support one another. The Valley Catholic Elementary School community models and nurtures the development of a personal relationship with God through various forms of prayer and worship. We encourage our students to develop a sense of justice, peace, compassion, and respect for all people.

Valley Catholic Elementary School supports our families in their role as primary educators of their children. Together we educate the whole child — spiritually, intellectually, culturally, socially, emotionally, and physically. We honor the dignity and diversity of our students by fostering their ability to recognize and develop individual strengths and talents. We maintain high academic and social standards, preparing our students for lifelong learning, leadership, and service in the community, country, and world.

HISTORY

In 1903, the Sisters of St. Mary of Oregon established St. Mary's Institute, a boarding and day school for elementary and high school students. It also provided business training for boys and girls. In 1905, the Sisters limited on-campus educational ministries to girls only. In 1932, the school's name was changed to St. Mary of the Valley Academy. The school was divided into elementary and secondary divisions and a new high school was built in 1969. In that year the elementary school became St. Mary of the Valley Grade School and the new high school was named Valley Catholic. The residency program which had begun in 1903 closed in 1979. The grade school re-admitted boys in 1984 and added kindergarten in 1985. In 2008 our campus schools, Pre-K through high school became known as Valley Catholic School. In 2011 we opened a new state-of-the-art building. This new building currently houses our Elementary School (Grades K-5) and our Middle School (Grades 6-8).

ACCREDITATION

Western Catholic Education Association (WCEA)

REGISTRATION

Oregon Private School

GRADE LEVELS

Our elementary school includes grades K-5, with two classrooms per grade level.

ENROLLMENT 2022-23

340 students

FACULTY/STAFF	<p>37 faculty/staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 22 Oregon Licensed Faculty• 10 Instructional Assistants• 1 Administrative Assistant• 1 Counselor• 1 Chef• 3 Lunch-room Assistants
ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE	<p>Our 5th grade graduates are described as high achievers, strong leaders and well-rounded learners. Our teachers actively collaborate with middle school teachers to ensure our graduates will be successful in middle school and beyond. Our students are prepared for and succeed in the Valley Catholic Middle School's college prep program.</p>
CURRICULUM	<p>Our curriculum adheres to the Archdiocese of Portland content standards. All students study religion, language arts, mathematics, social studies, science, music, Spanish, health, physical education, media, and swimming instruction as part of our PE program. In addition, all fourth-grade students receive yearlong violin instruction as part of our music program. We have a school counselor on staff who assists our students, and teachers with social skills and conflict resolution programs. They are also available for one-on-one counseling, small group student counseling, and assisting parents seeking advice and resources to help their children with school and family issues. In addition, we have a Learning Specialist, Reading Specialist and Math Specialist who work closely with our classroom teachers to support our students and staff. Our curriculum lays the groundwork for the rigorous college-prep programs at Valley Catholic Middle School and Valley Catholic High School</p>
ACTIVITIES/CLUBS	<p>Our music department offers orchestra, choir, and handbells. Our Music School offers private music lessons for voice and instruments. These lessons can be scheduled during the school day or after school. Extracurricular sports are sponsored by the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO). They include football, volleyball, basketball, swimming, track and field, lacrosse and a cross country club in the fall. After school programs are offered by outside organizations. They currently include, Chess Club through Chess Wizards, art instruction classes through Fine Arts Starts, Scratch Game Development for grades 3-5 provided by Coding with Kids, Cub Scouts, Play Fit Fun, Other programs provided by our Music teacher are Youth Orchestra, 5th grade Hand Bells and 4th and 5th grade Marian singers.</p>
TUITION	<p>The 2023-2024 tuition is \$10,130. Tuition for the 2024-2025 school year is typically announced in February. Tuition can be paid either in full or in installments through Blackbaud Tuition.</p>
ACTUAL COST OF EDUCATION	<p>The true cost of educating our students is typically \$2,000 - \$2,500 above the cost of our tuition. The difference between tuition and the true cost of education is made up through fundraising and benefactor support. Valley Catholic receives no significant financial support from the federal government, Oregon state government, Archdiocese of Portland or area parishes.</p>
FINANCIAL AID	<p>Financial aid is available, and families are encouraged to apply by January 12, 2024. Please find a link to the application form at https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/4BRL9</p>