



St. Francis de Sales Catholic School

St. Francis de Sales Catholic School is one of more than thirty schools in the Diocese of Wilmington. As such we follow a curriculum set forth by this office along with adhering to the curriculum for the State of Maryland Department of Education. As our Superintendent of Schools explains, “We are Common Core and More.” At St. Francis, we are so much more as we also provide a subject-integrated approach to instruction. This program is called STREAMS (science, technology, religion, engineering, arts, and math). Students are exposed to more than one discipline in a lesson. Research shows that when we use various media to learn a skill or content our brain creates more pathways for retention.

Subject	Curriculum	Resources
Reading	MSDE, CDOW	Houghton-Mifflin Into Reading K-3 Anthology 4-6 Use of novels for 7-8
English (grammar, spelling, and vocabulary)	MSDE, CDOW	Loyola Press and Sadlier-Oxford 3-8
Math	MSDE, CDOW	Sadlier K-6/7-8 Pearson
Social Studies	MSDE, CDOW	McGraw-Hill (K-5)
Science	Next Generation Science Standards	Lab Learner-hands on labs All grade levels
Handwriting	Cursive and manuscript (Cursive writing is expected in grades 3-8)	Zaner Blozer
Spanish	Exploratory (K-7) High School Spanish I (8 th)	Holt-McDougal
Religion	CDOW	Sadlier K-8
Pre K4	MSDE, CDOW-nursery school licensed by MSDE	Connect 4 Learning Zoo Phonics
Pre K3	MSDE, CDOW-nursery school licensed by MSDE	Frog Street Learning

Students in all grades enjoy Spanish, art, library, physical education, technology (1-5) and music class weekly (K-5). We are a 1:1 Chromebook and Google Suite Classroom school. Our middle school students have optional electives twice per week. These include Destination Imagination, Whitebox, Whitestar, Academic Challenge, Rocket, Chess, Crochet, Cooking, Art, Study Hall, Social Club, German, Latin, Muggins and Reading Club.