



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.

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Curriculum</b>	<b>Resources</b>
Reading	MSDE, CDOW	Houghton-Mifflin anthology (K-6) Use of novels for 7-8
English (grammar, spelling and vocabulary)	MSDE, CDOW	Loyola Press and Sadlier-Oxford
Math	MSDE, CDOW	Go Math (K-5) Pearson (6-8)
Social Studies	MSDE, CDOW	McGraw-Hill (K-5) Discovery Education (6-8)
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)	D’Nealian (K-3)
Spanish	Exploratory (Prek4-7) High School Spanish I (8th)	Holt-McDougal
Religion	CDOW	Sadlier (K-4) Sophia Institute (5-8)
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, and music class weekly. We are a 1:1 Chromebook and Google Suite Classroom school. Our middle school students have optional electives twice per week. These include volleyball, theatre, STEM, rocketry, nutrition, yearbook and school newspaper.