



Academy of Our Lady
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Let me tell you about our wonderful school!

First and foremost, the Academy of Our Lady is not just a nice-sounding phrase. We, staff, students, and parents, depend upon the guidance of Our Blessed Mother Mary, and we pray to her every day.

The Academy is an outstanding institution for the education and formation of young people for many reasons. Here are some of them:

1. **Excellent academics.** On the 2018 administration of the national Iowa Standardized Test, Academy students outscored the Newark Archdiocesan average on every test in every grade level, grades 2 – 8. Academy 8th graders are routinely admitted to the most competitive Catholic high schools in the metropolitan area.
2. **Dynamic spirituality.** Staff and students begin each day in church with a morning meeting. A Bible passage is read and a “message of the day” is explored in the assembly. Pupils take classes in Religion and priests from St. Catharine’s Church (connected to the school) are frequent visitors to classrooms and school events.
3. **Exciting athletic and co-curricular activities.** The Academy offers award-winning volleyball, basketball, and track teams. Student government, band, theater, “Rock and Roll Choir”, and numerous other clubs keep our youngsters challenged with out-of-classroom pursuits that enhance character and personality.
4. **STEM and TREP\$.** The Academy strongly promotes scientific creativity through its Science-Technology-Engineering-Mathematics course, and student business entrepreneurship via its TREP\$ program. All students, girls as well as boys, are prepared for the challenges of the 21st century.
5. **Parent involvement.** The Home-School Association and Fathers Guild support the Academy personally and financially. A rich tradition of “making entire families a part of the Academy experience” continues unabated.
6. **Growth in a safe environment.** Our talented and dedicated staff promotes an atmosphere where children are free to explore ideas and abilities, *to truly grow intellectually and socially*, without the threat of bullying or negative peer pressure. Our children are watched over in a caring, old-fashioned manner.

I am pleased with the results of our school community’s efforts to raise fine young people of character, reverence, and intelligence.

Sincerely,

Patrick W. Martin
Principal