

SAINT CLEMENT SCHOOL  
*anchored in faith*



WELCOME TO A LEADING  
CATHOLIC PARISH SCHOOL  
IN THE CITY OF CHICAGO



**ANCHORED** in the richness of the Catholic tradition, Saint Clement School engages each and every child in a challenging academic environment which empowers and inspires our students to recognize their unique gifts.

Upon graduating from Saint Clement, our students enter high school empowered by their rich experiences of faith, service and intellectual discovery.

Our students are compassionate leaders entrusted with a sacred responsibility to share their gifts, serve the common good and respond with confidence to the challenges of their day.



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Saint Clement School has been named a 2020 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, a prestigious honor that recognizes the highest performing public and non-public schools in the country and celebrates school excellence at all levels.

This coveted award, given by the U.S. Department of Education, affirms the hard work of educators, families and communities in creating safe and welcoming schools where students master challenging and engaging content.





## A DIVERSE LEARNING EXPERIENCE

*We recognize that all students learn differently, and we strive to meet the academic, physical, social and emotional needs of each child. We place equal value on academic achievement, spiritual growth and the social responsibility of each of our students. Our rigorous academic content embraces diverse perspectives and focuses on 21st century learning skills, inquiry based learning and social emotional learning.*







12 TO 1 STUDENT TEACHER RATIO

HALF DAY & FULL DAY  
PRE-K3 AND 4 OFFERED\*

WEEKLY SPANISH, LIBRARY, ART,  
MUSIC, STEAM & PHYSICAL  
EDUCATION

\*Visit [WWW.STCLEMENTSCHOOL.ORG](http://WWW.STCLEMENTSCHOOL.ORG) WEBSITE  
FOR MORE DETAILS

## I CAN BE KIND, BE SAFE, BE A FRIEND!

*In Pre-K we strive to instill these **I Can** statements in our youngest learners. It is our goal for students to develop the skills to become lifelong learners as well as kind and considerate members of our community. At Saint Clement, we strongly believe that children learn by doing, getting messy, investigating their questions and problem solving with their peers. They learn by creating, playing games, using their imaginations, expressing their emotions and exploring the world around them.*





## KINDERGARTEN THROUGH FIFTH GRADE

### OUR ELEMENTARY GRADES STRIKE A HEALTHY BALANCE BETWEEN WORK AND PLAY...

Students' days are intentionally structured to ensure a strong focus on core academic subjects while maintaining ample time for specialist

classes and unstructured playtime. Our teachers help students reach their full potential by using a rigorous, differentiated and individualized curriculum.

We place a strong emphasis on educating the whole child and work to help student feel safe, joyful and engaged throughout the school day.

**2 TEACHERS PER CLASSROOM IN KINDERGARTEN & 1ST GRADE**

**READING & MATH SUPPORT FOR ACCELERATED STUDENTS & THOSE THAT NEED EXTRA HELP**

**STEAM, SPANISH, MUSIC, ART, LIBRARY & PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

**LOWER GRADES PARTNER WITH UPPER GRADES AS ANCHOR BUDDIES AND ANCHOR FAMILIES TO FOSTER A SENSE OF BELONGING**

**BALANCED LITERARY APPROACH TO READING AND WRITING INSTRUCTION**

**PROBLEM SOLVING, LANGUAGE BASED APPROACH TO MATH INSTRUCTION**





## SIXTH THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE

WITH ONE-TO-ONE DEVICES, MIDDLE SCHOOLERS SEAMLESSLY INCORPORATE TECHNOLOGY INTO THEIR CURRICULA. EACH STUDENT USES A WIDE RANGE OF APPLICATIONS TO WRITE, COLLECT, ANALYZE, CREATE AND SYNTHESIZE INFORMATION. ACCELERATED MATH COURSES ARE OFFERED FOR QUALIFYING MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS. IN ADDITION, THERE IS AN EMPHASIS ON DEVELOPING YOUNG LEADERS AS THEY TRANSITION FROM CHILDHOOD TO YOUNG ADULTHOOD.



MIDDLE SCHOOL



*Students are partners in learning, empowered to become confident, disciplined, thoughtful, compassionate, faith-filled and creative young people. They are challenged to grow through an age-appropriate balance of intellectual, social, athletic and artistic opportunities to better understand themselves, to prepare for lifelong learning and to serve others.*



SAINT CLEMENT CURRICULUM IS BASED ON THE COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS AND ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO CURRICULUM STANDARDS.



## MATH

Math instruction in kindergarten through 7th grade uses the Illustrative Math Common Core aligned program that focuses on problem solving skills and building math thinkers. The middle school math program is ability based groups.



## LITERACY

Our literacy instruction is based on a balanced literacy philosophy to include skills, vocabulary, comprehension, grammar and writing.

Teachers in our preschool 4-year old program through 2nd grade use the Wilson FUNdations program for phonemic awareness and phonics instruction, spelling and handwriting.

Elementary and middle school teachers use Guided reading, book clubs and literature circles to teach fluency and comprehension skills. Our Leveled Book Room provides teachers access to teach from thousands of texts an authentic literacy experiences for all students.





## MEETING THE NEEDS OF INDIVIDUAL LEARNERS

Our Child First Team of learning specialists use several sources of assessment data to identify students who require additional academic support and intervention services. Students with diagnosed disabilities have the opportunity to attend Learning Lab in 5th through 8th grades for more intensive, individualized support.



*We use a variety of sources for data collection to measure student growth throughout the school year, including i-Ready diagnostic assessments given three times per year. On average, our students score in the 80th percentile for both math and reading. Teachers use the data from assessments and classroom observation to differentiate instruction to ensure all students are challenged and assisted appropriately.*





## HIGH SCHOOL PREP TEAM

*Our team provides one-on-one support for students to find the right high school fit for them. We hold informational meetings and a high school fair where schools come to exhibit and speak with prospective families. In addition, our team prepares, supports and guides students and parents during the high school search and selection process to ensure their future success.*

*“We have been at St. Clement for 8 years. Our experience has been nothing but incredible. The faculty and staff are beyond exceptional and truly care about each student and their needs. Our oldest is in middle school and we are impressed with how they are preparing our students for the next step-high school.”*

**- JAMIE TRAILOV  
SAINT CLEMENT PARENT**



OUR STUDENTS ATTEND TOP HIGH SCHOOLS INCLUDING: SAINT IGNATIUS, LOYOLA ACADEMY, DEPAUL, JONES, LANE TECH, NORTHSIDE COLLEGE PREP, WALTER PAYTON AND WHITNEY YOUNG.





OUR SUPERB FACULTY HELPS STUDENTS PREPARE FOR THEIR ENCOUNTERS IN THE WORLD. OUR TEACHERS ARE ENTHUSIASTIC AND DEDICATED, MAINTAIN A CULTURE OF HIGH EXPECTATIONS AND PROVIDE AN EXTRAORDINARY AMOUNT OF INDIVIDUALIZED ATTENTION. MANY OF OUR TEACHERS POSSESS A MASTERS DEGREE IN EDUCATION, AND WE CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THEM OPPORTUNITIES FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, ENCOURAGE INNOVATION AND REWARD GREAT TEACHING.

## GOING BEYOND...

### ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

*Assists principal with curriculum, faculty supervision and professional development, high school articulation, the proactive facilitation and/or handling of any discipline issues, facilitates our Child First program, coordinates/executes academic services and coordinates/facilitates student assessments. The Assistant Principals work closely with our faculty and families in creating the best possible learning environment for all students.*

### DIRECTOR OF ENRICHMENT

*Serves faculty and K-5th grade students with advanced curriculum, accelerated learning and grade level enrichment programs.*

### READING SPECIALIST

*Works with K-5 students providing explicit reading interventions. Assists faculty to better meet needs during these crucial literacy years.*

### LEARNING SPECIALISTS TEAM

*Two teachers assist K-8th students in need of additional support in math and reading through intervention and classroom push-in.*

### TECHNOLOGY COORDINATOR

*Dedicated to appropriately incorporating a balanced approach to technology into the school day. Includes management of the technology, facilitating new support of student and staff technology, and other technology related matters.*

### DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS & MARKETING

*Leads the Admissions Department and the High School Prep team. Highlights the school throughout the neighborhood and community.*

### SCHOOL NURSE

*Attends to the medical needs of students that arise during the school day. This role is filled by a full-time licensed nurse who is on-site during school hours.*

### ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

*Plans, coordinates and administers a comprehensive interscholastic athletic program for students in grades 1-8.*



## SAINT CLEMENT SCHOOL & NOTRE DAME TRUSTEY FELLOWS COLLABORATION

*Saint Clement school was accepted to the Trustey Fellows STEM Teaching Program at the University of Notre Dame. This is a fully-funded, three-year fellowship where a group of Saint Clement teachers collaborates with teaching teams from around the country as well as Notre Dame professors to learn cutting edge practices in STEM instruction. Through this process, Saint Clement has created a blueprint with a focus on increasing problem solving and critical thinking skills by weaving integrated STEM opportunities across all grade levels. Our hope is that students not only grow academically, but also in their faith by using STEM as a force for good to solve real-world problems.*



## STEAM CLASSES

STEAM IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF OUR CULTURE AT SAINT CLEMENT SCHOOL. OUR STUDENTS, GRADES PREK - 8TH, VISIT STEM CLASS ONCE A WEEK FOR 40-MINUTES. TARGETED GRADE LEVELS COLLABORATE ON CONTENT AND OBJECTIVES BETWEEN CLASSROOM SCIENCE AND STEM CLASS TO EXTEND AND SUPPORT LEARNING.

STEAM CLASSES AT SAINT CLEMENT INCORPORATE REAL WORLD APPLICATIONS, REINFORCE CRITICAL THINKING, PROMOTE 21ST CENTURY SKILLS AND ENCOURAGE TEAMWORK.



## TECHNOLOGY

One-to-One Chromebooks (K-8th)

Two 3D printers to enhance curriculum

SMART board and Apple TV in each classroom

Individual student email accounts (2nd-8th)

Student Internet activity is monitored and filtered 24/7 on all Saint Clement technology devices, providing a safe and educational experience online



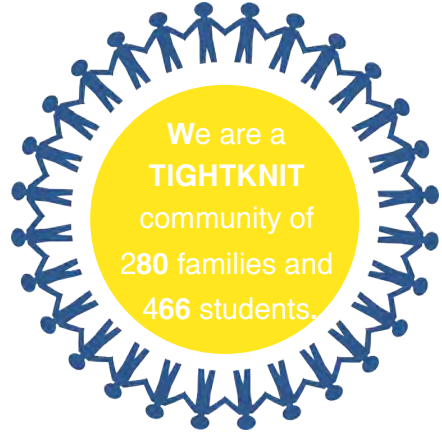
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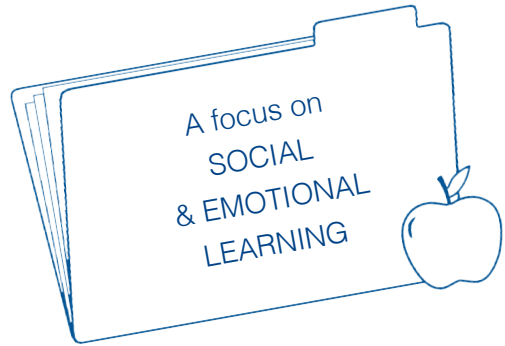
Wee Wolverines--Open to children 6 months to 3 years old and their parents/caregivers to help introduce tots to group activities, music and movement and social interaction.



We are a **TIGHTKNIT** community of 280 families and 466 students.



- 8th graders are admitted
- into the top high schools
- in Chicago.



A focus on SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL LEARNING



*Students visit major Chicago cultural institutions through field trips.*





# PRAY. SERVE. GIVE.

## SPIRITUAL GROWTH

*Saint Clement School is concerned with the development of the WHOLE child – beyond academics to the spiritual, moral and social dimensions. As a Catholic school, our values are embodied in everything we do everyday and are supported by our Catholic faith, parish and social teachings. From starting each day with prayer at morning assembly, to regular religion class and weekly all school Mass, our students learn in an atmosphere that reflects the teachings of the Gospel.*

## SACRAMENTS

**SECOND GRADE**  
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

**THIRD GRADE**  
FIRST RECONCILIATION

**EIGHTH GRADE**  
CONFIRMATION





## BEING GOOD STEWARDS

*We are all stewards of the many gifts and blessings God has given us. We are called to give thanks for those gifts, to use them wisely and to return them with gratitude to God.*

*Saint Clement School offers many opportunities for students to practice the stewardship of time and talent. This service is at the heart of what we teach our students at Saint Clement. Our parish motto of **Belong. Serve. Give. Pray. Learn.** is embodied by all of our staff and faculty. From integrating our faith into all we do, to using our strengths to help others, to modeling the importance of prayer, our students continue to amaze us in their passion for service, and we see the sense of fulfillment they experience when allowed the opportunity to give back.*



**STUDENTS & FACULTY PARTICIPATE IN THE PARISH WIDE SERVICE DAY.**

**PARTNERSHIP WITH SAINT MARGARET OF SCOTLAND SCHOOL IN THE WASHINGTON HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD.**

**STUDENTS MAKE AND DISTRIBUTE LUNCHES WEEKLY TO THE HOMELESS.**

**STUDENT COUNCIL FACILITATES RAISING FUNDS FOR A DIFFERENT CHARITY EACH MONTH.**



## THE POWER OF PLAY

*"Play is the highest form of research." - Albert Einstein*

*At Saint Clement we believe in fresh air, the power of play and that it powers our students brains. That's why we invested in a rooftop playground complete with a basketball court and much more. We love the outdoors, and we know our students do too!*





## A LOVE OF THE ARTS

*"I believe that we have the opportunity and responsibility to nurture every young person in body, mind, spirit and voice, helping them to become caring, compassionate and creative people, always knowing that they have a place in the beautiful choir that is humankind." -John Jacobson*

Studies show there is not only a direct correlation between the performing arts and academic achievement but also in building students' self esteem.

Whether through an annual music concert, a theatre production, an exhibition of visual artworks or by singing with the Anchords/ Clementines, Saint Clement gives students many opportunities to develop their creative thinking abilities.





**PLAY Hard.**  
**PLAY Smart.**  
**PLAY As a Team.**

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## ATHLETIC PROGRAM

*We believe that participation in athletics is an important component to a well-rounded educational experience. Through athletics, students develop ethical and moral standards, life-long skills and positive values. These values include leadership, healthy living habits, self-discipline, integrity, teamwork, respect for rules and the ability to deal with victory and defeat with dignity and grace.*

*To provide the most positive experience for our student athletes, we are partners with the Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA). PCA works with coaches, organizational leaders and parents to effectively teach young athletes not only how to win, but also how to learn about teamwork, discipline, respect and goal-setting through their sports experience.*

BASEBALL

BASKETBALL

CHEERLEADING

CROSS COUNTRY

FLAG FOOTBALL

SOCCER

SOFTBALL

TRACK

VOLLEYBALL



## EARLY BIRDS

*We know many families are working families. To accommodate those schedules, we have an early morning program that opens its doors at 7 a.m. Rise and shine!*



## AFTER SCHOOL

*Led by our Director of After School Programming, the program is held each school day from 3-6 p.m. The After School Program is not intended to be a high-powered enrichment program. It is less structured than the regular school day and offers a variety of mixed age group activities, as well as quiet time for independent reading, games or homework. Outdoor play throughout the seasons, including games on the rooftop playground and in the gymnasium, is encouraged for all children. The program is supervised by part-time and full-time staff members who are committed to providing a fun, caring and safe setting.*

## ENRICHMENT COURSES

*Saint Clement School also offers a variety of enrichment courses during the after school hours. New courses are offered every trimester. A sampling of classes includes twice jessons, aoding alub, k ini k usicals, f oops, aooking, ahess and much more.*



## ADMISSIONS PROCESS

Admission to Saint Clement School is dependent on respective class size numbers and a thorough review of the student's current academic file.

ALL NEW and TRANSFER students will be admitted on a probationary basis. A student new/transferring to Saint Clement is considered to be on both academic and behavior probation for up to one full school year.

ALL TRANSFER students entering will be evaluated and assessed to determine acceptance within Saint Clement School. Students applying to grade levels with a wait list will be placed on the wait list according to their appropriate grade level and application date submission.

## NEW STUDENTS IN PRE-K AND KINDERGARTEN

All accepted new PreK and Kindergarten students will come for a play date in May.

## QUALIFICATIONS FOR ADMISSION

An application for admission and a \$100 non-refundable application fee must be submitted to the school by January 15th for each student applying for admission. The following qualifications will be considered in determining priority for admission:

1. Families with a child currently enrolled at Saint Clement School.
2. Families who have been active, engaged, registered, and contributing parishioners and alumni of Saint Clement Church.
3. Families who are registered and engaged parishioners of neighboring Catholic churches.

## AGE REQUIREMENTS

**Pre-Kindergarten3:** The child must be 3 years of age by September 1st of the year they will begin school.

**Pre-Kindergarten4:** The child must be 4 years of age by September 1st of the year they will begin school.

**Kindergarten:** The child must be 5 years of age by September 1st of the year they will begin school.

## NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

Saint Clement is operated under the auspices of the Catholic Bishop of Chicago, a corporation sole, in the Archdiocese of Chicago. Saint Clement admits students of any race, color, gender, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students in this school. Saint Clement does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, or national and ethnic origin in administration or educational policies, loan programs, athletic or other school-administered programs.

## TRANSFER STUDENTS (K - 8)

Once Saint Clement School has received the application and necessary attachments, it's reviewed for academic fit.

If it is deemed that there is a potential fit, the student will be asked to shadow at the school and interview with a faculty member.

The parents may be requires interview with the Administration.

Following these steps, an admissions decision will be made.

## ADMISSIONS COFFEES

We are eager to meet you and answer any questions you may have! Attend a Saint Clement School Admissions Coffee to learn more and take a tour of our school. Prospective families are welcome to register for an Admissions Coffee through our website, [www.stclementschoool.org](http://www.stclementschoool.org). The Application For Admission is also available on the school website.

## PRIORITY ADMISSIONS DATE

To be considered for Priority Admissions, the *application for admission* and the non-refundable \$100 application fee must submitted by January 15th. Applications submitted after January 15th will be considered once the Priority Admissions Process is complete. In mid-February, emails of conditional acceptance or wait list status will be sent. Each applicant who met the January 15th Priority Admissions Deadline Requirements will receive an email at this time.

## ACCEPTANCE EXPECTATIONS

Parents are required to submit a non-refundable \$1,000 New Student Fee to hold your position within a week of receipt of the conditional acceptance letter.

A copy of the child's birth certificate, baptismal certificate (if applicable) and health records must also be submitted to the school at this time. The first tuition payment for the school year begins in the month of May, prior to the beginning of the academic year.









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