# **Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic School**

### Catholic Identity and Faith Infused With Learning

At OLA, our faith is a daily part of learning. It is infused into all aspects of our curriculum. Students learn to participate collectively in the Mass, answering Father's questions, responding to the prayers, and offering praise in song. In addition to necessary sacramental preparation and religious education, students have the opportunity to be actively involved in the Mass as Altar servers, ushers, and lectors, or as members of the School Choir. Students recreate Christ's journey through Living Stations of the Cross and share Christ's Spirit through prayer services held during Advent and Lent, as well as at daily Rosary. Our Administrator, Deacons, Sisters of Mercy, and all our teachers actively share the importance of faith with the students. In addition, we provide for our parents and families many opportunities to nurture their faith as they model Christian life for their students.

#### An Excellent Academic Experience

OLA is a tightly knit community dedicated to learning. Students are supported in academic achievement at Our Lady of the Assumption School in so many ways. Each classroom is equipped with Interactive white boards, which teachers utilize in their teaching to motivate and engage all learners. Parents are involved in their student's progress; monitoring performance, homework assignments, and participating in special projects. In grades four through eight, each student is assigned individual iPads for academics. Each week students partake in Empower Hour, where students learn through multiple level project-based learning highlighted with technology. Through Class blogs, email, and group texting, teachers communicate regularly and frequently with parents. Gradelink allows parents and students to stay up to date and well informed on academic progress. Teachers are also available to meet with parents through conferences, and before and after school. In addition, they offer tutoring sessions to promote student success. OLA educators challenge students to achieve their very best, and that in turn challenges them to do theirs.

## A Secure, Welcoming Environment

OLA students enjoy coming to school! They experience a stimulating, safe learning environment where they enjoy one another's company while developing spiritual, academic, cultural, and physical skills. Student safety is a top priority, as is evident from our requirement for volunteer background checks, locked gate policy, emergency notification system, Disaster Management Plan, and regular safety drills. Our shadow program assists new students and families in becoming familiar with procedures and routines of our school.

## Activities, Leadership, & Extracurricular Programs

Our Lady of the Assumption School offers activities for students in all grade levels. With a focus on service, opportunities for students include food drives, home supplies for our military, and outreach to Nursing Homes. Student Council Officers and class representatives from Grades 6-8 have further leadership opportunities as well, coordinating with our sister Catholic schools in the Diocese to hone leadership skills. Other activities for children include academic competitions, choir, Book Club, drama, Stock Market competition, and a wide range of athletics.