

What do you find appealing about St. Monica School?

- St. Monica has completely restructured its upper level math program to serve the individualized needs of students at different ability levels. St. Monica feels like a family - I have seen many instances of school families helping and supporting each other. -Julie Koegel

- What I find APPEaling about St. Monica School is how willing the teachers are to go above and beyond to help students succeed. -Ramona O.

- SMS is appealing because they have the highest academic standards and the highest quality of grade school teachers in the city. They work with parents to help children succeed. -April Wells

- My son has been at St. Monica for 1-1/2 years, and I have enjoyed watching him learn about the importance of religion for him and in our family life. The school integrates the Catholic education into the curriculum in a way that is meaningful and interesting to the children, even at a young age. -JoJo Rinebold

- I appreciate the closeness and acceptance that we feel at St Monica School. We appreciate the surprising diversity within this Catholic school.-Greg and Deborah Sokol

- St. Monica School exemplifies diversity and acceptance of all children. Combined with teachers who are experienced, nurturing and concerned about their students makes SMS an extremely APPEaling place to educate one's children! -Monica L. Joyner, MD mother of Chloe and Taylor Wentland

- What do I find APPEaling about St. Monica? I would say the technology. From the classroom clickers to the computer lab to the notebooks and smartboards and including the hallway signboards and especially the morning news. I am blown away by the opportunities that students have to learn using relevant, applicable methods that will serve them well in high school, college and employment. -Cheri Bush

- We have found that St. Monica has allowed us to begin to build and cultivate those same qualities in our children as they begin the process to become young men. Within the St. Monica family, they have each started to find mentors, models, and leadership that reaches far beyond their immediate family. Only with this type of support, will they be able to continue to grow in both their faith and their person. St. Monica is not “just a church” or “just a school”, it is a true community that will help us grow as a family. -John & Missy Baumgart

- Family- St. Monica feels as much like a family as it does a school. The teachers know their students, the students know their teachers, and the families know other families. There is respect and love for one another that is not found at most schools, especially this day in age. It's very appealing to be part of family-like school environment like St. Monica's.-Meg Purnsley, mom of Elise, 6th Grade

- We find St. Monica so APPEaling because it is so family oriented. Like a family, we all have fun together, learn together and take responsibility for each other. Each of us is responsible for our collective success; by performing service hours, we contribute to our collective wellbeing and enrich our community. We hold each other accountable so we can then celebrate our successes together.! –Don and Rita Davis

- What I find appealing at SMS are its diversity in people and ideas, its roots to the community (my husband graduated from SMS in 1965), and its commitment to excellence in education for its students.-Julie Newland

I find appealing about St Monica school: Is its: Warmth, caring , open arms, generosity, structure/discipline, zero tolerance for bullying and poking fun @ other students... We are new to the st Monica school. I have nothing but kind warm things to share. With this being the first year for my daughter, who is a 6th grader, I must give great kudos for all her 6th grade home room class mates and the rest of 6th grade class mates. They have welcomed her with loving faces and helpful arms. They have treated her as part of the St Monica family. The teachers are so kind and do genuinely care for the well being of the students.- Jerlyn Rogers-martin

- St Monica School offers smaller classroom sizes with more personal attention.-Breese family

- I really find that St Monica's diversity and dedication to developing the whole person are two of their most appealing characteristics. St Monica, although a private school, is very diversified. The students and faculty are of many different races and cultures. St Monica embraces these differences and strives to achieve the goal of quality education, one on one attention, and expanding on faith in Christ. This, not only creates an excellent learning environment, but also creates a well-rounded, faith-driven child. - PROMESA JUAREZ

- I feel that St. Monica has always tried to make continuous improvements with the school and church over the years that my two boys have attended the school (over 8+ yrs). When my oldest child started the new "wing" had just opened and it had been part of a capital stewardship program to grow the school with enrollment. A few years later, the new Gym was built to accommodate the athletic needs of the school and community. Structural changes were not the only improvements over the years, there have been administrative changes throughout the years to help enhance the academic environment. When I see any organization continuing to "make life better", it is very positive and definitely appealing. Keep up the good work and great attitude toward change. Change is a sign of "growth".- Marlene B.Griffin-Bunnell

- St. Monica has a warm, welcoming "vibe" about it which can be felt when you walk in the doors. Staff, teachers, volunteers, students....all seem glad to be there. The diverse enrollment has a cohesive bond as all students and families seem to want to work together and contribute to making our school a great school. There aren't the "airs" and pettiness present which seem to abound at some private schools.

St. Monica's kids are its shining star. I remember working the teachers luncheon a couple of years ago and as the children went through the lunch line it was "please" and "thank you" and respect and genuine caring for all. The man working beside me was an uncle of a student and he commented..."Wow, you don't see that a lot these days! This is a great bunch of kids!" Especially as one who has moved away and come back, it's easy to say, you just can't beat St. Monica! -Barb Hendricks

- What is most appealing about St. Monica School is the fact that the teachers and staff work to develop the student in a holistic manner, and the diversity of the student body. The students participate in service projects such as December to Remember and visiting agencies that deal with adults with special needs helps to teach the students that serving mankind makes them caring citizens that God wants them to be. The curriculum at St. Monica is effective in that students work in small groups where they can get the necessary attention that is best tailored for their learning abilities. The diversity of the student body at St. Monica is also representative of the community in which St. Monica resides. This is also appealing in that it teaches students that they will have to deal with people in a diverse society.-Michael and Anita Terry