

MISSION STATEMENT

*O.L.M. is a mosaic of all God's children.
Through Jesus we strive to develop individual potential, respect and acceptance for all.*

OUR LADY OF MERCY SCHOOL

CATHOLIC SCHOOL – KINDERGARTEN – GRADE 7

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SCHOOL PHILOSOPHY

As Catholic educators we believe that every child is a unique gift of the Lord. In co-operation with the parents, we are committed to the teachings of Christ in educating the whole child physically, emotionally, socially, intellectually and spiritually. We believe in encouraging each child's sense of responsibility, self worth and community values to the fullest of his/her capability.

A positive school climate affects everyone associated with the school: students, staff, parents and the community. We believe that all people best learn and teach in an atmosphere of compassion, generosity, joy and laughter.

In addition to ensuring quality teaching and leadership, we have developed clear and consistent expectations which will be applied with love and understanding in order to achieve a caring and safe school culture. We believe that all students deserve a learning environment in which they are safe, respected and feel accepted.

GOALS - OBJECTIVES

1. Our school is a community where a child is received with open arms, where caring and love is our aim, celebrating the unique character and culture of each human being.
2. Within the framework of our faith-based school community we strive for a sense of prayer and spiritual awareness through religious instruction, liturgy and personal example. Through our daily interactions it is our hope to develop a joyful self-disciplined child with sound Christian values and a sense of respect for oneself and others.
3. With a sense of pride in ourselves and our school we strive to establish and maintain an atmosphere of learning which is rich in enthusiasm, challenge and excitement for new experiences.
4. We, as Catholic educators, recognize the role of parents as the prime teachers of their children and welcome their interest, co-operation and involvement in the total development of the school community.

5. Through our Positive Behaviour Support Model we directly teach the concepts of being respectful, being safe and being responsible.

THE CURRICULUM

The school follows the complete curriculum prescribed by the Ministry of Education, including all academic subjects and physical education. Besides the standard curriculum our course of studies includes Religion and French.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS – Uniforms are to be purchased through Neat Uniforms, 1050 Boundary Road, Burnaby, B.C. Phone: 604-205-7555

Uniforms must be in good condition, laundered and remain a suitable fit. Responsibility of correction first rests with the parent, the child and then the teacher.

- Girls** - Twill one flap culotte (skort), white school crested golf shirt, navy blue school cardigan and navy blue knee socks or navy blue tights.
- Boys** - Navy blue rugby or twill dress pants, white school crested golf shirt, navy blue school v-necked pullover and navy blue socks.
- For Gym** - Mesh blue shorts, blue T-shirt with school crest and runners (with non-skid and non-marking soles).
- Shoes:** Black shoes (with non-skid and non-marking soles) or black runners (with non-skid and non-marking soles). No colour other than white or grey accent can be on the shoes (for example, white or grey soles, white or grey Nike swoosh) and the shoes must be at least 90% black.
- Hair:** Hair colour is to remain natural in appearance. Students are not permitted to have mohawks or shaved designs in their hair. Hair length for boys is not to go below the top of their shoulders.
- Accessories:** Girls are allowed black or navy blue hair accessories. Earrings for the students (small studs only) are allowed for the boys and girls. Absolutely no jewelry is allowed during sporting events. Absolutely no nail polish and no make-up. No body piercing, artificial or permanently applied tattoos are to be visible.

SCHOOL HOURS

- Morning Bell 8:45 a.m.
Recess 10:15-10:30 a.m.
Lunch 12:00-12:55 p.m.
Afternoon Bell 3:00 p.m.

Please note that it is mandatory for a pupil to attend Our Lady of Mercy School for no fewer than 135 days from the first day of school until May 15th in order to qualify for the full Government Grant. We require the Government Grant in order to meet our budget. It is therefore **the responsibility of the parents** to ensure that their children meet the above criteria. Should a pupil be forced to miss school due to illness, **it is necessary to submit a note or a doctor's confirmation to the teacher when your child returns to school.** If your child does not meet the requirement of 135 days necessary while registered, you will be asked to make up the difference of the reduced grant.