Why Choose Our Lady of Victory Catholic School for your Child?

Our Lady of Victory Catholic School, the parish school of The Our Lady of Victory Cathedral, has served families in the Victoria community for 60 years and continues to provide the highest standards of Catholic education in grades Pre-K3 through 8th. The school's mission is to build character, achieve academic excellence, and Honor Christ through our Catholic faith. This Christian mission and vision is lived out daily by our students, faculty and staff.

Our Lady of Victory Catholic School contributes its success to great school family, enthusiastic students, dedicated teachers, supportive parents and parish community, and caring volunteers.

Religious Environment: Students begin and end each day with prayer and have opportunities to pray throughout the day. They are taught the basics of the Catholic Faith and sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion in their religion classes. Students are guided to show respect for all faiths and individuals. Students attend weekly Mass and participate in monthly service projects.

Academics: Our Lady of Victory Catholic School, a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence 2008, is dedicated to preparing students for high school. Accredited by the Texas Catholic Conference Education Department and recognized by Texas Education Association, Our Lady of Victory follows the curriculum guidelines adopted by the Diocese of Victoria. Students take the lowa Assessment of Basic Skills tests to track the learning process and make any needed curriculum adjustments.

The challenging core curriculum is enhanced with algebra, art, band, music, handwriting, Spanish and physical education. Additional academic opportunities include PSIA, Patriots Day, Living Museum, Mock Trial and electives offered in 8th grade.

<u>Teachers:</u> The teachers at Our Lady of Victory Catholic School are degreed, qualified and experienced. They are all Gifted and Talented trained.

Sports: Learning the basics of the different sports and how to play as a team are the focuses at Our Lady of Victory Catholic School. Students in grades 6-8 are eligible to participate in football (boys), volleyball (girls), basketball, track, soccer and softball. Students in 5th may also participate in soccer, softball and track. Cheerleading and Dance Team is also offered to girls in grades 6-8.

<u>Fine Arts</u>: OLV Fine Arts program includes a general music program for grades Pre-K3 to grade 6, a school choir from grades 5-8, band for grades 5-7 and elective for 8th grade. Art is taught to students in grades 1-6 and as an elective class to grades 7 and 8.

<u>Technology:</u> Technology is incorporated daily in the classrooms. All grades 1-8 have a classroom set of IPad minis and access to chrome books. A class set of IPad minis is also available to students in 3K-Kinder. Our Lady of Victory continues to expand its technology based curriculum to facilitate learning.

School Uniforms: Our Lady of Victory Catholic School supports a school uniform policy that is a symbol of students' pride in themselves and the school. School uniforms are required for all students 3K-8.

<u>Before and After School Care:</u> Our Lady of Victory opens its school doors at 7:00 a.m. for morning supervision in the school cafeteria for students in grades 1-8 and the Early Childhood Center for students 3k-kinder at no charge. After School care is available from 4:00 p.m.- 5:30 p.m. Rates are determined and payable at registration or before a student is allowed in after school care.

<u>Safe Environment:</u> OLV has a security system in which the outside doors and gates are secured during the school day. All parents and visitors are required to check in at the front office. All faculty/staff members and volunteers are screened through the Diocesan Safe Environment Program to ensure the safety of all students.

<u>Communication:</u> Various methods are used for communication with parents and guardians. RENWEB is an online portal where parents can log in and monitor their child's homework, grades, etc. Parents and teachers can communicate via email through this system. The Parent Alert System enables a quick communication of important information via text, email and voice message to parents.