



Extracurricular Activities

As part of our commitment to developing the whole child, after-school activities allow students to explore their interests and develop their talents alongside their classmates.

MUSIC

- **Choir** – (grades 3-8) Children use their talents to fully participate in the liturgy, singing weekly at the School Mass and monthly at a Parish 10am Mass. They perform in the Diocesan Music Festival and at special liturgies.
- **Band** – (grades 4-8) Students learn to play an instrument, participating in the Garwood Whaley Music Program with weekly instruction. Advanced Band practices together after school once a week. The Band performs in the Diocesan Band Festival and a regional competition each year.

ATHLETICS

- **Junior CYO Basketball** – (grades 4-8) Students learn the fundamentals of basketball in an environment which encourages good sportsmanship and the development of healthy habits in staying fit. Teams compete against other schools in the diocese.
- **Junior CYO Track and Cross Country** – (grades 3-8) Our largest after-school activity, track teaches students the value of teamwork. Students benefit from their conditioning at practice twice a week after school. They compete in three track meets against other diocesan schools.

SERVICE

- **Altar Servers** (Boys in grades 5-8) – Students practice their faith by serving at parish and school Masses.
- **Crochet USA** – students learn to crochet and make afghan squares which are crocheted together to make blankets for injured soldiers. Our students have already made over 35 blankets!
- **Safety Patrols** – students in grades 5-8 are eligible to serve as Safety Patrols during morning and afternoon carpool.

ACADEMICS

- **Battle of the Books** – 5th and 6th grade students read a selection of books throughout the year. They meet every other week to discuss. Snacks and activities are correlated to the books. Students participate in the diocesan Battle of the Books competition.
- **Yearbook** – 8th graders produce our award-winning yearbook. Mrs. Greshock sponsors the Yearbook Staff as part of a Middle School Enrichment Class.
- **Chess Club** – (grades 4-8) Students learn game strategies and enjoy the challenge of intramural matches.