



# SAINT AUGUSTINE SCHOOL

WISDOM ~ INTEGRITY ~ RESPECT ~ EXCELLENCE ~ DEVOTION

## FACT SHEET

### HISTORY

In 1914, Saint Augustine Church opened its own grammar school under the direction of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, who continue to serve our parish community today. In its first four years, classes were conducted in the convent. In 1918, St. Augustine School opened its doors to the excitement of children and their grateful parents. In the years 1959 to 1961, under the pastorate of Fr. Henry Smith, OSA, an addition to the school was built doubling its capacity.

### PHILOSOPHY

St. Augustine School provides a high-quality Catholic education to children in Nursery through Grade 8. In an environment that supports, encourages and nurtures spiritual, intellectual, social and personal growth, we accept and embrace the traditions and challenges of educating children to be faithful, confident and competent.

### ACCREDITATION

In 2006, St. Augustine School received a 10-year re-accreditation from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC).

**TESTING:** The Terra Nova Academic Achievement Test is administered annually in Grades 2 through 8.

### FACULTY

Total number of teachers 36  
Student/teacher ratio 25/1  
Teachers are certified by the MA Dept. of Education.

### FACILITY

Within the school, there are 18 classrooms, art and music rooms, a technology lab, a library and media center, math and literacy labs, as well as cafeteria/kitchen areas. Physical education classes are held in an adjacent facility. Nursery and Pre-K Programs are held in St. Rita Hall, on the lower level of St. Augustine Church on Essex Street in Andover.

### SCHOOL DAY

Students may enter the building at 8:45 a.m. and are dismissed for the day at 3:00 p.m.

### DRESS CODE

Students in Grades K-8 are required to wear the school uniform, which helps to encourage a non-competitive atmosphere. Students are neatly dressed and present a positive self-image. Uniforms are available through **J.B. Edward Uniforms** in Woburn, MA. To order, call 800-654-5148 or go to [www.jbedwarduniforms.com](http://www.jbedwarduniforms.com).

### MISSION

The mission of St. Augustine School is to celebrate our strong Catholic identity, to promote academic excellence, and to foster respect and justice for all individuals. We strive to create an environment that prepares our students to draw upon their faith in order to conduct their lives with integrity and wisdom.

### LOCATION

Located in the center of downtown Andover, our school is a short walk to St. Augustine Church. Ample parking is available in the adjoining town lot for student events as well as daily drop-off and pick-up by parents and caregivers.

### CURRICULUM

Students are presented a curriculum of core subjects including Math, Science, Language Arts, Social Studies and Religion . as well as the special subject areas of Art, Music, Technology, Physical Education and Library. There is also a World Language Program. Chinese is taught in Grades K-4. French, Spanish and Latin are offered in Grades 6-8.

### STUDENTS

2009/2010 enrollment (Nursery-Grade 8) 448  
Average # of students per classroom (K-8) 25

Students attend from various local communities including Andover, Billerica, Boxford, Chelmsford, Dracut, Haverhill, Lawrence, Methuen, N. Andover, N. Reading, Reading, Tewksbury, Townsend and Wilmington.

### TUITION

2009/2010

Nursery (2 days) \$2,075/year  
Nursery (3 days) \$2,650/year  
Nursery (4 days) \$3,275/year  
Nursery (5 days) \$3,850/year  
Pre-K (4 days) \$3,325/year  
Pre-K (5 days) \$3,850/year  
Grades K-8 \$4,700/year  
Tuition rates are reviewed annually by the School Finance Committee. Tuition assistance is available.

### TRANSPORTATION

Bus transportation is available for Andover-resident students. Students from surrounding towns participate in carpools and/or receive private transportation.

### 2009 GRADUATES

Enrolled in private/Catholic high schools 77%  
Enrolled in public high schools 23%  
Matriculation rates of graduates of St. Augustine School rival those of the best local public and private institutions.