

Opelousas Catholic School...

There is a lot to be said in a name. In our case:

- Catholic
 - not Christian...not private...but CATHOLIC.
 - The Catholic in our name implies that EVERYTHING we do centers around that faith.
 - Yes, we are Catholic and religion is our focus – and we are proud of that.
 - Weekly Mass, morning and hourly prayer, confessions, pastoral visits, religion classes, special religious activities, even films and class novels selected to fit our religious beliefs – all are an integral part of what we do.
- School
 - not “high school”...not “elementary”...not “academy”...but that simple word SCHOOL.
 - That simple word implies that we are one school, equal from PK to senior. Our teachers are all valuable and, like our students, are treated the same.
 - Yes, there have to be differences in rule consequences between a kindergarten student and a sophomore in high school, but the rules are the same, especially those dealing with common courtesy, offensive language, and threatening behavior.
 - When it comes to spending our limited resources, they are spent equally on elementary programs, junior high programs and high school programs on a per capita basis.
 - Our elementary students are admitted free to our athletic contests, attend high school pep rallies, and are invited to all programs that are age appropriate for them.
 - It’s not one-sided – our high school students benefit by serving as role models for our younger students and many of our seniors work directly with PK-5th grade as teacher’s aides.
 - And, finally, we no longer use the word “academy.” In our school’s rich history, there were many years when we were an academy for girls or had separate “academy” classes for girls and boys on the same campus. Times have changed; when AIC was here, many Catholic schools, especially those that were single-sex schools, were called academies.

We are a Catholic School – proud of our faith and committed to that faith but tolerant of other religious beliefs. We are a united school, and regardless of grade level, we are all part of the Opelousas Catholic School family.

And family sticks together, forgiving our faults and mistakes and striving together to make the family better and stronger.