



*Sparking Minds, Enriching
Souls, Inspiring Futures*

Why Divine Wisdom Catholic Academy?

THIS SEPTEMBER.....

DISCOVER THE DIFFERENCE

Academic Excellence

▶ **Accreditation & Curriculum**

▶ Divine Wisdom Catholic Academy is a nurturing Catholic elementary school committed to fostering academic excellence and enriching the spiritual development of its students. Accredited by The Cognia Global Commission, the Academy's curriculum surpasses Next Generation Standards in Literacy, Science, Math, and NYS Social Studies Learning Standards.

▶ **Teacher Professional Development**

▶ To ensure teacher proficiency, ongoing professional development opportunities are our priority, and Generation Ready Coaches offer support in Literacy and Math.

▶ **Use of iReady Data**

▶ The Academy utilizes iReady Data to tailor instruction and enhance student learning.

▶ **Enrichment Education**

▶ Emphasizing the importance of a STEM education, the Academy's STEM lab provides a student-centered and project-based learning environment. This approach equips students not only with science, technology, engineering, and math skills but also fosters critical thinking, problem-solving, creativity, and decision-making abilities.

▶ Art and technology education are integrated into the curriculum, with students attending weekly classes in the Art Studio to study famous artists and various artistic techniques. In the state-of-the-art computer lab, students learn coding, website design, app development, and other technology-related skills, promoting engagement and 21st-century competencies.

▶ In addition to academic subjects, the Academy offers Spanish education to instill an appreciation for diverse cultures. Younger students focus on basic language skills, while older students develop their listening, writing, reading, and speaking abilities.

▶ **By focusing on these areas, our Academy aims to provide a well-rounded and enriching education for our students, preparing them for future academic and career success.**

Academy Leadership Team

▶ **Academy Governance:**

▶ Our Academy follows a two-tier governance structure:

▶ 1. Board of Members

▶ 2. Board of Trustees

▶ **Dedicated and Experienced Academic Leadership Team:**

▶ Our Academy is led by a dedicated and experienced academic leadership team, including:

▶ - Principal: Miriam Bonici

▶ - Middle School Associate Principal: Linda Keppel

▶ - Early Childhood Associate Principal: Sylvia Roccia

▶ **Teaching Staff:**

▶ We have a team of 31 full-time teachers and 6 teaching assistants, including specialized enrichment teachers in the following subjects:

▶ - Art

▶ - Music

▶ - STEM

▶ - Technology

▶ - Spanish

▶ - Health & Wellness

▶ - Learning Lab

Academy Organization

- ▶ **Academy Organization Structure:**

- ▶ We offer a comprehensive education program across the following grade levels:

- ▶ - Early Childhood: PreK-3, PreK-4, and Kindergarten

- ▶ - Elementary School: Grades 1-3

- ▶ - Middle School: Grades 4-6

- ▶ - Junior High School: Grades 7- 8

- ▶ **Small Class Size:**

- ▶ To ensure personalized attention and a conducive learning environment, we maintain small class sizes with two classes per grade.

- ▶ On average, our Kindergarten to Grade 8 classes have 15 students.

- ▶ **With this well-structured team, specialized educators, and a focus on maintaining small class sizes, we aim to provide the best possible learning experience for our students, promoting their academic growth and overall development.**

Student Life

▶ Academy Programs & Clubs:

▶ Our Academy offers a diverse range of programs and clubs catering to various interests and talents:

- ▶ - Pope Francis Society - Health & Wellness Algebra | Regents Course
- ▶ - Student Government - Public Forum Debate

▶ After School Clubs:

▶ We provide an array of engaging after-school clubs to further enrich students' experiences:

- ▶ - All That Jazz - Chess Nuts - Financial Literacy - TACHS Prep
- ▶ - Band - Crochet Class - Math Olympiads - Tiger Tennis Academy
- ▶ - Brix4Kids - Drama Club - Math Puzzle & Board Games

▶ Go Bears!

▶ We show our school spirit. Each Division has its own mascot.

▶ **Through these programs and clubs, we aim to provide a well-rounded and fulfilling student life experience, fostering personal growth, and nurturing a sense of responsibility and compassion for the community.**

Our Community

▶ **Faith-Based Education:**

- ▶ Supported by St. Anastasia Church, our Academy offers a faith-based education that is guided by the Parish Pastor and Religious Educators. We provide preparation for Sacraments with the assistance of both Parish and Academy staff.

▶ **CYO Sports:**

- ▶ Students have the chance to join any Parish-sponsored team in CYO Sports, promoting teamwork, sportsmanship, and physical fitness.

▶ **Loukoumi Foundation:**

- ▶ We are honored to be the proud recipient of the 2023 Make a Difference Award from the Loukoumi Foundation. As a member of the Loukoumi Foundation's International Good Deeds Council of Schools, we are excited to be one of the ten schools selected nationally to join for the 2023/2024 year. This recognition highlights our dedication to making a positive impact in our community.

- ▶ **Student Life at our Academy is enriched with various opportunities for personal growth, community involvement, and faith-based education.**

Safe & Secure

▶ **Security Personnel:**

▶ To maintain a safe environment, we have a dedicated Security Guard stationed at the front door. This guard monitors security cameras and ensures the security of the entire building and Academy grounds.

▶ **Medical Support:**

▶ The safety of our students extends to their health and well-being. We have a Registered Nurse available during school hours to provide medical assistance and support to students when needed.

▶ **Surveillance System:**

▶ We have invested in a robust surveillance system with over 50 cameras strategically placed to monitor and record all hallways, external doorways, and the Academy grounds. This system enhances our ability to ensure a secure environment.

▶ **Emergency Response:**

▶ Our panic and fire alarms are directly connected to the local Police and Fire Departments, enabling swift emergency response.

▶ **Security Grants:**

▶ Our proactive security committee has successfully applied for and received over 200K in grants. These funds have been utilized to install and upgrade our security systems.

▶ **Student Online Safety:**

▶ We prioritize the online safety of our students. We have installed Go Guardian Software on all devices used within the Academy. This software monitors student online activity, classroom engagement, and overall student wellness, helping to create a secure digital learning environment

▶ **Safety and security are a priority at the Academy. We have implemented comprehensive measures to ensure the well-being of our students and staff.**