

# Frequently Asked Questions

## Our Faith

- MTCES has a Campus Minister who works with students to plan, lead and participate in Mass twice a month and on Holy Days. They also plan and participate in several prayer services. MTCES students are servers, lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and are involved in Music Ministry.
- MTCES students participate in a school wide retreat, Seder Meal activity, and Stations of the Cross during Lent. Students gather for prayer every morning and pray the Rosary during October and May. Each day begins with school-wide morning prayer in the gym, and closes with prayer led by the Principal.
- Students are involved in various outreach programs including: food drives for Reach Out Lakota, Magnified Giving, and the Random Acts of Kindness Club. Student Council also chooses different charities to support monthly.

## Our Families

- Involvement of our parents, not only builds our community, but helps to keep tuition costs down.
- Families are asked to volunteer a minimum of 30 hours a year.
- Opportunities are numerous and varied from recess and cafeteria duty to various committees and at home support opportunities.

## Our Facilities

- In 2016, MTCES opened a new academic wing to make room for more families who wanted a Catholic education for their children. Enrollment has grown to 610 students because of this expansion. This wing is nearly 22,000 sq. ft. and houses 16 additional classrooms some of which are dedicated Spanish, Art, and tutoring spaces.
- In 2022 a renovation of the gathering space took place which added a chapel, an additional small group space, and a new teachers lounge.

## MTCES Statistics

- Mother Teresa offers a full K-8 program, with 3 classes per grade in grades 1-8, and 4 Kindergarten classes.
- MTCES currently has an enrollment of 610 children, with an average class size of 25 students. In Kindergarten, the cap number of students is 19.
- School hours are from 7:45am—2:20pm.
- Tuition for the 2023-2024 school year is \$5,450 per child.
- Currently, Lakota (outside a 1-mile radius from MTCES), Mason, and Monroe provide bus service to MTCES.
- MTCES students wear a uniform consisting of navy pants/shorts, light blue/white polo shirts, and skirts or uniform plaid jumper/skirt for the girls.
- Students may “brown bag” or order hot lunch.
- MTCES offers an Extended Care program for MTCES students starting from 2:20pm until 6:00pm.
- MTCES is a private Catholic school. It has no direct financial association with any parish, though we draw students from many parishes including St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. John the Evangelist, and Our Lady of Sorrows.

## Registration

- New Family registration begins at Open House (February 2, 2023) and runs through Thursday, March 2, 2023 at 3:00pm. Registration materials can be found online at [www.mtces.org](http://www.mtces.org) beginning on February 2, 2023.
- Families need to submit a completed Registration form, Parish & Volunteer Documentation form, Volunteer Opportunities form, a copy of the child’s birth and baptismal certificates, and a \$150 deposit which will be applied toward tuition. The deposit is per family, not per child.
- Students are admitted according to a set of criteria, not on a first come, first serve basis. The admission policy is outlined in the Registration Packet.
- Families will be notified at the end of March, by letter, if their child has been offered a position.

## Technology

- MTCES has a full computer lab, and all students have Technology class once a week.
- MTCES is a Google School: students have a school email with access to Google drive.
- Students in grades 5-8 are issued a Chromebook for 1:1 use in and out of school.
- Third and fourth grade classrooms have a class set of Chromebooks.
- All kindergarten through grade two classrooms share a set of Chromebooks. Some classes have iPads as well.
- All 3rd-8th grade classrooms and the Music classroom have full sets of Chromebooks
- All kindergarten through grade two classrooms have access to Chromebooks and iPads as well.
- The library and intervention classrooms each have access to Chromebooks.

## Faculty

- All of our faculty are fully certified licensed teachers with over 50% holding a Masters Degree.
- Student Support Services include 3 intervention specialists, 2 reading specialists, a speech/language pathologist, and 2 counselors.
- Every grade level is supported with at least one instructional aide.

## Testing/Curriculum

- Grades 2, 5, and 7 take the Cognitive Abilities Test and grades 3-7 take the Iowa Assessments. All standardized tests are taken in the Spring.
- Additionally, MTCES uses STAR Math and Reading to screen student progress three times per year.
- MTCES follows the Graded Course of Study developed by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and approved by the State of Ohio.

## Extracurriculars

- MTCES offers girls basketball, volleyball, cheerleading, and dance; boys basketball and volleyball; and co-ed track. Coed Golf begins in 5th grade. We also offer boys football through the Golden Bears.
- MTCES has American Heritage Girls, Cub Scouts, Band, Choir, Student Council, Student

## High School Choices

- The majority of MTCES graduates choose to attend Badin, Fenwick, Moeller, Mount Notre Dame, St. Xavier, or Ursuline.