



St. Eugene School

Guiding hearts, growing minds

Thank you for your interest in St. Eugene School. We know that choosing a school for your child is an important decision. We are blessed with many very good educational options in this area. It takes time to learn about those options as you gather all the information you need to feel confident about your choice of school.

This information packet is one tool to help you learn about what St. Eugene School can offer your child. You can find more information on our website, www.steugene.school. It also helps to have some face-to-face conversations. We strongly encourage families to attend our Open House or take a tour, so that you can see the school and meet the staff.

We are always happy to share the good news of St. Eugene School. Our goal is to answer all your questions and give you a complete picture of the school, so that you can make an informed decision about the right place for your child.

We look forward to meeting you.

God's blessings,

Nicolle R. Schroeder
Nicolle R. Schroeder, Principal

Extended Care Program

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To help working families, St. Eugene School offers a prepaid before and after school care program. The extended care program provides a safe and fun place for students in 3K (full day) through 8th grade. It is located in the school building and is staffed by a director and aide, both of whom are school employees.

AM Care

The morning extended care is offered from 6:45-7:45 AM. After 7:45, the students go outside to play before school starts.

PM Care

The afternoon care is offered from 3:10-6:00 PM. It is unstructured time for the students to play, do homework, and socialize with other students.

Registration

Registration forms are on the school website: www.steugene.school.



3K Preschool Program

St. Eugene School offers a 3K (preschool) program. Our 3K (preschool) program provides families with a warm, caring environment for three year olds to have fun and explore as they begin to learn in a school setting.

- **3K Options:** Full day (8:00–3:10) M-F; full day M,W,F
Half day (8:00-11:00) M-F; half day M,W,F
- **Tuition:** 3K follows its own tuition schedule which is published in the spring.
- **Extended Care:** Begins before school at 6:45 am or after school for full day 3K until 6:00 pm.
- **Enrollment:** Enrollment is limited to children who will have turned 3 on or before September 1. Class size is 16. Students must be fully toilet trained and independent in their toileting.
- **Curriculum:** Curriculum is hands on and activity based. Students are encouraged to explore, play, and learn in a Catholic, faith-based environment.



An Education You Can Have Faith In

As a teacher who has worked in other Catholic schools, I am especially impressed by the strong Catholic identity at St. Eugene School. Here, faith is a priority. Adults and children are constantly engaged in living the principles of faith, not just learning them. The Catholic faith is visible and interwoven everywhere in the school.

-St. Eugene School Teacher

At St. Eugene School, we create a climate that emphasizes **both faith and academics**, where hard work and prayer both have a place in the classroom. Through dozens of direct messages and subtle reminders throughout the day, our school community reinforces the values that you seek to instill in your children. In 2016, the Archdiocese of Milwaukee honored our school with the Exemplary Recognition Award for Mission and Catholic Identity.

St. Eugene students receive direct **religious instruction** daily. Those in grades 5K through 8 attend **Mass** once a week, where the students take on leadership roles, presenting readings from the Bible, leading the congregation in prayer, and singing in the children's choir. Students take part in our **Worship Circle** program, a developmentally appropriate way for them to hear Bible stories, pray together, and learn about God's love for them. The **parish priests** support the religion curriculum by being present in the classrooms and celebrating the sacraments.

Students begin every day with **prayer**. They participate in the **Panther Way** character development program and engage in **service** projects tied to Catholic social teaching. On a regular basis, they hear about the importance of both loving God and loving those people around them.

Our goal is to raise up children who have learned to listen for God's voice as they live their lives, who reflect on the teachings of Jesus when they make decisions, who can rely on their faith for strength when facing life's challenges.



A Supportive and Involved Community

It's a nurturing environment. I love the care and concern that I see, the hugs and hellos from the teachers. It's a genuine concern for the children. I feel really good dropping him off and picking him up each day.

-Current School Parent

We surveyed our school parents and asked them, "What is one word you associate with St. Eugene School?" They came back with many different responses, including Family, Commitment, Results, Quality, and Leadership. The most common response by far, though, was **Community**.

For our students, community starts with summer kindergarten playdates, held on our school playground, that help younger students and their parents build **relationships** and begin to feel comfortable with school. During the school year, our Guardian Angel programs help students feel connected. Older students partner with younger students to do activities and to help them feel confident and welcome at our school.

For parents, community means many things. First, there is a real sense that we **work together**. Parents and teachers have a strong partnership. Parents are assets for one another as well, answering questions and sharing strategies. The parent community is built and strengthened through **social events**.

Parents are actively involved, with an expectation that all parents **volunteer** in some way to support the school. That may mean working on fundraisers, helping in the classroom, or coaching a t-ball team. Students learn that education is a priority when they see their parents give time to the school.

Parents at St. Eugene School not only help; they also **lead**. Opportunities abound for parents to participate in setting direction and organizing initiatives. Parents serve on our School Commission, our Home and School Association Executive Board, and our Pastoral Council.



Every Student Known By Name

“I was unsure about the school’s size at first, but it’s really a great community. Everyone knows your child so he/she gets that extra attention. A sense of community means more to me now that my children are at St. Eugene.”
-Current School Parent

St. Eugene School has one classroom per grade, with class sizes typically between 15 and 20. Our small size is an asset that enriches our students’ education in many ways.

- **Teamwork** – Our size makes it easier for teachers to work together, and for teachers and parents to build effective working relationships.
- **Attention** – No student is anonymous at St. Eugene School. Students get extra attention that supports their learning.
- **Involvement** – There is room for everyone in our middle school musical and on our sports teams. We have a wide range of extracurricular options at St. Eugene, and our students are very involved. *Art Club, Band, Basketball, Battle of the Books, Cantors, Children’s Choir, Cross Country, Shining Light Service Club, Lego League, Mass Servers, MathCounts, Math Olympiads, Middle School Musical, Scouts, Ski Club, Student Council, T-ball, Track, Volleyball.*
- **Success** – Research has confirmed that students at smaller schools achieve at higher levels than students at larger schools.

Again and again, parents of our graduates report back that their children transition to high school well – that they are academically well prepared, and that they move into a larger school environment with confidence. That confidence carries through to success in college and beyond. And as they move on to study and work all around this big world, St. Eugene graduates carry with them the lessons and the values they learned at this small school.



A Foundation of Academic Excellence

St. Eugene takes pride in providing an education that is **challenging and meets the varying needs** of students. St. Eugene School delivers academic excellence by embracing technology, valuing specialty classes, and differentiating instruction. Top notch teachers weave it all together so our students excel. The Archdiocese of Milwaukee honored our school with the **Exemplary Recognition Award for Academic Excellence**.



St. Eugene School embraces technology. Historically St. Eugene was one of the first schools in the Archdiocese to equip a state-of-the-art **computer lab**, and was the first school on the north shore to implement a 1:1 iPad program. Our **iPad program** allows middle school students to use technology throughout the day as well as at home. Our fleet of **STEAM Rollers** take technology into every classroom. These mobile carts are filled with ideas and supplies for developing science, technology, engineering, arts, and math (STEAM) skills, and each has a focus such as building, virtual reality, coding and robotics, and 3-D design. The Archdiocese of Milwaukee awarded St. Eugene **Exemplary Recognition for Innovative Programs**.

In addition to technology, our students are well rounded. **Specialty classes** remain a priority. **Art, music, physical education, health, Spanish, technology, and library** are offered to students in all grades, meeting 2 to 3 times per week. When some schools are being asked to cut out some of these specialty areas, St. Eugene has worked to retain and expand them.

In order to meet the varying needs of students, St. Eugene has a **Learning Resource Center** with a **Director of Learning Support**. The LRC allows for individual and small group instruction, literacy support, and professional development in differentiated instruction. Students are also given opportunities for enrichment through programs such as The Discovery Project.

St. Eugene School students are learning to **appreciate diversity, think like global citizens, and prepare for the multicultural workforce of their future**. The curriculum in various subjects – for example, social studies and religion – supports these concepts. Beginning in 1st grade, all students study the Spanish language and culture. Service projects connect our children with their counterparts in our twinning parish in Nkonkonjeru, Uganda. Our overall school population identifies as 15% diverse. These and many other factors are **expanding our students' understanding of our world today**.

All of the above ensure that St. Eugene students are **successful**. Standardized test scores match or exceed those of students in the local public schools. Upon entering high school, our alumni continue to excel, make the honor rolls, serve on student councils, lead campus ministry programs, and participate in many extracurricular activities. High school teachers and administrators report that St. Eugene students are easily identified because of their **confidence and ability to excel**.

We know that great **teachers** make for great schools. St. Eugene teachers are among the best in the field. Five teachers and one administrator have received the prestigious **Kohl Fellowship** which recognizes excellence in the profession. Fifty percent hold **advanced degrees** and most have 15 or more graduate credits in education. St. Eugene teachers work tirelessly providing a well-rounded curriculum. Their performance and dedication demonstrate that teaching is more than a profession, it is a vocation.



Admission Information

Registration

- Re-enrollment for current families begins the last two weeks of January for the upcoming school year.
- Registration for new families begins at the Open House in January.

Admission of New Students

- St. Eugene School respects the dignity of the child. Neither race, nationality, nor characteristics commonly associated with discrimination will prevent a child from being accepted.
- Children of other religions may be accepted for enrollment unless attendance would cause conflict for the child because of the unique religious philosophy of our educational program. All non-Catholic students are required to attend religion classes and to stand or sit with the class when at liturgy, but do not receive the sacraments.
- Students must be 3 years of age on or before Sept. 1, 2024 to enter the 3K program at St. Eugene.
- Students must be completely independent in their toileting needs.
- Students enrolled in 4K and 5K will be invited to participate in the Kindergarten Kick Off event held in May as an opportunity for the teacher to meet the students and help them acclimate.
- Students transferring to St. Eugene School in grades 1-8 must provide a report card, standardized test results, and a completed questionnaire from the prior school. They will meet with the Director of Learning Support to complete reading and math assessments. St. Eugene School reserves the right to deny admission if the school administration believes that this is not the most appropriate placement for the child based on his/her learning needs.
- The first year at St. Eugene School is probationary for all students.

Student Enrollment Priority Policy

Students are accepted to St. Eugene School in the following order:

1. Currently enrolled students in good academic and financial standing with the school.
2. New students with a sibling currently enrolled at St. Eugene and whose parent or guardian is a registered parishioner of St. Eugene Congregation.
3. New students with a sibling currently enrolled at St. Eugene and whose parent or guardian is not a registered parishioner of St. Eugene Congregation.
4. New students of families with a parent or guardian who is a SES alumnus and is currently a registered parishioner of Saint Eugene Congregation.
5. New students of families with a parent or guardian who is a registered parishioner of St. Eugene Congregation.
6. New students of families with a parent or guardian who is a SES alumnus and is not a registered parishioner of Saint Eugene Congregation.
7. New students whose parents or guardians are not registered parishioners.

When necessary, priority will be given to parishioners based on the length of parish membership.

