ST. JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

EXPERIENCE THE DIFFERENCE
The Mission of the St. John Paul II Catholic Schools is to inspire excellence by teaching the total person and fostering the following of Christ, as taught by the Catholic Church
The St. John Paul II Catholic Schools system is recognized for their tradition of academic excellence, environments conducive to teaching and learning, partnering with parents as the primary educators of their children, and values education. We exist primarily to participate in the educational mission of the Catholic Church. Our goal is to develop the total person, stressing a deeper appreciation of the gift of faith. Professional dedicated teachers and staff members contribute to the attainment of this goal by supporting the school environment.
The first Catholic School in Fargo opened on July 26, 1882 under the auspices of the Presentation Sisters from Ireland. The sisters opened a high school, Sacred Heart Academy, on September 8, 1897. Sacred Heart Academy became Shanley High School with the 1950-51 school year. Parish elementary schools staffed largely by the Presentation Sisters operated at St. Mary’s Cathedral, St. Anthony’s Parish, Holy Spirit Parish, and Nativity Parish with K-8 configurations. In 1987 the “Fargo Catholic Schools Network” was established as a collaborative network of schools. Later, a middle school configuration (grades 6-8) was adopted which eventually became Sullivan Middle School. Holy Spirit School and Nativity School continued as elementary schools. Trinity Elementary School opened in the 2015-16 school year in West Fargo.

Bl. John Paul II was named our patron in 2011 for his love for youth and Catholic education. Upon his canonization in 2014, we were renamed “St. John Paul II Catholic Schools”. Inspired by our founders, the Presentation Sisters, and by our patron, St. John Paul II, we look toward the future with hope and living out our mission.

“Be not afraid. Open wide the doors for Christ.”

John Paul II, 1978
THE SEQUELA CHRISTI
“Following Christ”
St. John Paul II tells us: “at the heart of catechesis we find, in essence, a Person, the Person of Jesus of Nazareth, the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth, who suffered and died for us and who now, after rising, is living with us forever. It is Jesus who is the way, and the truth, and the life, and Christian living consists in following Christ, the sequela Christi.”

OUR SCHOOLS:

HOLY SPIRIT ELEMENTARY, North Fargo
3 year-old preschool through 5th grade

NATIVITY ELEMENTARY, South Fargo
Pre-Kindergarten through 5th grade

TRINITY ELEMENTARY, West Fargo
3 year-old preschool through 5th grade

SULLIVAN MIDDLE SCHOOL, South Fargo
6th through 8th grade

SHANLEY HIGH SCHOOL, South Fargo
9th through 12th grade

SPONSORING PARISHES
Blessed Sacrament, Cathedral of St. Mary, Holy Cross, Holy Spirit, Nativity, Sts. Anne & Joachim, St. Anthony, St. Benedict

COMMUNITY EVENTS
All Catholic Schools Week Mass, St. John Paul II Feast Day Mass, Deacon Dinner Auction, JPII Community Block Party, Elementary Celebration Nights, Deacon Day

WEEKLY SCHOOL MASSES
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Within our schools, students are actively engaged in a faith integrated curriculum that is both comprehensive and rigorous. Academic excellence is delivered within a nurturing Catholic culture that is firmly rooted in the core values of our schools.

We pledge to teach 21st century learners using research best practices and curriculum that exceeds state and national standards. We make technology a priority in our learning environments as a tool to enhance student engagement. Our elementary schools and middle school are equipped with state of the art smart labs focused on our STREAM efforts. Each student at the high school and middle school are issued a device to provide anytime/anywhere learning and opens doors to collaboration, problem solving, and critical thinking skills that students need to compete with our local and Catholic world view.

HONORS & RECOGNITIONS

The St. John Paul II Catholic Schools is system accredited Pre-Kindergarten - 12th grade through AdvancEd.

Shanley High School received the AP District Honor Roll recipient award for 2019.

“Faith and reason are like two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth; and God has placed in the human heart a desire to know the truth - in a word, to know himself.”

John Paul II, 1986
St. John Paul II Catholic Schools are proud to serve parents who desire the highest quality academic instruction for their children. Excellence and academics is a hallmark of Catholic education. Routinely surpassing the state and national-level academic benchmarks, we encourage critical thinking, practical application and problem solving.

Shanley High School has led the state of North Dakota in the composite ACT Score

1:1
Student iPads (Grades 6-12)

$1.7 Million in College Scholarships Awarded

53% of the senior class National Honor Society Members
THE DEACONS

Our nickname, “Deacons,” was adopted in the fall of 1934 for the teams of Sacred Heart Academy, forerunner of Shanley High School, and has been used ever since.

It is especially fitting for Catholic schools, since it is derived from the Greek and literally means “servants” or “those who serve” (Acts 6). The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that Jesus “made Himself the ‘Deacon’ or servant of all” (CCC 1570).

In light of our schools’ mission, identity, and nickname, we expect our students to excel in serving God and neighbor.

THE SHIELD

The Shanley Shield first appeared on football helmets in the fall of 1973. It was designed by Shanley art teacher Sr. Mary Virginia Deibert, PBVM with the help of her art students.

The shield signifies strength. The cross of Christ is centered on the shield as it is the center of our Catholic faith. The “S” represents “Shanley” high school, named for Bishop John Shanley (1852-1909), who served as first bishop of the Fargo Catholic Diocese.

Graduation from Shanley High School is the capstone for the St. John Paul II Catholic Schools student experience as Deacons.
The “Deacon Way” is a way of life that positively incorporates all aspects of the St. John Paul II Catholic Schools’ culture. Students and staff are called to participate in a life that exemplifies respect to God, self and others.

CORE VALUES
Community, Excellence, Faith, Learning, Service

UNIQUES
Catholic faith-Integrated Environment, Strong Community, High Expectations, Academic Excellence

20,000+
Student Community Service Hours

42
Students & Teachers participated in Mission Trips
“In order to educate, it is necessary to step out of ourselves and be among young people, to accompany them in the stages of their growth and set ourselves beside them.”

Pope Francis
Catholic school leaders at all levels know that hiring and orienting the best professionals and support staff is still the heart and soul of accomplishing our schools’ mission. Hiring is of the utmost importance for the health and integrity of our schools. We invite you to be a part of our community.

WHO ARE WE LOOKING FOR?
Six important attributes for employment at St. John Paul II Catholic Schools

- Mission Drive
- Student Oriented
- Personable
- Professional Competent
- Team Player (engaged, reliable, dependable)

APPLICATION PROCESS
The applicant should submit the following:

- A cover letter explaining why you are interested in working for St. John Paul II Catholic Schools and your qualifications for the position.
- A current resume
- A complete application
- Three letters of recommendation

Materials should be sent to:

Human Resources
JPII Catholic Schools
5600 25th Street South
Fargo, ND 58104
Email: Human.Resources@jp2schools.org
I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life
John 14:6a