

Faith in
Our School



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Our Students



Parent Organizations:

- Education Committee (School Board)
- Home/School Association (HSA)
- Recruitment Committee

Hot Lunch Program:

Federal government approved and PDE certified hot lunches are served in our cafeteria daily. We also offer free/reduced lunches for qualifying families.

After-School Care:

After-School Care is available each full school day from 2:35-5:30 p.m. and on early dismissal days from 11:30-2:30. The program offers organized games and physical activity, supervised homework and snack time.

Transportation:

Busing to St. Columba School is provided free of charge for students who reside in the following school districts: Benton, Berwick, Bloomsburg, Central Columbia, Danville, Millville, and Southern Columbia.



Tuition assistance is available for qualifying families and through the use of our Smart Money Program.

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Faith in
Our Mission



Mission Statement:

Touching the heart of education with a Christ-centered community of students, teachers, and parents providing a strong, progressive education in a caring and secure environment.

† Philosophy of Education: St. Columba School welcomes every child of all faith backgrounds to its morally and spiritually rich environment which features exemplary academics, solid faith formation, leadership privileges, and community outreach opportunities. We have earned a fine reputation for inspiring our students to reach their potential and achieve personal success. Motivated by consistently superior achievements, St. Columba School will continue to prepare students for the 21st century by offering an integrated approach that brings together mind and body, matter and spirit, knowledge and reason, science and religion.

† History: The Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius from nearby Danville founded Saint Columba School in 1954. Our Catholic School offers a complete curriculum with state certified teachers in Preschool through grade 8. All are lay faculty with the exception of Grades 2 and 4. A religious sister of the same order as the founding Sisters teaches second grade. Fourth grade is taught by a sister of the Sisters Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary order from Scranton. St. Columba School proudly celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2004 and looks forward to continuing its academic excellence and strong spiritual influence in the community into the next fifty years.

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Our Staff



☺ **Professional Staff:**

St. Columba School has nine full time teachers and nine part time teachers, including CSIU support staff in Math, Reading, and Speech/Language.

☺ **Grades:** Preschool, Pre K, and Kindergarten through Grade 8.

Preschool meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00-12:00. Pre K meets Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays with the option of 8:00-12:00 or 8:00-2:00.

Kindergarten is a full day program. Kindergarten through Grade 4 are self-contained classrooms. The Middle School (Grades 5 through 8) is departmental. Specialized teachers provide weekly instruction in Art, Computer Technology, Library Science, Music, and Physical Education.

🔔 **Bell Schedule:** 8:10 a.m. to 2:35 p.m.

👉 **Class Size:** Classes limited to approximately 20 students per grade.

👉 **Procedure for enrollment:**

Children who reach the age of 3 or 4 by September 1 and who are fully potty trained are eligible to enroll in Preschool or PreK classes. Children who reach the age of 5 by September 1 are eligible to enroll in the Kindergarten class. An original copy of the child's birth certificate must be presented along with health records and registration forms and fees before a child may be enrolled.

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Our Curriculum



★ **Accreditation:**

St. Columba School is regulated by the Diocese of Harrisburg and is approved by the PDE. Since 2008, St. Columba School has been an accredited member of MSCES (Middle States Commission on Elementary Schools).

♠ **Curriculum Strengths:**

Teachers and administration are PDE certified and this includes maintaining professional Act 48 standards. Music, Art, Physical Education, Computer Technology, and Library Science are taught in K-8. Computers are integrated in each classroom. The curriculum follows the Diocese of Harrisburg Curriculum for Elementary Schools and meets requirements for PDE state standards. Saint Columba Middle School, which begins in Grade 5 through Grade 8, is departmentalized for math, religion, science, and social studies.

🎵 **Extracurricular offerings:**

Art Studio, Ballet, Cooking Club, Culture Club, Drama Club, Forensics, Instrumental Music, Mindstorm Robotics Club, Sodality, Student Council, Volleyball, Yearbook, and others as determined by student interest and moderator availability.



2010-2011 School Year