



ST. AGNES  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

# Homeschool Co-op

## CLASS DESCRIPTION

Monday class will begin at 8:30 and end at 12:30. Tuesday class will begin at 12:00 and end at 4:00. Classes will be on a rotation which will be set up once enrollment has begun for the year. Monday will be English (2 blocks), Religious Enrichment and Music or Art. Tuesday will include Science, Math, History and Latin blocks. Additionally, Monday will have an hour long PE/Recess block after the first 2 blocks and Tuesday will have a PE of 45 minutes after the first 2 blocks and another 15 minute recess at the end of the day. To help mitigate complications with food allergies, students will be responsible for eating lunch off campus. Any snacks or drinks brought to campus must be peanut free, with other allergies being accounted for as needed.

Our curriculum uses Seton as a backbone, but we will supplement with other items to keep children and families engaged in the learning process. As parents, we know there is no one who cares more about your child's education than you, so we ask for your participation as teachers. This will help everyone be involved and have a good understanding of what is being taught as well as maintain lower costs for families. There will be pre-set lesson plans to keep the class on track both at school and at home. Schedules will be provided to both parents and students to help everyone pace their workload. We also understand you may have a child who is not yet ready for school. In order to facilitate this, we will work with parents to have a nursery/daycare class available for our youngest children.

# DESCRIPTION OF CORE SUBJECTS

## **ENGLISH**

English will be split into language arts/writing and reading/literature depending on a child's age level. Students will use Seton's phonics, handwriting, spelling, vocabulary, and English workbooks as weekly course work. For writing, younger students will journal, advancing to the IEW (Institute of Excellence in Writing) course once child has a good understanding of sentence structure and grammar. Literature books chosen for English will be matched as closely as possible to the age level of the children and the topic for the year in history.

## **MUSIC or ART**

Music or Art may be selected. *Music* lessons will be provided by Grace Notes tutors and will need to be paid directly to the music group. We are attempting to have piano and violin instructors available depending on amount of interest. Alternatively, for those who would prefer, *Art* class will be available and will have a small fee to cover art supplies.

## **RELIGIOUS ENRICHMENT**

While Seton provides religion interwoven through the course materials, we encourage further exploration of the faith with this enrichment class. The goal is to supplement what your child is already getting in parish school of religion. For example, the younger children will read through lives of the saints, while older children will be introduced to bible and church history then apologetics and ethics.

## **MATH**

Here we stray from Seton. We start with MCP through 3rd grade. Once in 4th grade students will progress to Saxon. Workbooks will need to be purchased for MCP, textbooks will be provided for Saxon and brought back and forth to class.

## **SCIENCE**

Science will use the Seton book as the core learning material. However, it will be supplemented with in class experiments, varying by grade level. This will be further determined as schedules are established for the year.

## **HISTORY/GEOGRAPHY**

We will predominately use the resources found on Seton. However, for 4th-7th grade we will cycle through The Story of Civilization series found on the Tan publishing website. Additionally, in 8th grade, we will provide a Louisiana History class.

## **LATIN**

The younger children will be able to use this time for reading together and supplementing English class material. If possible, opportunities will be taken to teach children Marian Antiphons and other songs related to the order of the mass. Once the children are old enough to understand the grammar (roughly 5 grade and up), we will begin using the Cambridge Latin Series for translation.

## **NURSERY/DAYCARE**

As noted, if you have toddlers and babies too young to participate in classes, a nursery or daycare class will be provided. We will need parents to run the daycare and nursery to facilitate everyone's success with the older classes.



### **Additional Notes:**

Students will need to purchase some workbooks, particularly for the younger grades, and each student will be responsible for bringing the books back and forth from home to class as needed. In other classes, textbooks will be provided and it is expected the books will be treated properly and be able to be reused from year to year.

Class participation, appropriate behavior, and accountability for homework will be expected of all students. A student handbook will be provided for all parents and students who are participating in the St. Agnes Co-Op. This handbook must be discussed and signed by all participating members before classes can begin. The handbook will cover rules for behavior, dress code, homework, and attendance. Set consequences and appropriate disciplinary measures will be taken for students who do not participate in a suitable manner.