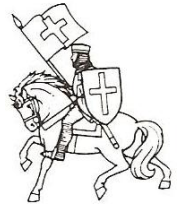


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A Safe Place to Grow
Spiritually—Academically—Physically—Creatively—Socially

We are excited you are considering our school as a choice for your young adolescent. As the school's principal, I can assure your child will be welcomed, nurtured, and challenged intellectually and spiritually. First and foremost, our faith-based community offers a strong program of study in **Religion** and provides students with opportunities to express their faith at daily morning prayers, weekly prayer services, liturgical celebrations, as well as **Campus Ministry and School Choir**.

We offer a rigorous and comprehensive college-preparatory program that includes:

- A strong **English Language Arts** program emphasizing oral, written, listening and researching skills, as well as foundations in reading, grammar, and organizational skills;
- A comprehensive experience in **Mathematics** including Pre-Algebra, Algebra and Hands-on Algebra, as well as integrated technology;
- A well-researched **Social Studies** Curriculum with various opportunities for alternative assessment experiences covering such topics as World Geography, Ancient History and American History. This four-year program culminates with a trip to Washington D.C. in Grade 8;
- A systematic **Science** program including Earth Science, Life Science, Chemistry and Environmental Science, as well as opportunities for entry into the Massachusetts State Science Fair;
- Exposure to **Modern Languages** including Spanish and French, as well as foundations in Latin;
- A staff of qualified professionals teaching **Health, Technology, Physical Education, Art and Music**, including opportunities for private music lessons in a variety of instruments.

Educational technology is integrated into the curriculum, instructional strategies and other educational experiences. Using Moodle, a teacher-based program, parents are kept informed of daily classroom experiences, homework assignments, and long-range project plans.

We also participate in the **One Book One School Program**. During the summer the entire school community—students, faculty, staff—reads and analyzes a common book which is then incorporated into the school curriculum, allowing for activities, assemblies and immersion into various learning experiences.

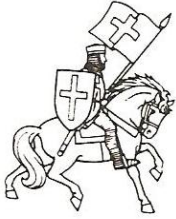
Our extra-curricular activities are numerous and varied. Most students find a club, organization, or athletic team in which they can belong and flourish. We encourage all our students to participate in activities which enhance the development of the whole child.

I hope you will plan to schedule a “shadowing day” for you and your child. (See enclosed flyer for details.) This is an opportunity for you as parents to meet with teachers and staff, while your child spends the day with one of our current students moving through a typical day at TCMS. I sincerely hope you take the time to speak with others whose children have attended our school and listen to their experiences. I believe the choice of Taunton Catholic Middle School will be an easy one for you and your family.

The Taunton Catholic Middle School community will do whatever is needed to instill in your child a love of learning and a middle school experience that will prepare your child for high school, college and beyond.

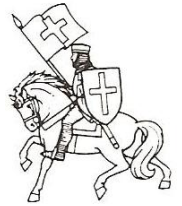
Sincerely,
Dr. Corinne R. Merritt
Principal

Professional Memberships: Association of Catholic Admissions and Advancement Professionals; Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development; Massachusetts Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development; Massasoit Athletic League; National Association of Middle School Principals; National Association of Secondary School Principals; National Association of Student Councils; National Catholic Educators Association; National Junior Honor Society; New England Association of Schools and Colleges; New England League of Middle Schools



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Taunton Catholic Middle School Mission Statement

The mission of Taunton Catholic Middle School is to educate by inspiring and to encourage by nurturing the Catholic values of the Gospel message, as proclaimed by Jesus Christ, in our community of today, so as to proclaim those values in our world of tomorrow.

The Vision of Taunton Catholic Middle School

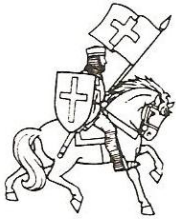
Taunton Catholic Middle School, under the direction of the Diocese of Fall River, is a comprehensive, co-educational, college preparatory middle school, for grades 5-8, located in Taunton, Massachusetts, serving the southeastern communities of Massachusetts.

The school, originally established by the Sisters of the Holy Union, is committed to educating, inspiring, and nurturing young adolescents as they achieve academic success and personal potential in a faith-filled, safe, and respectful environment. The compassionate professional staff, adhering to the diocesan, state, and national standards, cultivates a student-centered school community.

On our journey we, the members of our school community, dedicate ourselves to serve our school, our family, and our global community, to communicate openly and honestly, to promote social justice, and most importantly, to walk humbly with God always at our sides.

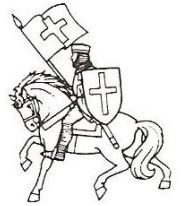
School Motto

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together we share, and
together we walk humbly with God always at our sides.*



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INFORMATION SHEET

School Day:	7:40 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Staff:	22 Total
Students:	210 Students		4 Men, 18 Women
	One Fifth Grade, Three Sixth Grade		All teachers are certified
	Three Seventh and Three Eighth Grade		by the State of Mass.

ACADEMIC

Algebra
Language Arts
Math
Pre-Algebra
Reading
Religion
Social Studies
Science

SPECIALS

Art
Essential Writing Skills
Hands on Algebra
Health/Family Life
Music
Physical Education

Community Service
Latin
Library
French
Spanish

EXTRA-CURRICULAR

Art Club
Book Club
Drama Club
Campus Ministry
Choir

Liturgical Dance
Peer Helpers
School Bookstore
Student Council
Yearbook

Baseball
Basketball
Cheerleading
Cross Country
Soccer
Softball

TUITION and FEES:

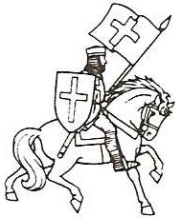
Those who are members of parishes in the Diocese of Fall River may request assistance from their Pastors, Parish Subsidy financial aid. If your pastor does not have their own form one has been provided.

A St. Mary's Education Fund Financial Aid application is available online at www.factstuitionaid.com and must be submitted by **Monday, March 5, 2012**, with documentation. Supporting documents, from your tax return, will be needed for the application. **Note:** There is a non-refundable application fee of **\$10.00** for all financial aid applications. This scholarship is totally separate, from your FACTS agreement where monthly tuition deductions will be withdrawn. You may contact the office if you do not have access to a computer or the Internet.

2011-2012 Annual Tuition	\$5,000.00
2012-2013 Annual Tuition	TBA
Non-refundable Registration Fee	\$150.00
FACTS Registration after 3/30/10	\$40.00

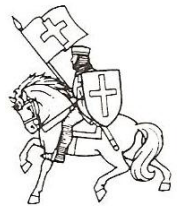
TRANSPORTATION

The City of Taunton provides free transportation to eligible residents. Arrangements are made with Coyle & Cassidy High School (508) 823-6164 (If the number of families contracting for this service warrant a bus route to specific towns.) for private bus service to Middleboro, Lakeville, Plymouth, Plympton, Carver, Easton, Brockton, & Stoughton. Many families from these and other towns form carpools.



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UNIFORMS

More schools are beginning to realize that the way students dress has an effect on the learning environment. We know that you want and approve of a strict dress code. We ask you to work with us to provide a positive learning climate for your children.

The administration reserves the right to exclude any individual whose attire is deemed unacceptable and or distracting from the learning environment. The administration further reserves the right to ask any student to remove anything not allowed by the dress code.

Fitting:

A uniform fitting is scheduled for **May 9, 2012** from **1:30 to 3:00 PM**, at TCMS, with Donnelly Uniforms. Pick-up will be **July 12, 2012**, from **12:30 to 3:00 PM**, here at the school.

Girls:

Wear a plaid uniform skirt, at or below the knee, or (light/medium) gray dress slacks (no extra zippers, pockets, or seams) with a black belt and a white, pointed collar uniform blouse, buttoned to the top. A School Uniform Company, maroon crew neck, sweater or sweater vest, with the school initials completes the uniform. Maroon, black, white, or gray knee socks or tights must be worn. From December 1st to April 1st white turtlenecks may be worn under the blouse. Make-up, nail polish, and excessive jewelry are not part of the uniform.

Boys:

Wear solid, gray (light/medium), straight-legged, dress pants, (no extra zippers, pockets, or seams), and a black belt. Boys wear a white, buttoned down collar, oxford shirt and a uniform plaid tie. A School Uniform Company, maroon V-neck pullover sweater or sweater vest, with the school initials completes the uniform. Crew length socks, white, black, or gray, are worn with the uniform.

All Students: Warm Weather Option: A maroon, three button, polo shirt with TCMS embroidered on it may be worn only during September, October, May, and June. This maroon shirt replaces the blouse/sweater of the girl's uniforms and the shirt/tie/sweater of the boy's uniform. Since this is a warm weather option, it may not be worn with the sweater. The polo shirt is worn with the girl's skirt or the boy's pants and must be tucked in.

Shoes:

The only acceptable shoes are black flat soled, penny loafer, tie buck or camp moccasin.

No lug soles are allowed. Shoe samples will be on display in the office and shoes will be available at St. Pierre's in Taunton.

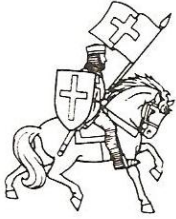
Hairstyles:

Unusual hairstyles are not allowed. These include, but are not limited to Mohawks, lines, colors, excessively long, excessively teased, hair that covers the eyes, or touching the collars of the boys shirts.

Boys must be clean shaven (no beards or mustaches) neatly groomed hair (cut above the eyebrows and the ears, not to touch the collar in the back), moderate sideburns (no longer than the middle of the ear.) Students who are not clean-shaven or hair exceeds the acceptable length will be sent home to comply with the regulations.

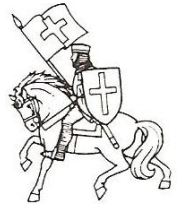
V.I.P.S. – Volunteers in Parochial Schools

Parents are involved in various activities at the school. Weekly updates and opportunities are issued via the website, email, and, Friday Folders.



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ADMISSION POLICY

2012 - 2013

Taunton Catholic Middle School admits students who complete the application process on a first-come, first-served basis, with priority given to families of current students, and the families of St. Mary's and Our Lady of Lourdes Primary Schools. We welcome students of all races, all religions, and all abilities that can be accommodated. Financial aid may be available.

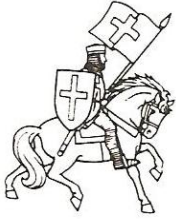
PARENT CHECK LIST

The following items complete the registration process:

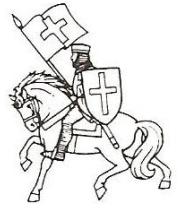
- Completed registration form (2 sides)
- Copy of birth certificate
- Release of Information Signature Sheet
- Copy of the most recent report card or transcript and any current IEP or 504 Accommodation Plan
- Non-Refundable check for **\$150.00**
- Optional:** Request for Parish Financial Aid form (included in packet), signed by Pastor
- Sign up for "eCashier" FACTS agreement on our website unless making full payment by May 1st.
FACTS agreements completed after March 30, 2012 will be charged a \$40.00 fee.

Applications cannot be processed until all of the above has been provided.

Please contact the office if you have any questions.



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TUITION PAYMENT PREFERENCE FORM

Due at registration

Name (Guarantor):	Tel.#
Address:	City/State Zip
Student Name:	Grade Level

For the **2012-2013 School Year**, I will pay my student's tuition by the payment option checked below:

- Option 1.** Full tuition payment payable directly to TCMS by May 1st
- Option 2.** Deposit with balance divided equally between 10 or 11 months. Contact office for details. Deposit must be received by May 1st. FACTS agreement must be completed (fees apply after March 30th)
- Option 3.** 10 Monthly payments of through FACTS beginning in May, and ending in February. (Parents elect pay on the 5th or 20th of each month)
- Option 4.** 11 Monthly payments of through FACTS beginning in May, and ending in March. (Parents elect pay on the 5th or 20th of each month)

**All FACTS agreements should be submitted on-line by March 30th,
 as of March 31st there will be a \$40.00 registration fee for all agreements made.**
 (contact the school if assistance is needed.)

If you choose to pay monthly through the FACTS plan, please complete the FACTS Automatic Tuition Payment Agreement on-line before March 30th.

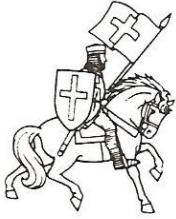
A new agreement is needed for each student every year.

****Note:** If you select **Option 1** and payment is not made in full by **May 1st**, you must switch to the FACTS monthly payment plan. All families must complete a FACTS Agreement Form, except those selecting Option 1.

Any adjustments due to financial aid scholarships will be made directly by the school. Remember: You must maintain your payments or financial aid will be forfeited.

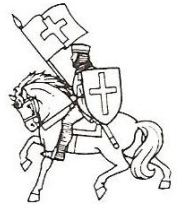
I agree and understand that in order for my student to remain in good standing at Taunton Catholic Middle School, I will meet my financial obligations, as indicated, on this Tuition Payment Preference Form.

Parent's/Guarantor Signature	Date
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RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Student _____

Address _____

City, ST, Zip _____

I hereby authorize: _____

Name of School (currently attending)

Address

City

State

Zip Code

To release to:

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61 Summer Street
Taunton, MA 02780-3486

The following school records:

Complete Transcript

Standardized Test Scores
Attendance Record
Health Record
Psychological Reports
Discipline Records
IEP
504 Accommodation Plan
Other

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date