

School Notes September 2016

Augustus Tolton Catholic Academy

For the past 105 years, St. Columbanus School has excelled in providing Catholic education to the children of the Park Manor neighborhood. Thousands of people have walked the halls of St. C and have been spiritually and academically formed in our classrooms. Our students have been prepared to be successful in high school, college, the working world, and most importantly, in life. I am very proud of all that our parish school has done to form young men and women as true disciples of Jesus Christ.

Soon, the Archdiocese of Chicago will be making strategic decisions about Catholic schools. We are announcing the formation of a brand new Catholic school on Chicago's southside, to open in the fall of 2015. **It will be entitled the Augustus Tolton Catholic Academy, and it will be a merger of St.**

Columbanus and St. Dorothy Schools. The Tolton Academy will be a STREAM school: a combination of the best of both historic Catholic schools in the areas of **Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts and Math.**

The exciting news for us is the Tolton Academy will be located at St. Columbanus Parish.

While this will be a change for us, and for the people of St. Dorothy, it should be viewed as an exciting time. *The Tolton Academy will usher in a new season for Catholic education on the southside of Chicago.* Streaming the traditions of both St. Columbanus and St. Dorothy we will forge a new future for our students. The Tolton Academy will represent the very best of St. Columbanus and St. Dorothy! We will continue to provide exceptional Catholic education for our children, while we respond to the Archdiocese of Chicago's requirement to be more fiscally responsible. We are creating an innovative, academically strong school that will truly prepare our students to be leaders in our changing world.

I am aware that this news comes as a surprise, and it is a decision that I do not take lightly. After prayerful consideration, and in consultation with our principal, Sandra Wilson, and with parish and school leaders, I am confident that this is the right decision for the future success of our school. There will be much more information coming about the details of this new school and the various transitions occurring in the months ahead. I will be sharing more information in the coming weeks and months.

Please pray for the success of the **Augustus Tolton Catholic Academy**, and all of the children who will call the Tolton Academy their school home.

-Fr. Matt, Pastor

St. Malachy School

At St. Malachy, we are dedicated to teaching and nurturing young minds. This dedication is reflected in the attitude of each member of our staff and by the mission statement that guides our school.

"We, the faith community of St. Malachy School, create a collaboration of love between family and school in which each person is challenged academically, respected socially, and enriched spiritually."

Maternity B.V.M.

Maternity BVM School has been providing an exceptional Catholic education in Chicago's Humboldt Park area for children in pre-school through eighth grade for more than 100 years. Our school offers a close-knit community and a quality education rooted in Catholic traditions. Our mission is to engage, challenge, and inspire our students to succeed in life and committed to service.

St. Gall School

Since 1910, St. Gall Catholic School has a history of providing a rigorous education to children of Chicago's southwest side. We continue to strive for excellence in our curriculum while also demonstrating God's love by the concern we show to each student and their family.

We intend to prepare our students to succeed in their academic path and in the world. Partnering with our parents, we also offer a faith-filled school that will guide our students to grow into people who will make choices based on gospel values.

We hold high expectations for all who come to St. Gall and as such we enhance our academic program with the latest technology used from preschool classes through 8th grade. We are also determined that our students will become well-rounded individuals through regular classes in art, music and Spanish.

We welcome all students, families, alumni, volunteers, and neighbors to explore St. Gall School's rich history, our distinguished alumni and accomplishments, as well as the ways we strive for excellence.

St. Sylvester School

There is a culture of academic excellence at St. Sylvester School. With more than 75% of the staff having advanced masters degrees and graduates of some of the country's top universities (Northwestern, Notre Dame, Wisconsin, Loyola, etc.), classroom instruction is second to none. Our rigorous curriculum and varied assessment measures enable us to fully challenge and prepare our students. The success is evident in excellent standardized testing scores, award winning students, and great high school acceptances.

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St. Sabina Academy is a grade school serving students from pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. The faculty and administration believe that God has a purpose for every child's life. By incorporating the gospel of Jesus Christ and African values, the faculty is committed to teaching and guiding children as they discover their place in the body of Christ. Through collective work and responsibility, the faculty and administration strive to provide a safe, stable, secure and nurturing environment in which children can achieve academic excellence.

St. Joseph Services community center

St. Joseph Services educates youth and adults at community centers located in some of Chicago's most stressed and underserved neighborhoods. We creatively leverage an extensive volunteer force and neighborhood collaborations to provide out-of-school programs, tutoring, sports, computer and literacy classes, and job readiness training at low or no cost.

SJS, a 501(c)(3) organization, partners with community and faith-based facilities for a "school-by-day, community-center-by-night" model. This reduces costs, allowing your donations to go directly to programming.

You'll find our warm and welcoming atmosphere encourages students and volunteers to discover their individual gifts and connect in way that "feels like family." We place special care in cultivating engaged volunteers and program staff from the neighborhoods we serve, becoming positive role models for their friends and neighbors while building programs from within the community.

More at: <http://stjosephservices.org/>

St. Agatha Catholic Academy

St. Agatha Catholic Academy is an oasis of quality, faith based education in the North Lawndale community where options for excellent, safe, and rich education are few. As a Catholic faith community serving all families and children in Chicago's West Side neighborhoods, St. Agatha Catholic Academy develops lifelong learners through spiritual, intellectual, physical, and social guidance in a loving, caring environment. We cherish each child as a unique gift of God with different needs and interests. Together with faculty, staff, parents, and the faith community of St. Agatha Parish, we are committed to developing students who will be academically strong, morally upright, and who will serve God, family and the community.

Our Lady of Charity

Welcome to our new website for Our Lady of Charity School. We have been hard at work all summer, preparing to make the 2010-2011 school year even better than last year. Please explore the site to find out more about our school and mission. Parents will find many important documents under the "Parents" tab, and Mr. Martin's weekly News & Notes can always be found on the left side of this home page. As with all things, we welcome your input on the site.

Philosophy: It is a major goal of Our Lady of Charity School to help each child develop spiritually, intellectually, emotionally, physically, morally, and socially to his/her fullest potential. The children of Our Lady of Charity School are separate individuals who approach the world of learning with various levels of development, natural ability, and backgrounds. Hence, they learn in different ways. The teaching community will address these differences through a variety of learning experiences, adjusting the curriculum to the perceived needs of each child. In all that it attempts to do, the school recognizes the parent as the primary educator of the child.

The school builds on and enhances what is learned within the family; school and family are partners in the education of the child.

Recognizing the need to develop the whole child, Our Lady of Charity School is dedicated to academic excellence in a Catholic environment. We believe that this environment must fulfill five pillars of excellence: **Catholic Spirit, Academic Excellence, Collaborative Leadership, Community Focus, and Commitment to Service.**

Notre Dame High School for Girls

<http://ndhs4girls.org/about/school-profile/>