

Shaping students into critical thinkers with mature moral values



At St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School in Brooklyn Park, education isn't just about academics. In addition to rigorous curriculum, St. Vincent de Paul also prepares its students to help make the world a better place.

"At St. Vincent de Paul, we bring a lot to students - community, faith, strong parent involvement, and teachers that go way above and beyond the call of duty," Principal Lisa Simon says.

Established in 1952, St. Vincent de Paul moved into its current space in 1998. Simon joined the school in July 2015 after working as a teacher and principal in a Catholic school setting.

"Attending a public school growing up, I look back now and see that I missed a lot," she explains. "At St. Vincent's, I see a richer educational environment - one that touches the heart and the mind."

St. Vincent de Paul serves students in grades K-8 and offers a strong academic curriculum that nurtures the whole student. The curriculum incorporates ethical decision-making, producing students with strong moral values. The school's most recent test scores showed 82 percent of all students combined performing at or above the national average in math, and 84 percent performing at or above the national average in reading and language usage.

Simon attributes much of this success to the teachers. "It all comes down to the teachers - that's where the magic happens," she says. "Our teachers are willing to meet all the individual needs of students and take a deep interest in the success of each one."

St. Vincent de Paul also places an emphasis on local and global service with students participating in service projects throughout the year, from clothing drives for the homeless to reaching out to the elderly in the community. The school has recently created the Blessing Fund, to help with tuition for families who want to attend its school and might not normally be able to.

Open to families and students of all faiths and backgrounds, St. Vincent de Paul invites you to come and visit by taking a tour or spending a day shadowing classes.

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