

An Open Invitation



Visitation Catholic School has a uniqueness you feel the moment you walk in the door. Special things happen here every day. Love is interspersed with learning as we live out our mission to educate the whole child: mind, body, and spirit. Prayer is part of everyday life, and Gospel values fill daily activities.

Come see what Visitation Catholic School has to offer. Please consider this an open invitation for you to experience our school first-hand. Call our office or e-mail us at info@visitationschool.net to arrange a complete tour. We strongly believe in the many benefits that Visitation offers children and their families.

I love VCS because the students, teachers, parents and parishioners are truly family. They share common values such as respect, compassion, and affection for one another regardless of family situation, economic background or racial heritage.

(Dr. Harry Purpur, former Superintendent of Catholic Schools, Archdiocese of Seattle)

My son wasn't too keen on going to school, but after a week, he couldn't wait to see his teacher and new friends every day. The VCS community made our whole family feel welcome. We can't imagine our children attending school anywhere else.

(Elisabeth Albers, parent)

The key to Visitation's success is an exceptional faculty, wholly dedicated to teaching... I was challenged and constantly nudged towards a higher standard of excellence. Visitation's Catholic heritage provides an ethical and spiritual perspective in all of its endeavours.

(Andrew Yi, VCS class of 1999, Bellarmine class of 2003, now at Notre Dame)

To schedule a tour or to receive further information, please contact us at:

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Cliques. Gangs. Apathy.

NOT HERE.



Visitation Catholic School

A tradition of academic excellence.
A caring Catholic community.

You Want the Best for your Children

Catholic schools provide an educational program based on Christian beliefs and values, enabling your children to grow in their understanding of themselves, their relationship with God and their relationship with others.

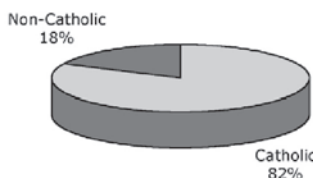
Research shows that because of a greater emphasis on homework and study, Catholic school students develop more effective writing skills. They graduate from high school at a rate of 99%. No public school district can match that record.

A Call to Compassion and Service

Community service is a basic part of our curriculum, starting in Kindergarten. Because we join with our families to help students internalize community and compassion as life-long values, we don't suffer many of the issues plaguing our public schools.

And You Don't Even Have to be Catholic

VCS accepts students without regard to their religious beliefs. In any given year, about 20% of our student body isn't Catholic. They all come to share a set of core values—Christian ethics and morality—that we teach every day.



Let the little children come to me; do not stop them, for it is to such as those that the kingdom of God belongs. (Mark 10:14)

A Dedication to Academic Excellence

At VCS, high standards, strong motivation, effective discipline and caring atmosphere combine to foster excellence. Our graduates are highly successful in high school, maintaining a consistent 3.7 GPA at Bellarmine Preparatory School. Our students' WASL scores speak for themselves.

7th Grade WASL Scores, 2005

	VCS	State Average (all schools)
Reading	93%	69%
Writing	80%	61%
Math	60%	51%

A Commitment to an Affordable Education

Since 1925, VCS has educated thousands of children, many from the working-class neighborhoods of South Tacoma. For every family, VCS is an affordable choice.

Families are eligible for tuition assistance based on their income. In addition, grants may be available from your parish or from the archdiocese through the Fulcrum Foundation. During the 2005-2006 school year:

- ◆ 42% of school families received financial aid
- ◆ Assistance grants totaled \$85,000.00



Extra-Curricular Activities

Our extra-curriculars provide meaningful experiences that aid in the formation of a well-rounded student.

- ◆ Student Council
- ◆ After-School Arts Program
- ◆ All-school dramatic and musical productions
- ◆ Beginning and Advanced Band
- ◆ Choir: Spirit Choir and Vivace Jazz Choir
- ◆ Math Club
- ◆ Sports including Basketball, Track, Volleyball
- ◆ Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Brownies, Cub Scouts

Visitation Catholic School at a Glance

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- ◆ PreKindergarten through 8th Grade
- ◆ Co-educational
- ◆ Before- and after-school care available
- ◆ Full- and half-day PreKindergarten
- ◆ Full-day Kindergarten
- ◆ Safe, secure learning environment
- ◆ Small class sizes ensure personal attention
- ◆ Strong music program
- ◆ Community service
- ◆ Computers in every classroom
- ◆ Diversity: ethnic, racial, socio-economic

Visitation Catholic School was established in 1925 to serve the educational and spiritual needs of the surrounding communities. After more than 80 years, we continue to provide a traditional Catholic education to children from PreKindergarten through the 8th grade, regardless of ability to pay.