

## Mission

Seven Sorrows BVM School, rooted in Catholic tradition, empowers individuals to be life-long learners and socially-conscious citizens. Through high academic standards and mutual respect, we inspire students to develop their minds, bodies, and spirits. Our faculty and administration, in partnership with parents, take a progressive approach to acknowledge and celebrate our diverse students and the communities they represent.

## Administration

Rev. Edward Keating, Pastor  
Mrs. Patricia Byrnes, Principal  
Mrs. Gayle McDonald, Secretary  
Mrs. Carla Lang, Secretary

## Tuition 2017-2018

- One Child ..... \$3,725.00
- Two Children ..... \$5,875.00
- Three or more ..... \$7,300.00
- Non-Catholic ..... add \$50.00 \$4,225.00
- Non-Catholic (2 children) add \$50.00.. \$6,375.00
- PreK-3 M,W,F (1/2 day 8-11am) ..... \$1,800.00
- PreK-4 5 1/2 days (8am-11am)..... \$2,800.00
- PreK-4 5 Full days ..... \$4,000.00

## Faculty

Teachers..... 15 Full-Time  
6 Part-Time and  
5 Instructional Aides

All teachers are Pennsylvania certified.

## School Hours

Kindergarten - Grade 8..... 8:15am - 3:05pm

PreK-4 Full Day ..... 8:15am - 3:05pm (M-F)

PreK-4 (5 - 1/2 days) ..... 8:15am - 11:00am (M-F)

PreK-3 (3 - 1/2 days) ..... 8:15am - 11:00am (M,W,F)

## Curriculum

Students receive instruction in all of the core subjects, including Integrated Language Arts (Reading, Spelling, English), Math, Science, Social Studies, and Religion. In addition, they have weekly instruction in Conversational Spanish, Computer Science, Music, Physical Education, Art, and Library.

Under a directive from the Diocese of Harrisburg, Seven Sorrows School will begin implementing the National Common Core Standards. In response to this, the Common Core Catholic Identity Initiative has been established. It has two goals:

1. To empower Catholic schools and dioceses to design and direct the implementation of the Common Core Standards within the culture and context of a Catholic school curriculum.
2. To infuse the Common Core Standards with the faith/principles/values/social justice themes inherent in the mission and Catholic identity of the school.

## **Dress Code**

Students in grades Kindergarten through 8th are required to wear the school uniform. There is a special uniform for gym days. Uniforms should be purchased from Flynn & O'Hara, which is located on Eisenhower Boulevard in Swatara Township, Harrisburg. [www.flynnohara.com](http://www.flynnohara.com)

## **Before and After School Programs**

This is offered every school day and includes tutoring, snack, and free play.

- Before School.....7:00am-8:00am
- After School..... 3:15pm-5:30pm

Additional fees apply and are determined by the number of days that the program is used by your child(ren).

## **Academic Competitions**

- Spelling Bee (Diocesan & National)
- Geography Bee (Diocesan & National)
- Pennsylvania Math League
- Math 24 Challenge
- Capital Area Science and Engineering Fair
- National History Day Competition
- PA Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl
- Johns Hopkins Talent Search
- Writing Competitions
- Speech Competitions
- Drama Club Presentations

## **Activities and Athletics**

- Special Interest Clubs
- Instrumental Lessons
- Choir, Band, and Hand Chime Ensembles
- National Junior Honor Society
- Student Council
- Scouts
- CYO Basketball and Football
- Track
- Cheerleading

## **Bus Transportation**

Bus Transportation is available through the school district in which you reside, if you reside within their designated boundaries.

## **Lunch**

A daily hot lunch is available and prepared on the premise by an experienced cafeteria staff. Menus are sent home monthly. The cost of lunch is \$2.50. Any changes to this will be communicated prior to the beginning of the school year.