



Saint James Catholic School

EXCELLENCE IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOR MORE THAN A CENTURY

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Blue Ribbon School of Excellence

Welcome to Saint James Catholic School. As principal, it is my pleasure and privilege to welcome you as you explore the possibility of enrolling your family in our school. Saint James has been a vital force in the Falls Church Community since 1906. Since 1923, the Congregation of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary has shared in the mission of Saint James as administrators and teachers. Today, we partner with our dedicated lay teachers and parents as we boast of our IHM Charism alive in the spirit of our school. It is in this spirit that we strive to educate the whole child within the Catholic faith tradition by promoting academic excellence and service. Fully aware that Jesus is the center and Mary our model, we seek to lead our children to develop their God-given abilities.

In 1998-1999, Saint James was the first elementary school in the Diocese of Arlington to receive the Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Award from the US Department of Education. The Department of Education once again recognized the outstanding education that is offered here at Saint James in 2014. To our delight, we were once again recognized as a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence in 2020, the only Catholic School in the State of Virginia to receive this award three times. These awards are a testament to the efforts of our dedicated and exceptional teachers who have continued the tradition of leading our students to great success!

Please visit our website for more detailed information at www.saintjameschool.org or call the school office at 703-533-1182. Our Director of Admissions, Teresa Ivanauskas, will be happy to answer your questions and schedule a tour of our wonderful school.

On October 25, 2025, our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV stated that Catholic schools are “...a living environment in which the Christian vision permeates every discipline and every interaction” (*Drawing New Maps of Hope*, para. 5.2). I hope that, after you visit our school, you will allow us the privilege of journeying with you in the education of your children.

Peace and Blessings,

Sister Elizabeth Anne Bartholomew, IHM

Principal

