



## St. Mary's Little Angels Preschool Information

2012/2013

*"Nurturing a lifelong love for Jesus, each other, and learning"*

**St. Mary's School  
Bryantown, Maryland**

## **PHILOSOPHY**

St. Mary's School provides a basic, traditional Roman Catholic education to the parish communities of St. Mary's, Bryantown, St. Michael's, St. Dominic's, and St. Francis de Sales. Families who are members of St. Mary's Parish, Newport and St. John Vianney Parish in Prince Frederick are included as a courtesy. St. Mary's School serves children in grades Pre-K through eight by developing their intellectual, social, physical, moral, and spiritual life.

St. Mary's School views each child as a unique expression of God's love. Our staff exhibits professionalism in their approach to teaching the whole person. Our students build a solid foundation of skills needed for their adult lives.

St. Mary's School recognizes that parents are the primary educators of their children.

St. Mary's School assists families in fulfilling their obligation for the Christian formation and education of their children. Together, we form a nurturing educational environment for the children of the community.

St. Mary's School fosters a sound belief in parish, family, and community involvement. The administration of St. Mary's School believes in a strong collaboration of staff, parents, church and parish within the school.

Our model will always be Jesus, the "Master Teacher." Our aim in fulfilling our mission as a Catholic school is to pattern our services to all people as Jesus did for us.

## **MISSION**

Catholic education is an explicit expression of the evangelizing mission entrusted by Jesus to His church. Our mission at St. Mary's Bryantown is:

- To teach the message of Jesus Christ through prayer, word and example,
- To promote self-esteem, moral and spiritual values, enabling the students to reach full awareness of the talents God has given them,
- To build within a parish setting, a strong community based on Christian faith and service,
- To provide a structured and enriched educational program in an atmosphere that empowers students to achieve their potential as children of God who will impact the local and global community.

This process is enhanced by parents, staff and administrators whose lives are modeled on Gospel values as they teach, serve, and build community as Jesus did.

**MOTTO:** "Nurturing a lifelong love for Jesus, each other, and learning".

### **Goals of Our Preschool**

- To provide creative and educational play experiences for your children.
- To help them establish happy, secure relationships with other children, with other parents and with their teachers.
- To broaden each child's spiritual, physical, intellectual, emotional and social experiences to provide groundwork for future education and daily life.

- To encourage positive work habits that include being expressive, constructive, thoughtful and careful with school and other people's property.
- To teach self-discipline, self-control, and responsibility for his/her own actions.
- To provide a learning opportunity to lead the little children to Jesus.

**School Readiness**

All children must be 4 years of age by September 1.

All children should be toilet trained and able to take care of their own needs in the bathroom.

**Opening and Closing Times**

St. Mary’s Little Angels Preschool will operate on a five (5) day schedule. The schedule will be Monday through Friday with an option of morning or afternoon or full-day classes.

AM                    9:00 a.m.-11: 30 a.m.  
 PM                    1:00 p.m.-3: 30 p.m.  
 Full Day            9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

**Tuition Information**

Tuition and Fees for St. Mary’s Little Angels Preschool will be as follows:

Student Rate	Registration Fee * (per student)	Activity Fee ** (per student)	Part-Time (AM or PM)			Full-Time		
			Actual Cost to Educate Each Student	Adjusted Annual Tuition	Adjusted Monthly Tuition (10 payments)	Actual Cost to Educate Each Student	Adjusted Annual Tuition	Adjusted Monthly Tuition (10 payments)
1 child	\$100	\$50	\$5,130	<b>\$2,400</b>	\$240	\$7,190	<b>\$4,400</b>	\$440

Extensive fundraising, tuition assistance, support from surrounding parishes, and the subsidy from St. Mary’s parish all help to offset the difference between the actual cost to educate each student and the more affordable adjusted tuition for registering families.

**Fee Information:**

- The adjusted tuition does not include registration or activity fees.
- \*The registration fee is per student. Families registering for the first time must pay one month’s tuition plus the registration and activity fee.
- A **2%** discount for tuition is given if paid in full by July 1, 2012
- Pre-kindergarten has a \$50 activity fee per student and families are exempt from volunteer and fundraising commitments.
- Fees are non-refundable.
- Sibling discount is available.

A monthly payment plan is available and is paid to FACTS Tuition Management in 10 installments from August 2012 to May 2013.

### **Before and After Care**

There is Before Care for AM Preschool and there is After Care for PM Preschool for an additional charge. There is no After Care for AM Preschool and there is no Before Care for PM Preschool.

There is Before/After Care for Full Day Preschool. Before/After Care is available for an additional charge. Please see Before and After Care rate sheet.

There is a \$100 Before/After Care Registration fee per family.

### **Health and Safety**

Children who have any sort of communicable disease will not be permitted to attend school. St. Mary's should be called if your child contacts communicable diseases such as measles, mumps, chicken pox, scarlet fever, pink eye, etc. Please keep your child home if there is any doubt concerning illness. A physician's note is required before returning to class.

### **Discipline Policy**

Children are always treated with love and respect. When a minor discipline problem exists, the child will be given verbal direction and redirection as the main means of guidance. If the problem persists the child will be separated from the group while being supervised at all times. Most problems are corrected by sitting in the "think about it chair" for a few minutes.

Parents are encouraged to question staff if they are unclear about the handling of an incident.

### **Transportation**

The bus is available for all TC Martin Elementary School routes. These routes are determined by Charles County Public Schools for PreK .

The morning car riders will follow St. Mary's grades K-8 procedure. The children will be dropped off in the lower parking lot to walk upstairs to morning prayers or can be walked in by parents. The morning pick up cars can form a line outside of the preschool building. The children will be dismissed to the parents or put on the bus at this time.

Afternoon bus riders will be dropped off in the upper parking lot in front of school. Car riders should be walked into the classroom. If the afternoon child is a car rider, they can be picked up in the same procedure for the K-8 grades of St. Mary's.

### **Uniform**

The uniform is the official St. Mary's School Physical Education clothing, which is purchased from Flynn and O'Hara ([www.flynnohara.com](http://www.flynnohara.com)). This uniform consists of a sweatshirt, shorts or sweatpants, and a t-shirt. White tennis shoes are to be worn also.

**Snacks**

Each student must bring a snack item and drink daily. Full-Day students will need 2 snacks and drinks labeled AM Snack and PM Snack. The snack should be provided in a re-sealable bag with the child’s name on it. Snacks should be nutritious. Some suggestions for snacks are fruit, veggies, crackers with peanut butter or cheese and pretzels.

Birthdays can be celebrated with a special snack at snack time that may be brought in by the parent. Notify the teacher in advance if you wish to provide a snack for your child’s birthday. We must be careful of children with food allergies. No party invitations can be handled out unless the entire class is invited. Sensitive feelings need to be protected.

**Field Trips**

Educational Field trips may be planned throughout the year. There will be permission slips and information about the trip sent out in advance for the parents to sign and return.

**Pre-K consists of the following:**

- Morning Prayers (in school hall for AM and Full-Day students)
- Arrival/Greeting
- Opening/Group Time
- Small Centers/Work Times
- Clean-up Times
- Large Group Activity/Book Times
- Bathroom and Snack Time
- Gross Motor/Outside Play
- Full Day Students participate in lunch and rest time

**Volunteers**

There are no mandatory volunteer hours or fundraisers for St. Mary’s Little Angels Preschool. They are optional and encouraged.



I am registering my child/children for AM PM FULL Day Pre-Kindergarten.

I have read and understand the contents of St. Mary’s Little Angels Preschool Information Packet.

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Parent’s/Guardian’s Signature

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Date

Please sign and return this form to school.