

How St. Francis de Sales Helps Me to Grow

By: Noirin

8th Grade

During Catholic Schools' Week, we are given the chance to evaluate and appreciate all of the ways in which Catholic schools empower students in both their faith and excellence in order to prepare them for their futures. St. Francis de Sales is so important as a Catholic school because it is able to enhance academic excellence through arming students with their faith.

There are endless opportunities for us students to expand our knowledge of and experience with our Catholic faith. Every week, we are blessed to be able to attend Mass, which is led by a different class each time. An important part of each morning is gathering the school together virtually for a daily prayer. Unfortunately, because of necessary COVID changes, we have not been able to participate in school prayer services or the October Rosary. Although many aspects of our typical routine have been altered this year, these trials have in fact provided new ways for us to celebrate our faith and have especially revealed to us how important it is to rely on Christ at all times.

Because our class will be entering high school this year, our teachers are working extremely hard to prepare us for this challenging and new experience. Lately we have been practicing different types of note-taking, analyzing written works, and even learning some high school-level math. I have been at St. Francis de Sales since fourth grade, and I feel confident that I will be able to achieve success in my future because of how much I have been given here.

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Faith at St. Francis de Sales is very powerful. Everyone cooperates in many ways, to impact the lives of individuals, and make our small community a better place to live. Our learning place is very involved in charity work. The 8th grade class organized a school supplies

drive for the University of Dodoma, Tanzania. All of the classes and staff's generous donations will enhance the children's learning environment, and provide students and teachers with materials for a new school building that is being built. Food packaging events and Christmas shopping for kids in need are other methods of supporting close members in town and even across the world. In school, classes get to portray the Stations of the Cross and say the Rosary all together. At Mass, our school does annual food drive collections for the food pantry. All of these great things our private Catholic school has accomplished are changing lives.

Excellence is spread all throughout. High school is near for the class of 2021, teachers are providing us with very useful skills that will make us go very far in the future. Note taking is very important in the world of organization. There have been so many given opportunities on different ways of taking notes. Studying is significant in later years of education, so it was time to research and discover crucial techniques. Elective courses at school offer the opportunity to find things that interest students, and to develop skills that will carry with them through their life.