



*Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Mission Grammar School*

Unity in Diversity, Excellence in Education, Since 1889

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Dear Families,

Thank you for choosing Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Mission Grammar School. Your choice of a Catholic education speaks to your commitment to educate your whole child, intellectually, emotionally, socially, and spiritually. Planted in our Catholic roots, we will help your child grow in a learning community celebrating the word of the Gospel.

Beginning in K1 (Four Year Old Program), Mission Grammar SCHOLARS are immersed in an intense language arts model. Working with The Literacy Collaborative Framework, children in grades K1-3, focus on word work, interactive writing, reading / writing workshop, and guided reading groups. Our youngest Scholars benefit from small group instruction, allowing for individual growth. All scholars are individually assessed, allowing teachers to track individual progress. Working with our reading specialists and Title One lab manager, scholars receive tailored instruction, either extra help or challenge work.

As scholars move into grades 4-8 they work to grow as independent learners applying the skills of successful readers and writers. Scholars enjoy our partnership with Brigham and Women's Hospital through weekly Science Club and hospital internships. Seventh and Eighth Grade Scholar enroll in a 2 year Algebra Course. With the goal that all graduates enter admission into a Catholic, independent, or exam school, scholars work closely with personal goals. Scholars are encouraged to apply to such programs as *Stepping Stones*. Recent graduates have gone onto Boston Latin, Latin Academy, Milton Academy, Mount Saint Joseph, Belmont Hill School, Trinity Catholic, Cathedral High School, North Cambridge Catholic, and Newton Country Day School.

School wide, all scholars receive weekly instruction in *Peace Games*, a partnering organization dedicated to ending the escalating trend in violence by teaching children to become peacemakers. Scholars complete yearly service projects linking their peacemaking skills to action. Religion instruction is an integral part of daily instruction. Under the direction of the school prayer team, we begin each day with prayer and song. Monthly mass as well as weekly prayer services celebrate the teachings of the Gospel.

Located in the Longwood Medical and Academic Area, Mission Grammar benefits from partnerships. Mission Grammar is a partner school of Emmanuel College. This relationship links scholars to many opportunities; academic, cultural, and athletic. Mission Grammar scholars form relationships with college volunteers in the capacity of enrichment classes and tutoring sessions.

Upon admission to OLPH Mission Grammar School, you will enter into faith based learning community committed to celebrating the gifts of your child. I look forward to meeting with you. Again, thank you and welcome to a school community dedicated to nothing less than *Unity in Diversity, Excellence in Education, Since 1889*.

Peacefully,

Maura M. Bradley, Principal

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