



Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Mission Grammar School
Unity in Diversity, Excellence in Education, Since 1889

Mission

Mission Grammar School is a small, urban Catholic elementary school (K1-8) established in 1889 in Roxbury, Massachusetts. We serve students from diverse religious, ethnic and economic backgrounds. The faculty and staff are committed to educating the whole child: intellectually, emotionally, socially, and spiritually. We strive to enable each scholar to reach his or her full potential in a faith-based community rooted in Gospel values.

Our Principal and Faculty

Great schools have strong leadership and experienced, dedicated faculty. Mission Grammar's Principal, Maura M. Bradley offers 14 years of experience working in both Catholic and public elementary schools and a Masters of Education from Emmanuel College. Our faculty members continuously participate in graduate level professional development and exude enthusiasm in the classroom. Faculty members hold MA State Certification.

Academics

Mission Grammar SCHOLARS are emerged in standards based classrooms. Teachers focus on student's strengths, making the classroom a place of high engagement and connected learning. As a Literacy Collaborative School, Scholars focus on the skills of living the life of a reader and writer. This includes individual instruction and tracked assessment. Scholars are challenged to engage in all content areas as active speakers, readers, and writers.

Focus on the Whole Child

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- Art
- Music
- Physical Education
- Library Enrichment
- Computer Lab
- Science Club
- Peace Games
- Reading Enrichment
- Reading Recovery

Successful Scholars

Upon admission to OLPH Mission Grammar School, you will enter into learning community committed to celebrating the gifts of your child. Twice yearly, Scholars write Hopes and Dreams articulating personal goals. Teachers work in partnership with families to challenge, nurture, and support Scholar's success. Our goal is that all graduates enter into a Catholic, independent, or exam school. Recent Scholars have gone onto the following schools

Boston Latin
Boston Latin Academy
Milton Academy
Belmont Hill School
Mount Saint Joseph
Trinity Catholic
Cathedral High School
North Cambridge Catholic
Newton Country Day School
The Fessenden School
The Hampshire School

Living the Gospel

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.

Recent Service Learning Projects Include
Recycling Campaign
Tools for Managing Stress
Autism Awareness
Walk for Homelessness
Exercise
Outreach to the elderly

Boston: *The Living Classroom*

As an urban school, we are greatly advanced to have the hub of city in our back door. Knowing that children learn best by doing, Mission Grammar Scholars take the classroom into the real world with several field trips, including

Nature's Classroom
Hale Reservation Retreat
Museum of Fine Arts
Museum of Science
Children's Museum
Boston by Foot
Eric Carle Picture Book Museum
Boston Lyrical Opera

Community Partners

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. Mission Grammar is the proud partner of the following;

Emmanuel College
Boston College
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Services
Harvard School of Public Health
Brigham and Women's Hospital
Sociedad Latina
Peace Games
Strong Women, Strong Girls

Family Involvement

Mission Grammar prides itself on its family atmospheres. Parents and family members are actively engaged in the life of the school. Family members are encouraged to volunteer in classrooms as Mystery Readers, field trip chaperones, or guest speakers. The Mission Grammar Family Organization meets monthly to support and sponsor school wide events. The "FO" sponsors the following yearly events

Harvest Fest
Teacher Appreciation Dinner
Spring Fashion Show
Family Picnic
Uniform Swap

After School Program

Mission Grammar School offers a variety of after school programs tailored to meet the needs of your family. We are in partnership with the following after school programs.

Mission Grammar After School
Sociedad Latina Mission Enrichment
Saint Katherine Drexel
YMCA: Roxbury, Central, Egelston Square

Tuition and Fees

Tuition for the 2010-2011 School Year is \$4000.00 for the K1 Program and \$3600.00 for K2-8. There is an annual, nonrefundable, \$125.00 registration fee. Mission Grammar awards financial aid to all qualifying families.
(Please see "applying for financial aid")

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