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We would like to say we feel so fortunate to have the opportunity to send our children to St. Mary's. Both of us spent time in Catholic school and wanted our children to experience the many benefits we received from a Catholic education.

One of the big things for us was starting them on the right foot. Being in an environment where they learn to respect their elders, respect their classmates, respect God and get an excellent education is very important to us. The behavioral and academic standards here at St. Mary's cannot be beat locally, so in our minds there was no better place to start.

St. Mary's hasn't just gotten these big things right for us however; we've come to appreciate many of the smaller things as well.

Things like:

- How the school has become an extension of our family: By the second day of school Mrs. Keeney and Mrs. Henderson knew all our names,
- We love watching our daughter give Mrs. Henderson a big hug each morning,
- They teach virtues of the month such as mercy, compassion and respect that reconfirm the moral values they are learning,
- The caliber of students along with small classes ensure our children will be challenged to reach their full potential,
- School uniforms reduce distractions and make getting dressed in the morning much easier,
- We take comfort in knowing Father Scardella supports and advocates for St Mary's Academy,
- We appreciate that Mrs. Henderson runs a tight ship,
- We appreciate the Christmas concert: A concert that actually puts Jesus as the reason for the season.

All parents want the best for their children and all aspire to raise respectful, moral and loving individuals. For us sending our children to St Mary's Academy is the best way we can reinforce the values we are learning at church and modeling at home.

We are very blessed to know our children are in such good hands and will continue to recruit and advocate for St. Mary's Academy.