

BRIEF HISTORY OF BEATITUDES SCHOOL

Beatitudes of Our Lord School was established in 1966 as a Parish Elementary School. Four Bernadine Sisters and four lay teachers staffed the school. The pupil enrollment was three hundred seventy-five. There were double first and second grades the first year and double classes continued until 1969.

The first graduation took place in June 1969. In 1969-1970, the enrollment reached its highest peak with five hundred eight students.

In 1973, the Parish Religious Education Office occupied a phased out classroom. In 1974, another phased out classroom was converted to a school library. In August 1986, spare classrooms were converted to a Parish Youth Ministry Office and Writing to Read Computer Laboratory.

In the 1990-1991 school year, the school staff consisted of two Bernadine sisters and seven lay teachers, a librarian, a computer instructor, and a school secretary. School enrollment at that time was two hundred seventy-six. On June 28, 1991 the Bernadine Sisters withdrew from Beatitudes of Our Lord School due to lack of available Religious personnel.

After the dedication of a new Church, the original Church building became the parish hall and the area that served as the parish hall began to be used for various other purposes. One classroom in that area was converted to a Kindergarten that opened in September 1992.

The Science Laboratory was constructed in 1993 in the small hall. The project was underwritten and constructed by the school parents.

In 1996-97, contributions from parents were used to purchase nineteen computers. In 1999, the computer lab was wired for network access. Forty computers were leased for the computer lab. The small hall was utilized for recess and lunch. Spanish was introduced into the curriculum in January 2001. Cross country and Track were added to the athletic program.

In 2007, Fr. Page, installed new energy efficient lighting in the entire school facility, and installed new flooring in all classrooms. Fr. Page contracted with a company to install new primary playground. Installation was completed in October 2007.

Other improvements include:

Upgrade of school office to include office space for Vice Principal.

- End of September 2007 – Installation of new whiteboards in grades 1-8
- New desks and chairs in Grade 5
- Installation of telephones in all classrooms.
- New Social Studies curriculum for grades K-5 - CD-ROM & Internet accessible
- New playground
- New faculty room

2008-09

- School Office remodeled
- Library remodeled
- Computer Lab remodeled
- New desks in grade 8

2009-10

- Mini Blinds in all classrooms (except the computer lab and library).
- Infrastructure improvements to improve classroom audio/visual services

- Two new tetherball courts
- New air conditioners/heaters in classrooms and office

2011-12

- New windows in west wing rooms
- New large HD flat screen televisions with DVD player in library and daycare
- Geometry class offered to grade 8 students

2012-13

- New windows in east wing rooms
- New large HD flat screen televisions with DVD players in classrooms & small hall
- New metal shelving in classrooms
- New white board in grade 8
- Pergola shade over outside eating pavilion
- All classrooms painted
- Exterior of the school painted
- Choir risers purchased

2013-14

- Accelerated Reader launched
- New white board in grade 5
- Technology Lab computers replaced
- All teacher and office computers replaced
- Laminator purchased
- Document cameras purchased for classrooms

2014-15

- New Common Core language arts curriculum
- New energy efficient lighting in classroom and office
- Remodeled new kindergarten room including plumbing for sink and new white, bulletin boards, and large HD flat screen television with DVD player
- Opened Transitional Kindergarten
- New small group instruction tables in grades TK-5

2015-16

- Purchased new office copier
- Hand bells purchased
- Installed waterless urinals in boys bathroom

2016-17

- Laptop computers purchased for classroom teacher use
- IXL launched
- Personalized painted tiles installed around drinking fountain
- Toilets replaced in transitional kindergarten room

