



The dePaul School

...empowering students who learn differently since 1983

Dear Parents,

I am so pleased that you have decided to return or newly get to know The dePaul School. It is truly a special place, dedicated to our mission of enabling students to achieve academic and personal success. Our warmth and commitment motivates students to develop a lifelong passion for learning. Our students lead with courage and eagerly explore new ideas—all within an inclusive community where they feel respected, challenged, and inspired.

dePaul was founded in 1983 by a group of entrepreneurial parents who dreamed of creating a more robust school for bright students with language based learning disabilities. More than 40 years later, our school proudly upholds a rich tradition of innovative education, still rooted in structured literacy established by our founders, Dr. Shedd and Sister Rita in 1960. Today, our school has grown to educate 100 students full time every year, offer community screeners direct to the students in their communities, educate soon to be educators in college, and provide professional development and support to educators in other schools.

As a parent, you recognize your child's strengths and passions and are eager to watch their potential unfold. At dePaul, we share that commitment by partnering with families to nurture each child's growth through intentional, explicit, structured, and systematic learning. Our approach supports not only academic achievement but also creative exploration and social-emotional growth. Within this supportive and diverse environment, students build meaningful connections with their peers while developing a deeper understanding of themselves and others.

In their early years, it is essential for students to grow and learn across all areas. That is why we provide a broad and comprehensive education that nurtures the whole child, including science, math, reading, writing, social studies, American sign language, the arts (drama and music partnered with Ruth Eckerd Hall, art with the phenomenal Ms. Pam) physical education, and technology. By integrating character development and executive functioning development, dePaul prepares its alumni to thrive as leaders and strong community members in their next educational journey – whether it be elementary, high school, college or beyond. We are committed to educating the whole child and preparing students to thrive in an ever-evolving world.

None of this could be accomplished without our incredible elite faculty and staff, whose passion, warmth, and expertise drive our success. With one teacher for every seven students, the school can tailor instruction to the children's learning. Our educators are truly the best at what they do, inspiring and guiding every student to reach their fullest potential.

This year started as every other has – with joy and excitement! We're anxious to learn about your child and grow with your student. Thank you for trusting us as your journey continues!

Sincerely,

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