

## Smaller Classes Are Better

Although class sizes vary from year to year and by grade level, the high ratio of teachers to students at SSPP enables our staff to offer a much more individualized approach to your child's learning. As a school we have maintained an average of under fifteen students per teacher for many years and are absolutely committed to staff levels that will continue the high level of achievement which parents have come to expect and that each child deserves.

## Financial Aid Is Available

With budget cuts forcing many schools to eliminate programs and reduce services, parents today are thinking about their priorities and whether they are getting their money's worth. We understand that families are struggling in what has been a very weak economy. Saints Peter and Paul has one application for a variety of financial aid to offset the costs associated with providing the best education for your children. Completion of the application by mid-March ensures that your family will be considered for every resource that we can make available to offset your tuition. Other sources of aid are available year-round. Please don't let the issue of cost keep you from considering SSPP before seeing what we can offer. You will not find a better education value.



## SSPP Preschool Uses

### The Creative Curriculum

"It looks like they're just playing" is what we sometimes hear when people visit our Preschool. That is just the tip of the iceberg though: There is a lot more going on than meets the eye. "Creative Curriculum" is the name given to a rich and complex learning system which guides our preschoolers through learning and developmental objectives in a structured setting, documenting their progress at each stage. The children think they are just having fun doing interesting things with their friends and their teachers, but the guidance they receive in the classroom facilitates and documents their growth in each early-education category, providing the very best preparation for kindergarten and beyond.

## Well-Rounded Activities

### Make Well-Rounded People

We believe that providing a diverse range of activities helps to enrich each child's experience, making them better able to meet the challenges they will face in high school and as adults. Our computer lab is one of the most up-to-date facilities of its kind in the county. Through cooperative agreements with Ionia Public Schools, students are also able to participate in Physical Education, Art and Band. Competitive sports are offered in the upper elementary levels and since there are fewer total players on our teams than is often the case in some schools, our athletes spend less time on the bench and more time actually playing.

## We Are Not A

### One-Size-Fits-All School

Being relatively small, we are able to tailor our curriculum to the needs of each child. Students needing a little extra help in particular areas receive the attention they need to succeed. Advanced students have opportunities to pursue their studies at an accelerated pace, helping to keep them engaged and challenged. Our students consistently place among the top performers at their high schools when they advance to the next level.

## We Take Safety Seriously

Every staff member and parent volunteer must complete specialized training and pass a background check before they are allowed to work or volunteer with our school. All doors are secured during school hours and procedures for entrance to the school are rigidly enforced. We are intensely aware of the enormous responsibility we have in ensuring the safety of each student.



First and Eighth grades working together to help Toys For Tots

## Service Is Part Of Our Mission

Each year, students at Saints Peter and Paul are actively engaged in the community helping others. Whether taking part in Toys for Tots, delivering supplies to the Ionia County Animal Shelter or helping to stock local food pantries, our students understand that we all share responsibility for making our world a better place. The experience they gain in personally making a difference for others gives them confidence that will be with them for a lifetime.