

Our Lady of
Mount Carmel School



Admissions Information
2018-2019 School Year

Welcome



For over 130 years, Our Lady of Mount Carmel School has been educating students in the Catholic tradition. Our mission is to develop students with creative minds, a sense of purpose, compassion for others, and the courage to act on their Catholic beliefs.

We foster independent thinking, facilitate academic excellence, and provide a high quality Catholic education to pre-kindergarten through eighth grade students. Our students are challenged to grow spiritually, intellectually, emotionally and physically.

As a Roman Catholic parish school, our students and faculty pray together each morning, attend weekly Mass at our parish church, host a robust Community Outreach Program and are involved in parish life.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel School serves a diverse local community. All are welcome. We have created a culture of respect towards all who enter our school. We practice social justice and encourage our students to go forth into the larger community with compassion and confidence.

We invite you to learn more about our exceptional academic programs, our great school, and vibrant parish community.

Teresa Anthony
Principal

Ulysses D'Aquila
Pastor

Admissions Calendar

DATE	DAY	TIME	ADMISSIONS EVENT
October 16, 2017	Monday	9:00 am	Applications Available school.mountcarmel.org/ admissions
October 18- December 15, 2017	Wednesdays & Fridays	9:00 am	School Tours Call 650-366-6127 to schedule
January 2018	Wednesdays & Fridays	9:00 am	School Tours Call 650-366-6127 to schedule
January 9, 2018	Tuesday	6:45- 8:00 pm	Information Night for TK and Kindergarten Childcare provided
January 28, 2018	Sunday	10:00 am	Catholic Schools Week Mass Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church
January 28, 2018	Sunday	11:00 am- 12:30 pm	School Open House Refreshments and classroom visits
February 2, 2018	Friday	5:00 pm	Application Deadline
February 6-9, 2018	Tuesday- Friday	8:30 am- 5:00 pm	K-1 Student Assessments and Parent Interviews
February 12, 2018	Monday	1:30 pm	Grades 2-7 Student Assessments and Parent Interviews
February 20-23, 2018	Tuesday- Friday	TBD	TK Visit Day and Parent Interviews
February 23, 2018	Friday		TK-7 Acceptance Letters Mailed
March 5-9, 2018			Pre-Kindergarten Acceptance Letters Mailed

Admissions Process



Visit

Take a school tour, attend an information night, or attend Open House during Catholic Schools week. (See Calendar on page 2 for dates.)

Submit an Application

Beginning October 16, 2017, apply online at school.mountcarmel.org/admissions. Submit with application fee on or before February 2, 2018.

Interviews & Testing

Kindergarten and Grade 1 applicants will be scheduled for a one-on-one evaluation for readiness. 2nd through 7th grade students will participate in an assessment to verify grade level achievement.

Selection Process

Our Lady of Mount Carmel School does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion or any other criteria. However, students must possess the necessary skills to be successful. Children from parish families and siblings of currently enrolled students are given first consideration. All others are considered on a space available basis.

Acceptance

Acceptance letters will be mailed in late February or early March, 2018. Once accepted, student families need to submit a non-refundable enrollment fee to hold a spot.

Tuition & Fees

Tuition Rates & Payment Plans

We offer two rate plans: a Participation rate for families who choose to contribute services hours and help with school fundraisers, and a higher, Non-Participation rate. Various payment schedules may be set up through our online service.

Discounts

Families with more than one child pay a reduced tuition rate for each additional child in grades TK through 8. Discounts are also offered for those who select an annual or bi-annual payment plan.



Financial Aid

Aid is available to qualifying families through the Archdiocese of San Francisco Family Grants, the BASIC Fund, and Our Lady of Mount Carmel School's Tuition Assistance Fund. Applications are available online with various deadlines, all due in the Spring of each year. Find out more at <http://school.mountcarmel.org/admissions/tuition-assistance>.

Rates & Fees

Following are 2017-18 rates. Tuition rates for the 2018-19 school year will be slightly higher.

Grade Level	Participation Rate	Non-Participation Rate	Application Fee	Enrollment Fee
Pre-K	\$4,950 ¹	\$5,475 ²	\$55	\$125
TK - 8	\$6,830	\$8,570	\$55	\$345

¹ 5 days/week. 3 days is \$2,970; 2 days is \$1,980.

² 5 days/week. 3 days is \$3,495; 2 days is \$2,505.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel students are:

ACTIVE CHRISTIANS

- Use formal and spontaneous prayer
- Learn the teachings of the Catholic faith
- Participate in liturgical celebrations
- Engage in service projects to help others and the environment



SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE

- Take responsibility for our actions
- Understand and use good health and safety habits
- Work cooperatively
- Apply conflict resolution skills
- Practice respectful digital citizenship

KNOWLEDGE SEEKERS

- Implement the Step up to Writing Process
- Think critically and solve problems
- Research, interpret and apply information
- Work independently and collaboratively to achieve goals
- Participate in the arts and humanities
- Use technology to enhance learning



Programs & Academics



Pre-Kindergarten

Our Lady of Mount Carmel School offers a Pre-Kindergarten program for children ages 3 to 5 at our on-site extended care facility. Children must be 3 years of age by September 1, 2018. Class size is limited to 15 students. We offer a half-day program with options to attend two days per week (Tuesdays and Thursdays); three days per week (Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays) or five days per week. The program runs from 9:00 a.m. until noon on Mondays and 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday.

Transitional Kindergarten (TK)

TK is open to children who will be 5 years of age by December 2 and who have preschool or pre-kindergarten experience. Transitional Kindergarten gives children a more challenging curriculum than Pre-Kindergarten by blending its standards with those of Kindergarten. TK follows the main school calendar of 180 days. Class size is limited to 16 students with a full-time teacher and classroom aide.

The weekly schedule for TK consists of a Monday and Friday schedule from 8:30 am to 12:50 pm, and Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm. Before and after school care is available for all students through the extended care program, *A Kid's Place*, for additional fees.

Programs & Academics



Kindergarten

Kindergarten is a full-day program completely integrated into Our Lady of Mount Carmel's elementary school. Children must be 5 years old as of September 1 to apply. Maximum class size is 35 with a full-time teacher and classroom aide for a maximum 18:1 ratio.

Grades 1- 8

Maximum class size for all grades is 35. Children begin their day at 7:55 a.m. and are dismissed at 12:50 p.m. on Mondays, and 3:00 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays. Before and after

school care is available for all students in the extended care program for additional fees.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel School follows state adopted curriculum standards in all subjects, fostering academic excellence. Common Core Standards have been adopted in both Math and Language Arts. All students grades TK through 8 receive instruction in the following:

- Art
- Language Arts (reading, writing, grammar)
- Math
- Music
- Penmanship (grades TK-5)
- Performing Arts
- Physical Education
- Religion
- Science
- Social Studies
- Spanish & Advanced Spanish



Whole Child Focus

The learning process at Our Lady of Mount Carmel School encompasses the spiritual, intellectual, social, physical and emotional needs of its students. A robust academic curriculum includes religion classes with a focus on treating all living things with respect. In addition, a licensed M.F.T. counselor is on campus one day a week to work with individuals and groups of students as needed, all covered by annual tuition.

Academic Rigor

Our strong focus on science, technology, math and language arts provides a solid foundation and prepares students for high school.

Math classes follow Common Core Standards and use technology consistently to

support learning. Students hone skills, think critically, focus on precision and interact with teachers in small group settings, including accelerated groups in the upper grades.

Teachers and students use interactive smartboards, Macbooks, iPads and Chromebooks daily in all subjects. Up to 98% of our student body can use a computing device simultaneously.

All grades follow the Next Generation Science Standards. A hands-on science lab is available to all grades. Grades 5 through 8 have a dedicated science teacher and 8th graders participate in the county STEM fair each year.

Robust Resource Program

Two resource teachers, both with advanced Special Education degrees, provide one-on-one and small group academic support to those students who need more help. Older students are coached in a comprehensive self-advocacy program to develop the skills they need to be successful in high school and beyond.



The Arts



Our Lady of Mount Carmel School offers a full fine arts program, including visual arts, music and performing arts. Biweekly art lessons are taught in all grades by a credentialed art teacher, based on the *Art in Action* curriculum. Weekly music

classes are taught by dedicated music teachers and include liturgical song preparation as well as musical productions. Beginning with our renowned Kindergarten show, *The Three Piggy Opera*, all students take part in a theatrical production each year, building confidence and public presentation skills.

P.E. & Sports Program

All students participate in Physical Education class twice per week. The professional, credentialed and highly motivated *Rhythm & Moves* teachers engage each and every student to embrace physical activity and lifelong fitness.

Starting in 4th grade, students may choose to participate in school sports through the Peninsula Parishes and Schools League. We offer baseball and volleyball in the Fall, basketball and cheerleading in the Winter, and track and field in the Spring. See www.ppsl.org for more information about the league.



Outdoor Education

6th and 8th graders attend a one-week camp through Caritas Creek Environmental Education in Occidental, CA. The purpose is to foster a deeper connection to self, the spirit of love, the natural environment, and one's community. For more information visit www.caritascreek.org.

Community & Traditions

Academic Events

Students in all grades plan and take active roles in multi-grade activities such as Book Buddies and School Families. Throughout the year, teachers enter student work in local art, writing and science competitions. In addition, our school hosts annual Spelling and Geography Bees for grades 4-8, as well as an outstanding Academic Decathlon team for grades 6-8.

Community Outreach

As socially responsible Christians, students are actively engaged in helping the less fortunate. Each class sponsors a monthly project to support non-profit organizations such as the St. Francis Center, SPCA, Catholic Worker House, our sister parish in Tanzania, disaster relief funds and local hospitals.



Traditions

As the oldest school on the peninsula, many traditions have evolved as generations of local families have been educated here. Some of these traditions include a monthly school-hosted celebration of Mass, a Halloween parade, Breakfast with Santa, a Spring Color Run, the Butterfly Ball, Mother and Son Bowling night and an end-of-year picnic.

Fundraisers

Fundraisers provide 20% of our annual operating budget. In addition to SCRIP, our gift card program that rebates the school when families shop, we have an annual chocolate and catalog sale in September, a benefit auction in Autumn, and Wild West Days, our Spring Festival. We also encourage all families to “round up” tuition payments, donating the additional amount to school families in need of tuition assistance.



AT A GLANCE

Our Lady of Mount Carmel School

Denomination:	Catholic
Year Founded:	1885
Pastor:	Father Ulysses D'Aquila
Principal:	Mrs. Teresa Anthony
Enrollment 2017-2018:	307
Pre-Kindergarten:	Yes, for ages 3 - 5
Grades Served:	TK - 8
Extended Care:	Yes, for TK - 8 on site
Hot Lunch:	Yes, Tuesday - Friday
Male students:	49%
Female Students:	51%
Faculty & Staff:	39
Maximum Class Sizes	
Pre-Kindergarten	15
Transitional Kindergarten	16
Kindergarten-Grade 8	35
Teacher to Student Ratio	
Pre-Kindergarten	1:5
Transitional Kindergarten	1:7
Kindergarten-Grade 8	1:18



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