

# MIDDLE *School* Overview



# OPPORTUNITY

## **It's what every child wants.**

The opportunity to learn in a safe, supportive environment.

The opportunity to explore interests and develop talents.

The opportunity to develop relationships with others and with God.

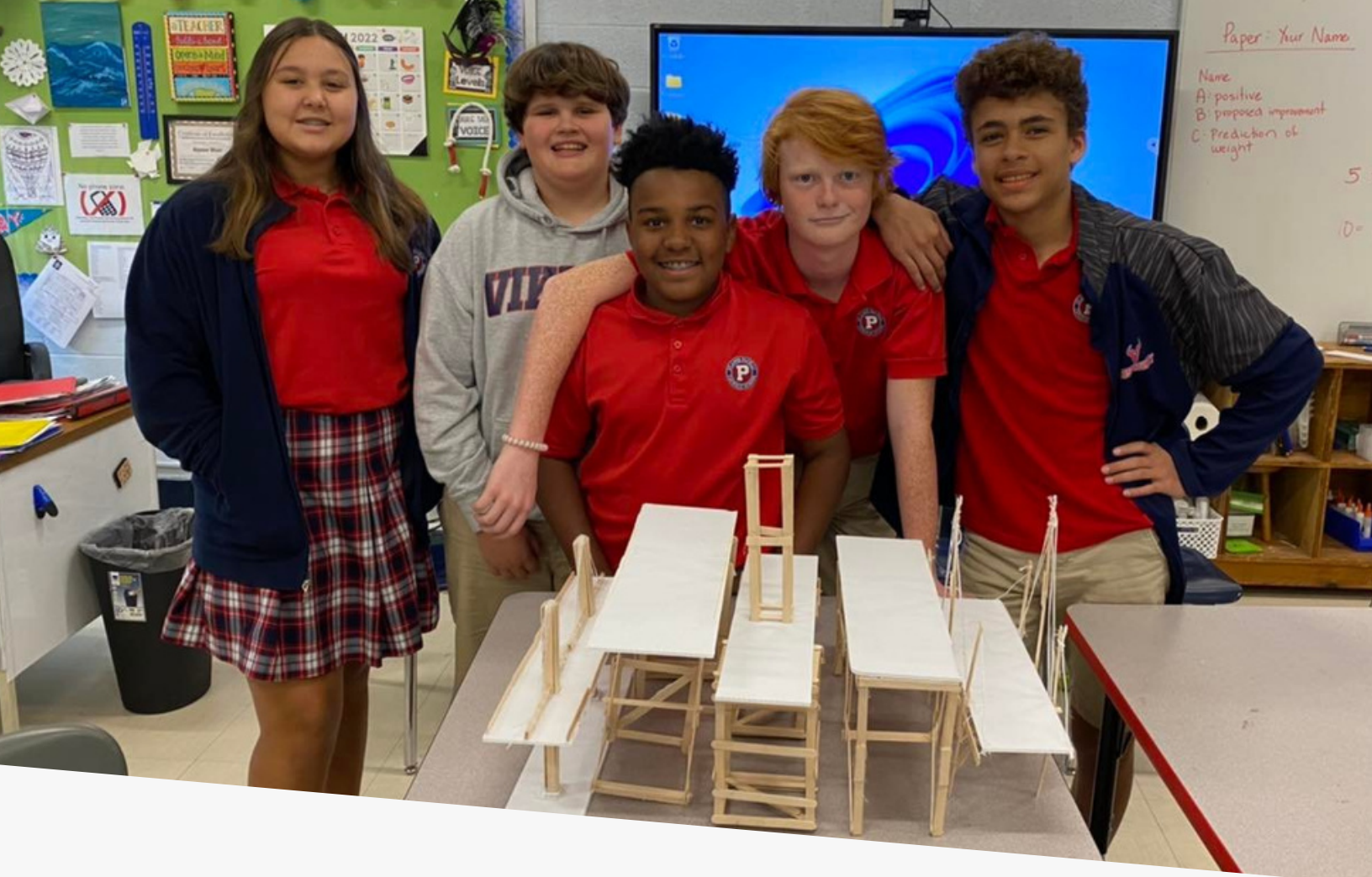
The opportunity to succeed.

St. Anne-Pacelli is a college preparatory, preschool through 12th grade, Catholic school dedicated to giving children these opportunities and more.

## **FUN FACT**

Our current students travel from 10 counties in Alabama and Georgia to attend school at St. Anne-Pacelli. It's worth the drive!





# OPPORTUNITY TO *Learn*

Learn is a verb and should be active. It's more than multiple choice questions and memorization. To be successful, students need to develop the ability to think critically, solve problems creatively and communicate confidently. St. Anne-Pacelli develops these skills in students using a college preparatory curriculum taught by experienced, licensed teachers. Smaller classes allow for more interactive lessons and group activities.

Core subjects in the middle school are English Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies and Religion. Students take two English Language Arts classes in 6th grade to strengthen their reading, grammar and vocabulary skills in preparation for high school. For extra emphasis on the applied Mathematics, Science and Technology skills needed for today's world, all 7th grade students have a STEAM class. There is an advanced Math tract that allows 8th graders who excel in Math the opportunity to take Algebra I. They may also qualify to take a foreign language class for high school credit. A variety of elective options, including Intro to TV Production, Music Appreciation and High Performance Sports, are also available. Vikings aren't just prepared for high school, they have a head start!





# OPPORTUNITY TO *Create*

Art, Drama and Music not only inspire imagination but are necessary for a well-rounded education. Participation in Fine Arts can help teens learn to be comfortable in front of an audience and allow for individual expression.

At St. Anne-Pacelli, middle school students have course options in Painting, Ceramics, Musical Theater Production, Drama, Band and Chorus. Talents are put on display during events such as plays, art shows and school programs.







## OPPORTUNITY TO *Discover*

Middle school is a time to explore beyond reading, writing and arithmetic. St. Anne-Pacelli students can select exploratory and elective classes in a variety of areas including Fine Arts, Mass Media, and Sports. They may also develop interests through clubs and activities, such as our Middle School Fishing Club or Viking Athletics sports teams.

Teachers use a combination of lecture, independent work, group projects, and hands-on activities to keep students engaged. Stop in a classroom and you might find students programming robots, simulating how countries trade natural resources through a card game, or using an electrical current to make a pickle glow!



## Fun Fact

With an average class size of 19, our middle school students aren't lost in the shuffle. Our teachers believe every student can be successful and are available before school, after school and at lunch for extra help.



## OPPORTUNITY TO *Pray*

Navigating the sometimes awkward tween and early teen years is a big part of middle school. Starting every morning with prayer sets a positive tone for the day. Daily Religion classes facilitate conversations about morals and ethics. Middle school students attend church twice a month and various prayer services throughout the year. They may also participate in Velocity or our Rosary Club to learn the power of prayer and a positive outlook.

St. Anne-Pacelli welcomes students of other religions and encourages those students to grow stronger in their faiths. Being guided by the teachings of Jesus Christ makes our hallways a loving, forgiving place where adolescents can find comfort and peace.

## FUN FACT

At St. Anne-Pacelli, kindness is celebrated as much as academic achievement. The Viking of the Month program recognizes one student in each grade who lives the school's core values of faith, honesty, loyalty and respect. These values create an environment of trust; so much so that none of our lockers have locks on them.





## OPPORTUNITY TO *Give*

Gifts and talents are meant to be shared with others, so all St. Anne-Pacelli students engage in service. Community service is part of the Religion curriculum each year. Our students learn about the importance of sharing their time, talent and treasure when they visit St. Anne Community Outreach. Located on campus, the center helps feed and clothe the less fortunate in our area. There are opportunities for middle school students to donate items to the center as well as volunteer.

Before Christmas, our 7th graders are encouraged to use money they earn by doing chores around the house to purchase items for a Baby Shower for Jesus. The baby gifts are then donated to St. Anne Community Outreach and shared with local families in need.

Our Vikings are making a difference in their school, church and community!

# Opportunity to *Play*

Just like the mind needs to be nurtured, we must also develop the body. Middle school students may choose Physical Education courses as one of their electives.

Over 85% of our students play at least one sport. We can help students find their athletic sweet-spot, whether that is trying a sport for the first time, playing multiple sports or developing their skills to be ready for high school level play.

St. Anne-Pacelli offers the following sports for middle school students:

Baseball  
Basketball  
Cheerleading  
Cross Country  
Dance  
Football  
Golf  
Soccer  
Swimming  
Tennis  
Track & Field  
Volleyball  
Wrestling







## OPPORTUNITY TO *Lead*

Leaders are made from experience. St. Anne-Pacelli is committed to giving students chances to demonstrate leadership. Whether it is moderating a club meeting, reading scripture at church, or captaining a sports team, students are expected to take an active role in creating their own experience. A hallmark of a Viking is that they feel safe to try new things - and even make mistakes - gaining the confidence they need to be independent leaders.

Our middle school Student Council representatives serve as mentors to our elementary Student Council, helping them reach their goal of making a positive impact on our school.

## Middle School Grading Scale

94-100 - A

86-93 - B

77-85 - C

70-76 - D

Below 70 - F





## OPPORTUNITY TO *Shine*

"Family" is the word you will most often hear when asking students and parents about St. Anne-Pacelli Catholic School. The Viking Family is about everyone working together, deeply committed to helping every child reach his or her potential.

St. Anne-Pacelli middle school students outperform national norms in all subject areas on Measurement of Academic Progress (MAP) Testing. They consistently win academic competitions and awards. They live their faith. They are not afraid to try new things and let their lights shine!





*Want to join the fun?*

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