



## De Chantal's Mission Statement

St. Jane Frances de Chantal School is a Christ-centered, educational community committed to the individual needs of students through a flexible and innovative curriculum. Our administration and faculty recognize their obligation to provide a school that is unique, contemporary, and oriented to Christian service. We structure an environment founded on Catholic tradition that is academically challenging, emotionally nurturing, and spiritually grounded in the Gospel message. We instill in our students a positive self-image, leadership qualities, and a sense of responsibility towards the school, parish, and community.



# St. Jane Frances de Chantal Catholic School

*founded 1953*

## CONTACT INFORMATION

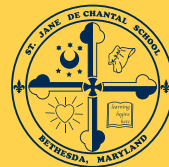
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In 2011, St. Jane Frances de Chantal was presented with the highest honor that an American school can achieve — the National Blue Ribbon Award. De Chantal was one of only 315 schools in the nation to receive this award.



## ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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*St. Jane de Chantal becomes a part of who you are, for the rest of your life.*



## DE CHANTAL HISTORY

Monsignor James Caulfield, the founding pastor of St. Jane Frances de Chantal parish, and three religious from Mother Elizabeth Seton's Sisters of Charity, started the school in 1953. Forty-nine students received instruction in a one-hundred-year-old farmhouse as goats grazed on the lawn. In 1954, a church hall was added to accommodate another 150 students, and a dedicated school building was completed in 1961. Recent improvements include a new gymnasium, renovated library and cafeteria, and integrating the latest educational-enhancing technology into the classrooms. While much has changed since the school's founding, the leadership and faculty remain committed to carrying forth Mother Seton's mission—to "teach as Jesus did," and manifest the presence of God in our children.

## SCHOOL LIFE

A sense of community is instilled through a partnership between school leadership, faculty, staff, parents and the parish. There are many opportunities for parents to participate in and out of the classroom.

- Younger and older students are paired together as "families" for school events
- The Home & School Association (HSA) works year long to plan fundraising and social events and coordinates volunteer activities
- Parents are encouraged to share in their child's education; volunteers are welcome as teacher's aides, book readers, lunch angels, room parents, field trip chaperones, in Sodality, and within the HSA
- Many children and grandchildren of De Chantal alumnae attend the school

## ACADEMICS, CLUBS & SPORTS

Critical thinking is encouraged, and students are challenged to develop an "I Can" attitude. Students graduate intellectually confident young men and women, whose academic preparation is highly respected by high school admission directors. Highlights include:

- Education-enhancing technology including "SMART" boards, Netbooks, and computer classes
- Music, Band, Choir, Art, and Physical Education
- Newly renovated 11,000 volume library and new art room/science lab
- Multiple grade-specific enrichment programs
- Large variety of clubs including Student Council, Sodality, and Journalism
- Year round, active participation in Catholic Youth Organization sports

## RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

The curriculum reflects a commitment to Roman Catholic values. Faith is nurtured through positive reinforcement, with an emphasis on personal responsibility and social service.

- Students receive in-depth religious instruction
- The school day begins and ends with prayers
- Students attend Mass regularly



## LEADERSHIP & FACULTY

The administration and faculty are regularly recognized for their contributions to our community and within their respective fields.

- Pastor, Monsignor Donald S. Essex, St. Jane de Chantal Parish
- Principal, Mrs. Betsy Hamilton (1988-present)

## De Chantal Important Information

### ADMISSIONS PROCEDURES

- Visit [www.DeChantal.org](http://www.DeChantal.org) or call 301.530.1221 for application
- Acceptances mailed in March



### FINANCIAL AID

- Apply confidentially online to the Archdiocese ([www.adw.org](http://www.adw.org))
- If eligible, assistance is provided directly to St. Jane de Chantal

### QUICK FACTS

- K-8, two classes per grade
- A diverse student body of over 500 children from 300 families
- One of the most affordable Catholic school tuition rates in the Archdiocese
- On-site morning and after school care
- Affiliated with St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish