

Frequently Asked Questions

What type of curriculum do you offer? OLMC School follows the Diocese of Richmond Consensus Curriculum, which is based on National Standards and is consistent with State of Virginia guidelines. A reference copy is available on the Diocesan website for review (www.richmonddiocese.org).

What is the significance of being a Blue Ribbon School? The Blue Ribbon Schools Program is a United States government program created to honor schools; it is the highest honor an American school can achieve. Blue Ribbon Schools are awarded this designation by the secretary of education for displaying qualities, such as high student achievement and high rates of parental involvements.

What is the average class size? The average class size at OLMC School is 20 students.

Is OLMC School accredited? OLMC School is accredited by the Southern Association for Colleges and Schools (SACS) and the Virginia Catholic Education Association (VCEA).

What are the credentials for OLMC School teachers? The accrediting institutions, SACS and VCEA, require that teachers have at least a bachelor's degree and be licensed and certified. Not only are OLMC School teachers licensed and certified, but 50% possess master's degrees.

How old does my child need to be to enter four- year preschool/Kindergarten? OLMC School complies with the state's age requirements: children entering Pre-K must be four years of age by September 30th; children entering Kindergarten must be five years of age by September 30th.

Does my child need to take a placement test before being accepted? All students are expected to take a placement/readiness test to assess grade appropriateness and math level for seventh and eighth grade students.

Does OLMC School offer before/after care? OLMC School offers before care daily, starting at 7:00am. Aftercare is provided daily on site by the YMCA from 3:00 to 6:00pm.

What are Service Hours? In an effort to keep tuition costs low, OLMC requires each registered family to complete 20 service hours per year. These hours are activities that we would otherwise have to pay someone to complete and may be done through the classrooms, sports programs or school special events, just to name a few. You can find more information, and a comprehensive list of activities, through the school website.

Do you have a bus service? The Mount Carmel Bus Company provides bus service to and from school for those interested. The fee schedule and routes are accessible through a link on the OLMC School website.

Do you have Financial Aid? Financial Aid is available through both the Catholic Diocese of Richmond and Our Lady of Mount Carmel School to those families who demonstrate need and qualify through the FACTS Grant and Aid process. To apply please online at www.factstuitionaid.com and follow the directions.

How do you collect tuition? Tuition may be paid in full directly to the school by mid-August each year or in 10 monthly payments, from August-May, through the FACTS Management Company automated payment system.

If I register after the beginning of the year, do I have to pay full tuition? When registering after the beginning of the school year, tuition will be prorated to reflect only those days you attend school.

Are the General Fees prorated if you enroll after the beginning of the school year? No, general fees are not prorated since the books and associated costs are the same whether you attend for 18 or 180 days.