

Why Choose Our Lady of the Wayside School?

We Are One Community

OLW parents say that the community of OLW is what they love most. This is a supportive place where teachers, administrators and parents all have a positive influence on the students.

“We choose OLW and a Catholic education for our children to help them develop moral and spiritual values consistent with our faith. The curriculum is challenging, and the teachers are warm and truly know our children and care for them. The sense of community that we have experienced at OLW is incomparable.”

Enriching Minds



Parents choose OLW School, in part, because of our tradition of academic excellence. OLW has twice been recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School, in 2015 and in 1997. Both in and out of the classroom, **our students are encouraged to develop critical thinking** and organizational skills that prepare them for success in high school and beyond. Our students place into honors and AP classes at SVHS, Rolling Meadows and Prospect.

Fostering Faith

Parents choose OLW School because it offers students an **authentic and rigorous formation in the Catholic faith**. Our teachers provide students many opportunities to celebrate and share their faith by integrating worship, prayer, and reflection. The OLW Buddy Program pairs younger students with older students and offers opportunities for them to interact with and learn from each other.



Expanding Talents



Parents choose OLW School because they know that we value all of the God-given talents of each student. **Teachers, administration, and parents help the students to find their strengths**; they also encourage each to student to broaden their interests and try out new activities in a safe environment. There are clubs, sports and fine arts opportunities that allow each student to feel included.