



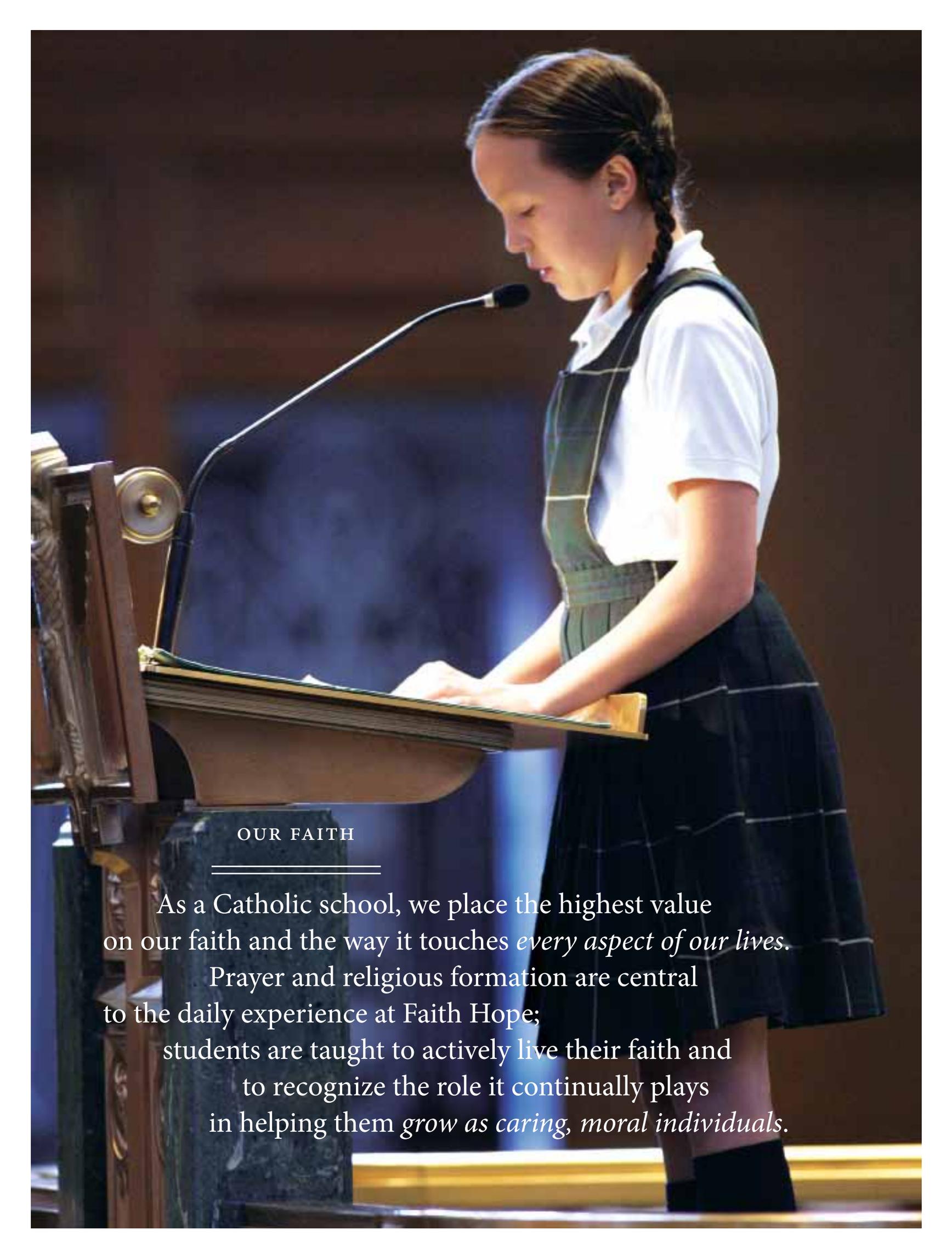
THE SCHOOL OF SAINTS
FAITH, HOPE & CHARITY



Welcome.

The School of Saints Faith, Hope & Charity provides an ideal environment for building moral character, integrity and a strong academic foundation. Here, students learn a way of life — one that weaves Catholic spiritual and moral development within academic studies and co-curricular achievement.

*Faith Hope is a place to grow—
in Heart...in Mind...in Soul.*

A young girl with her hair in a braid, wearing a white short-sleeved shirt and a dark green vest over a dark skirt, stands at a wooden podium. She is looking down at an open book on the podium, with her hands resting on the pages. A microphone is positioned in front of her. The background is dark and out of focus.

OUR FAITH

As a Catholic school, we place the highest value on our faith and the way it touches *every aspect of our lives*.

Prayer and religious formation are central to the daily experience at Faith Hope; students are taught to actively live their faith and to recognize the role it continually plays in helping them *grow as caring, moral individuals*.

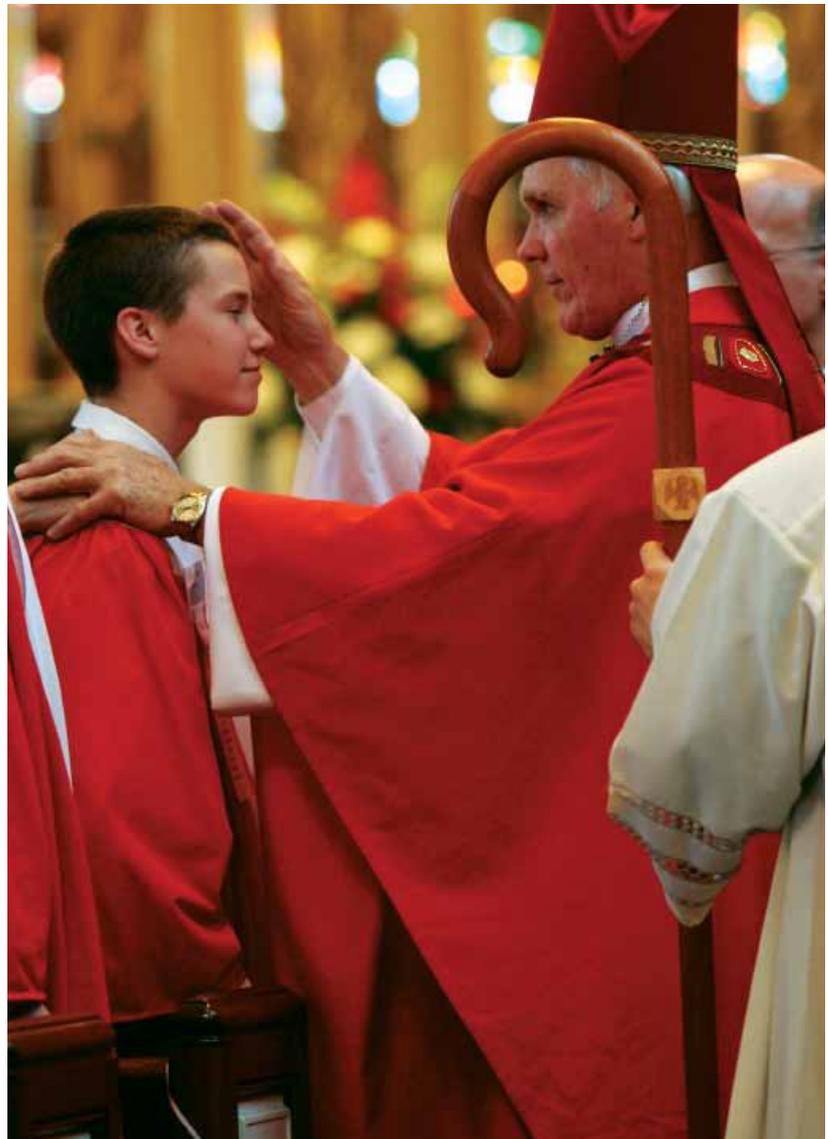


SPIRITUAL LIFE

At Faith Hope, our Catholic beliefs are woven throughout all facets of academic and social life. Our goal is to develop within each of our children a moral conscience — a soul — that will help guide them in today’s world.

- Daily prayers and special intentions frame the students’ day.
- In religion classes, students learn the tenets and social teachings of the Catholic Church.
- Discussions of God and faith can pervade class discussions, projects and events.
- Each week, students from a particular grade prepare and lead an all-school Mass.
- Faith partners, the backbone of student relationships, unite younger and older students at Mass and other school activities.
- Students are fully prepared for the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation.
- Students participate in Catholic traditions such as Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Adoration and May Crowning.

While our curriculum emphasizes the Catholic faith, students are also taught to understand and respect people of every religious background. All are welcome.

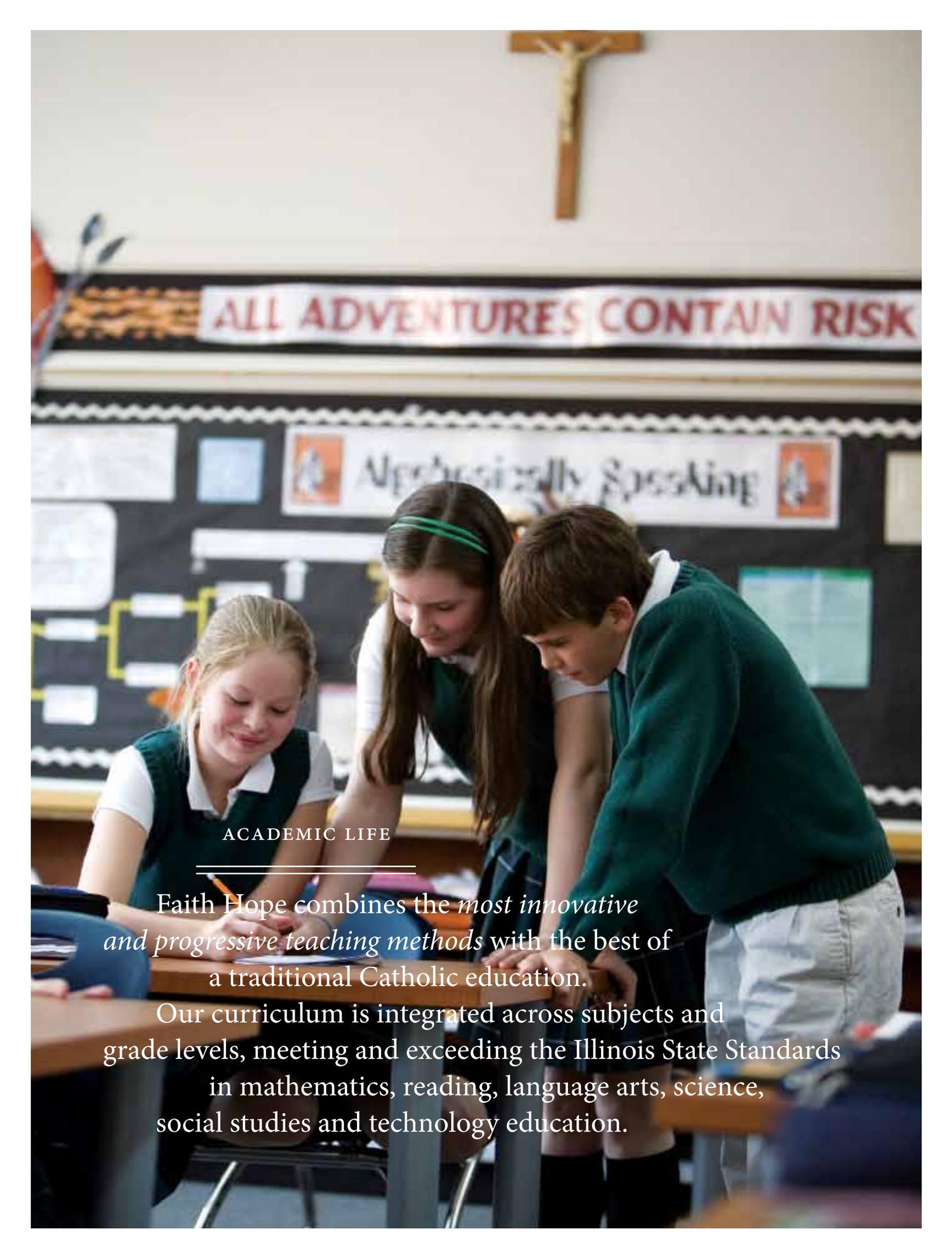


COMMUNITY SERVICE

We work to instill in each of our students a lifelong desire and commitment to helping others. All of our students participate in community service projects driven by local, national and international concerns. These projects vary from year to year and often correspond with the interests and/or curricula of individual grades.

CLASS RETREATS

Class retreats offer students an opportunity to focus on their faith and to consider how they can be better role models of Christianity. Over the course of the year, each grade sets aside one full day to reflect and pray.

A photograph of three students in a classroom. A girl with blonde hair is sitting at a desk, looking down at a book. Two other students, a girl with long brown hair and a boy with short brown hair, are leaning over her, looking at the book together. They are all wearing green and white school uniforms. In the background, there is a wooden crucifix on the wall and a banner that reads "ALL ADVENTURES CONTAIN RISK". Below the banner, there is a sign that says "Apprenticeship" with a logo on either side. The classroom has a blackboard and various papers and posters on the wall.

ALL ADVENTURES CONTAIN RISK

ACADEMIC LIFE

Faith Hope combines the *most innovative and progressive teaching methods* with the best of a traditional Catholic education.

Our curriculum is integrated across subjects and grade levels, meeting and exceeding the Illinois State Standards in mathematics, reading, language arts, science, social studies and technology education.



EDUCATIONAL APPROACH

At Faith Hope, our primary goal is to empower students to identify and solve problems. Classes center on project-based learning, a method by which teams of students explore real-world problems in a hands-on environment. Teachers act as guides, posing questions and encouraging the students to find the answers. This approach helps students develop critical thinking skills that will be valuable for the rest of their lives.

FACULTY

Our teachers are dedicated to guiding students in their academic and spiritual development. They have all been educated in the latest instructional methods and trained as catechists, with many holding advanced degrees. A balance between veteran and younger educators leads to extensive collaboration, which is encouraged and strengthened by weekly faculty meetings. Like our curriculum, members of the faculty are always evolving, as they develop new techniques to meet the needs of our students.



EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CENTER

The Early Childhood Education Center helps our youngest students embark on their learning careers. The half-day Junior Kindergarten program offers four-year-olds a nurturing, Catholic environment for creative play, socialization and independence. The Senior Kindergarten provides a similar environment but with a stronger

academic focus. This full-day program includes mathematics, writing, reading, social studies, science, physical education, music, art and religion. Although their facility is self-contained and includes its own campus and playground, our younger students also enjoy access to the larger school for special activities and events.



ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

We have designed our curriculum based on students' needs, offering a number of programs that greatly enhance the educational process.

- The University of Chicago "Everyday Mathematics" program has helped to increase math scores in grades 1-6 and is expected to make the transition into algebra and pre-algebra smoother for our students in grades 7-8.
- Our computer-based Educational Records Bureau writing program (ERB) prepares older students for the process and evaluation they will experience in high school and on college entrance exams.
- Our novels-based language arts program carries students beyond the confines of textbooks and workbooks.
- French and Spanish classes, which begin in Junior Kindergarten, give students an early start in exploring other cultures and in understanding their own roles in global society.
- Music and art classes, as well as the Spring Art Show, represent an integral component of every child's curriculum and offer students the opportunity to express themselves creatively in tangible media.

Across our curriculum, we are committed to applying best practices and implementing the most effective programs for the education of our students.



STUDENT SERVICES

We believe that every child should have the opportunity to receive a Catholic education regardless of his or her particular learning style. Through our student services, we are able to open more doors for children who require additional attention.

- The Learning Lab provides support to students who have been professionally identified as having special learning needs.
- Accelerated Creative Thinkers (ACT) provides individual and small-group instruction for those students who show the aptitude for, and would benefit from, greater academic challenges.
- Our Support Services staff includes a speech therapist, social worker and full-time nurse to help students manage their physical, social and emotional development.



TESTING

While we recognize that standardized testing is only one piece of the educational puzzle, we also understand the important role it plays in students' academic lives. Our students' performance on standardized tests consistently ranks above the national and Archdiocesan averages.

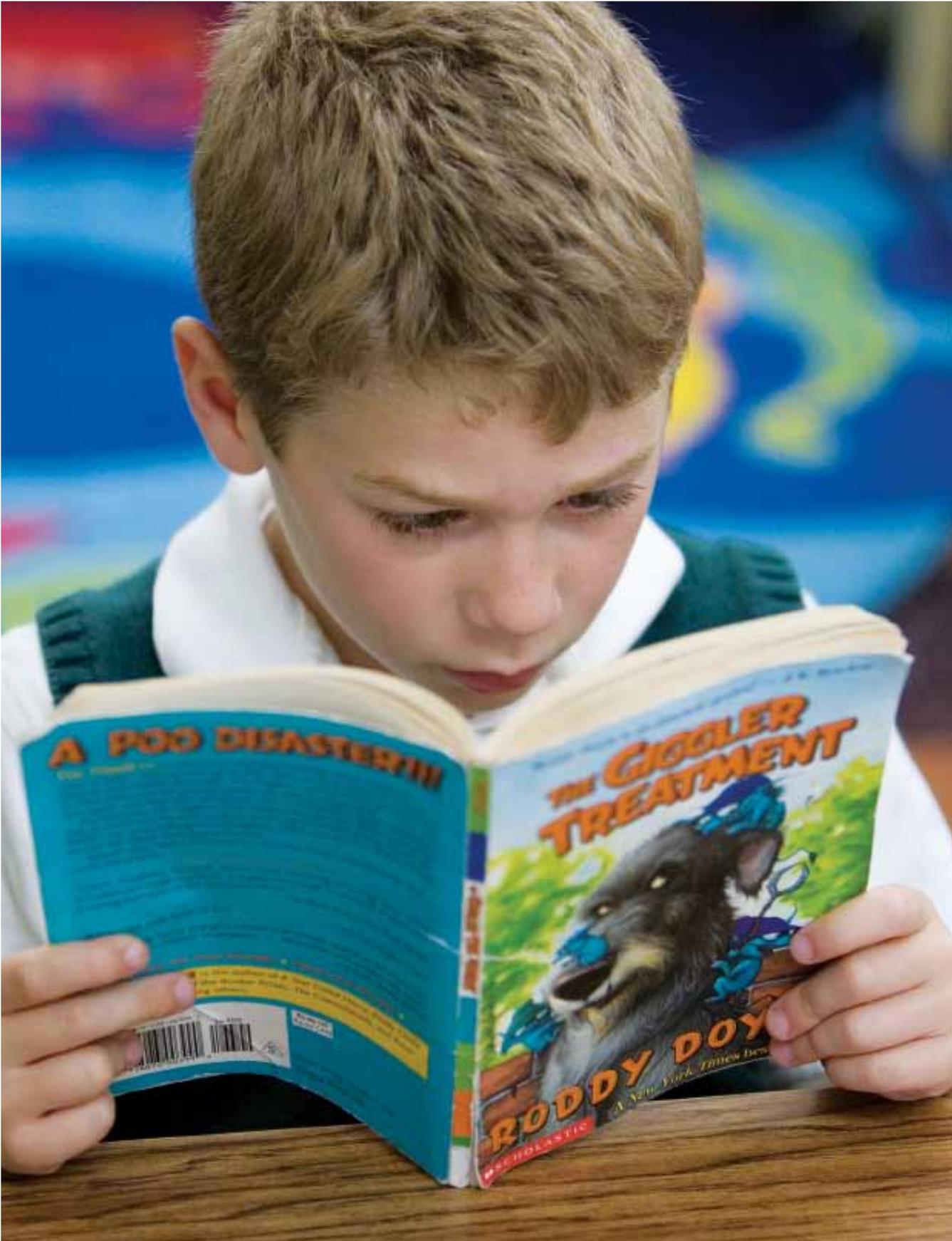
Students in grades two, three, five and seven take the TerraNova, a test designed to assess achievement in reading, mathematics, language arts, science, social studies, vocabulary and spelling.

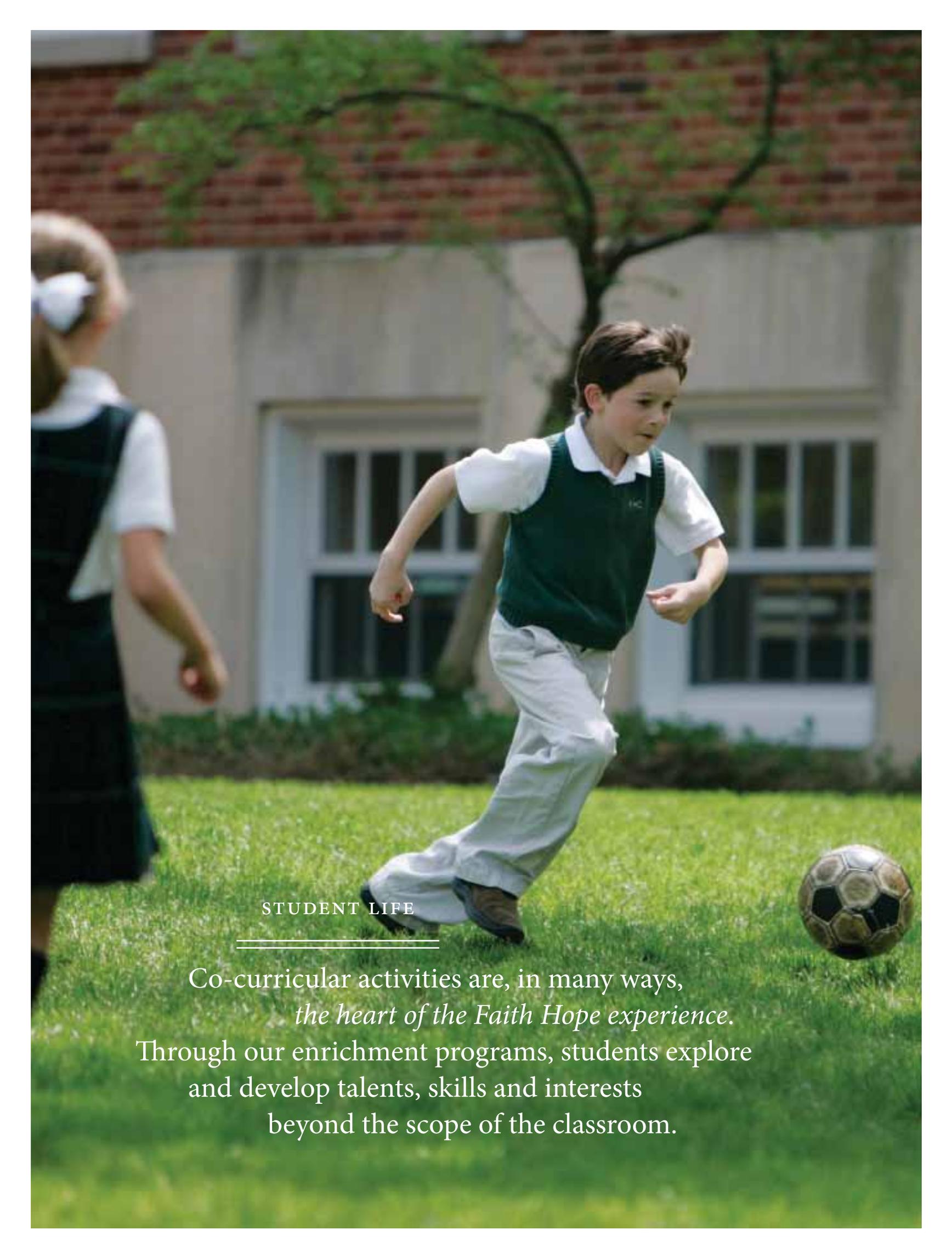
Students in grades four and six take the ERB, which is primarily used by independent and private schools to prepare students for the rigorous high school placement exams they will take in the coming years.

RESOURCE CENTER AND TECHNOLOGY

We believe technology is a powerful tool for learning. By infusing it into our curriculum, we are able to bring more interesting and diverse materials into the classroom while enabling students to learn in deeper, more immediate ways.

Our resource center integrates the latest technology into a traditional library setting. All of our classrooms are equipped with PC's, and many feature interactive whiteboards. Our website offers students and parents instant access to calendars, teachers' pages and information about special events. At Faith Hope, we are dedicated to helping students find information quickly and easily, so they can spend the majority of their time putting it to use.



A young boy in a school uniform (white shirt, green vest, white pants) is running on a grassy field. A soccer ball is on the ground to his right. In the background, there is a building with a red brick roof and a tree. Another student in a school uniform is visible on the left side of the frame.

STUDENT LIFE

Co-curricular activities are, in many ways,
the heart of the Faith Hope experience.
Through our enrichment programs, students explore
and develop talents, skills and interests
beyond the scope of the classroom.



ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

We offer a variety of daytime programs, such as chorus, band, yearbook and student council, that enhance the curriculum by helping students to build upon their existing strengths and leadership skills. Our after-school enrichment programs and clubs introduce students to hobbies and creative skills such as drama, writing, dance, chess and cooking — all within the convenience and safety of our school. More than half of Faith Hope students take advantage of these enrichment opportunities.

ATHLETICS

Every student has the opportunity to participate in sports due to our no-cut policy. While we understand the value of competition, we believe that sportsmanship — and the discipline and responsibility it instills — is more important in these formative years.

As a participant in the North Shore Catholic League, our offerings for grades 5-8 include:

- Football
- Basketball
- Volleyball

In addition to interscholastic competition, we sponsor intramural programs, sports clinics, summer camps and open gym nights to help students develop their skills in less competitive ways.



EDUCATIONAL FIELD TRIPS

All of our students participate in meaningful trips throughout the Chicago metropolitan area. Additionally, seventh-grade students travel to Springfield, IL, and eighth-graders explore Washington, DC.

SCHOOL EVENTS

At Faith Hope, there are a host of yearly events and traditions ranging from Spirit Days and Mardi Gras to Homecoming and the Science Invention Convention. With the help of the Parent-Teacher Organization, students and their families are brought together to promote school spirit and Bulldog pride.



OUR COMMUNITY

Choosing Faith Hope means
more than selecting a school for your children—
it means deciding on a community
for the entire family to call home.

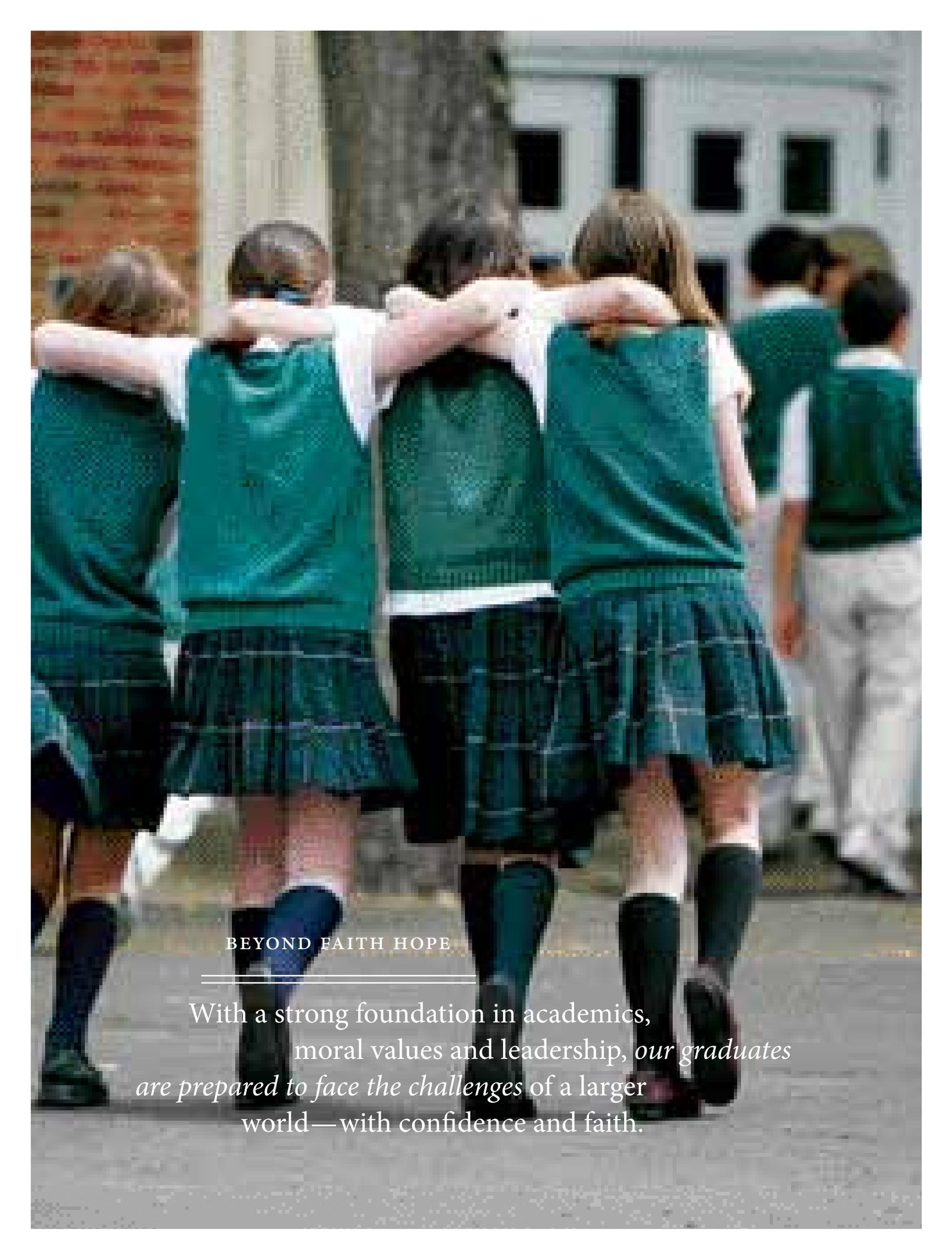


PARISH LIFE

With approximately 1,800 families, the parish of Saints Faith, Hope & Charity is a vibrant community with a deep respect for tradition and an enthusiastic eye on the future. The model of lay leadership is the foundation for almost 30 ministries that foster spiritual growth and community involvement.

The School is a vital ministry of the parish and is at the heart of parish life. Our Junior Kindergarten through eighth-grade education means one school for the entire family. Siblings have the opportunity to be together throughout their formative years, and older students serve as mentors and role models to their younger schoolmates. With ties to the school for up to ten years, parents are actively involved and build long-lasting relationships with other parents.

At Faith Hope, there is a sense of family — a solid partnership between home, school and parish.



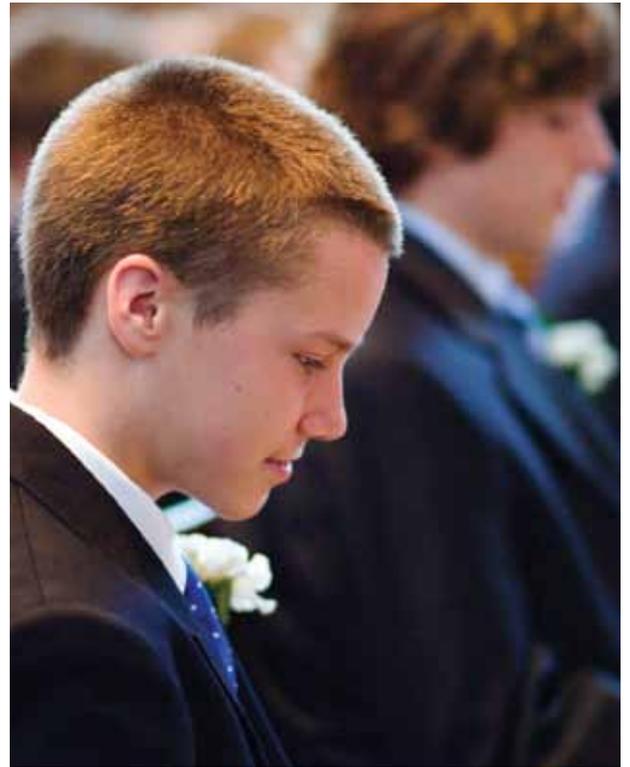
BEYOND FAITH HOPE

With a strong foundation in academics,
moral values and leadership, *our graduates*
are prepared to face the challenges of a larger
world—with confidence and faith.



TRANSITION TO HIGH SCHOOL

The eighth-grade year is a culmination of Faith Hope students' efforts and achievements as they prepare for the next stage in their educational and spiritual development. The rewards for their accomplishment include an overnight retreat, social dance class, Confirmation, eighth-grade play and Washington, DC field trip. At graduation, we honor these students for their hard work and for the bright, moral young adults they've become.



Upon leaving Faith Hope, our graduates have excellent options for high school, including :

- Lake Forest Academy
- Loyola Academy
- New Trier Township High School
- North Shore Country Day School
- Notre Dame High School for Boys
- Regina Dominican High School
- Woodlands Academy of the Sacred Heart

Whatever paths our graduates choose to take, they will always be bound by the experiences they have shared and the friendships they have formed at Faith Hope.

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