

## SCHOOL PROFILE

*Our mission is to support parents in their God-given role as the primary educators of their children by cultivating the whole person-mind, body, and soul-uniting spiritual life with work, study, and play.*



- + Est. 2008
- + NAPC\*IS Accredited since 2011
- + Catholic Education Honor Roll (Cardinal Newman Society)
- + Pre-K to 8th Grade, 150 students from 90 families
- + Private, independent school with charter from state of New York



CHESTERTON ACADEMY  
OF ROCHESTER

- + Est. 2014
- + 9th to 12th Grade, 20+ students
- + Three graduating classes to date
- + Private, independent school with charter from state of New York

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## OUR HISTORY

Founded in 2008 in response to the closing of 13 diocesan Catholic schools, **St. John Bosco Schools** was established to grow into a network of schools that provide an authentic Catholic education. Growing demand among parents of St. John Bosco Schools students in their middle schools years led to the founding of **Chesterton Academy of Rochester** in 2014, which provides a continuation of our classical curriculum within the Catholic intellectual tradition.

Run by a lay Board of Governors, and supported by the generosity of many donors who share our vision, the success of St. John Bosco Schools and Chesterton Academy of Rochester is built upon three pillars:

1. Faithfulness to the Magisterium of the Catholic Church;
2. Commitment to the particular charisms of St. John Bosco (the “father, teacher, and friend of youth”) and G.K. Chesterton (the “apostle of common sense”);
3. Dedication to the search for truth through a classical Catholic liberal arts curriculum.

Since the school’s first day in 2008, our unofficial motto has been that “the Holy Spirit is never early, but He’s always just on time.” With this trust in Divine Providence, we have been able to overcome innumerable – and often unbelievable – obstacles. At the center of our efforts is the Catholic understanding that each human person is created out of Divine love in the image and likeness of God, and our belief that a rigorous faith-based education and vibrant Catholic culture should be within reach of all families.



## HEADMASTER JOB DESCRIPTION

### **A Model for the Catholic Faith**

- Possess a deep faith in Jesus Christ, demonstrated through a devotion to His Eucharistic presence and an obedience to the Magisterium of the Catholic Church
- Provide the school community regular occasions for Holy Mass, Confession, traditional prayers/devotions and engage parents in matters of faith
- Exhibit virtuous behavior - especially patience, gentleness and humility - through interactions with faculty/staff, students and parents

### **A Model for the Teachers**

- Inspire with principles of Catholic Liberal Education, particularly a Catholic anthropology
- Monitor teachers' performance through observation of classroom, gradebook and lesson plans and when necessary, provide guidance and reassurance to areas in need of improvement
- Be a unifying presence to everyone in the school by offering support, guidance and a moderating influence so that each individual has the opportunity to excel academically, spiritually and socially

### **A Model for the Mission**

- To Teachers: consistently educate and guide with the vision of the school
- To Parents: support in their God-given role of forming each child
- To Students: teach each child that he is made in the image and likeness of God and his purpose in this life is to know, love and serve Him in this world, and to be happy with Him forever in the next
- To the Board: apprise the need to provide this unique type of education to other families
- To the Community: share the tenets of the classical Catholic Liberal Education with prospective families and supporters



## HEADMASTER JOB RESPONSIBILITIES

### Head Teacher

- Direct, manage, deepen, and unify the faculty in their execution of the school's curriculum
- Nurture students in their pursuit of excellence
- Model professional, moral, and ethical standards as well as personal integrity in all interactions

### Chief Executive Officer

- Manage/delegate day-to-day operational issues of the school
- Select, orient, support, evaluate, and retain school personnel
- Handle parent-student issues that arise in the normal rhythm of school life
- Provide effective communication to the staff and parents

### School Visionary

- Communicate the mission of the school with current and prospective parents
- Implement the school's mission on a daily basis, enriching student life and the school's culture within the community
- Represent the school in the local community, building ties with business representatives to raise the profile of the school

### Board Liaison

- Function as chief communicator between the Board and the faculty/staff
- Function as chief advisor to the Board regarding matters of philosophy and policy
- Work with the Board to ensure that budgetary targets are met