

OMC: The Right Choice for Our Family

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We addressed our school search in a systematic way: get opinions; visit schools; narrow the list; make the decision; worry that you made the right decision. As OMC parishioners, we wondered what OMC School had to offer. A colleague who had recently visited OMC spoke highly of the “warmth” of the school and the teaching staff. But what really impressed her was the fact that the students were called to enter the school in the morning using a hand held bell! With that recommendation we decided to attend an Open House to see for ourselves.

The best analogy we can make to selecting a school is searching for a home. There is an intangible feeling you get when you finally walk into the right house – the one that finally feels like a home. At OMC we discovered small class sizes, rigorous academics, an outstanding scholastic record, and diversity. We spoke with (OK, interviewed) teachers from Kindergarten through Second Grade and we were impressed by their experience, enthusiasm and dedication. Our daughter immediately took to the school, and especially the library and Sister Theresa.

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However, what I remember the most about that day is something the principal Mr. Hagy said as he addressed the parents at the beginning of our visit. I am paraphrasing: “We are a strong academic school, but it is just as important that we teach students how to be good human beings.” This statement was delivered with conviction and resolve, and I still remember it to this day.

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