



The Bishop's School

John Grimes Prep

Incorporated Title:

Bishop Grimes Jr/Sr High School

6653 Kirkville Road ◦ East Syracuse, New York 13057 ◦ School (315) 437-0356

HISTORY

Reverend John Grimes, D.D., is a Catholic school located in East Syracuse, New York. Built in 1966, the school was staffed by members of the Marist Fathers, priests from the Syracuse Diocese, the Sisters of Bishop Grimes Junior/Senior High School, named for the second bishop of Syracuse, the Right Saint Joseph of Carondelet, and lay teachers. The first administrators were Rev. Omer St. Onge, S.M., principal and Sr. Agnes Maria Cavanagh, C.S.J., assistant principal.

Originally built to educate students in grades 9 - 12, the school presently serves the needs of students in grades 7 - 12. The staff includes members from the religious communities of the Order of Franciscan Friars, Sisters of St. Francis of Court Street, Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, priests from the Syracuse Diocese, and lay teachers. The principal, Sister James Therese Downey, OSF, is assisted by Mr. Thomas DeSantis, associate principal.

MISSION STATEMENT

Bishop Grimes Jr./Sr. High School, grades 7-12, is a Diocesan school committed to providing a quality Christian education enriched by our Catholic identity and focused on excellence in academic achievement.

The Bishop Grimes Community, comprised of a diverse student population, encourages and supports spiritual and physical well being, academic achievement, and moral development.

Bishop Grimes graduates are directed and prepared, through the manifestation of their gifts and talents, to promote positive and effective change in local and global communities.

PHILOSOPHY

We, at Bishop Grimes Junior/Senior High School, recognize our responsibility as ministers of the church of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse to share in the mission of Jesus. As disciples in this mission, we are both inspired and motivated by Vatican II and the pastorals of the American Catholic Bishops concerning the values of peace, justice and love. We treasure the unique potential of each individual and strive to create a nurturing, spiritual, academic and emotional environment. Our students are encouraged to "grow in the maturity of Christ," to become responsible citizens of the 21st century, and to be active in their parish faith communities.

BELIEF STATEMENTS

We believe that we are charged to integrate the Gospel message of Jesus Christ within our daily lives as promoters of justice, seekers of peace and evangelizers of the Word of God to all those in need.

We believe that we are charged to foster responsible decision-making based on Gospel values in both current situations and future challenges.

We believe that we are charged to prepare our students for life, through the teachings of Jesus Christ, and for post secondary education.

We believe that we are charged to promote academic excellence according to the ability of the student.