

A place where  
boys belong.

*The Dominican*  
COMMUNITY of SCHOOLS  
— *Belong.* —

# Prayer



## Step into the halls of St. Dominic School for boys, and it's clear in an instant...

This is a special place where boys can learn and grow and shine like nowhere else. St. Dominic School for boys engages their minds, strengthens their confidence, fosters their friendships, and builds it all on a foundation of respect and kindness that is rooted in faith.

St. Dominic School is sponsored by the Dominican Sisters of Peace, and we have taken on their simple motto: Veritas. Veritas means truth, and we help our boys pursue Veritas through study and prayer, and build Veritas in our world through community and service. We encourage our students to spread this Veritas by becoming spiritually and ethically grounded, academically prepared, ecologically conscious and critically aware of their responsibility to build a more truthful and peaceful world. In all that we do, we are guided by the four Dominican pillars.

### **PRAYER STUDY COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Take a closer look at St. Dominic School, and you'll find a challenging, inspiring, and supportive place where your son belongs.

## The tenets of Catholic teaching are essential to who we are.

The foundations of the Catholic faith and Dominican tradition are woven into the fabric of our daily life at St. Dominic School. With Jesus at the center, our goal is to instill Catholic moral values, to encourage the practice of ethical behavior, and to support the spiritual growth of all students. Students attend weekly Mass and participate in class retreats, reconciliation services, and prayer services.

Part of the Dominican spirit means accepting and welcoming students and faculty of other denominations. Everyone is felt to be a part of the whole. Every child brings something from the experience of faith in his life, and every child has a gift to give.

### **SCHOOL PRAYER**

*Loving God, let Thy blessings be upon St. Agnes Academy and St. Dominic School. Help us to seek the truth, to stand up for the rights of others and to promote justice, respect and peace in our school and world communities. Inspire with love and goodness both those who teach and those who learn. Give us the grace to walk in the footsteps of Jesus, loving and forgiving of others. We ask these gifts in Jesus' name, through the power of the Holy Spirit.*

*Amen.*



# Study

*“We teach critical academic skills, but - more important - work to instill in our boys a love of learning. It’s the key to a lifetime of academic success.”*

Adam Woods / Dean of St. Dominic School

At St. Dominic School, we have created an academic environment that is challenging, but one that ensures every student has the attention and support necessary to rise to that challenge. We are home to a rigorous curriculum, innovative programs, extraordinary technology, and a commitment to help every boy succeed.

- We have implemented the nationally recognized Being a Writer program as a way to develop the writing skills that are so essential to future success. Developed by the Center for the Collaborative Classroom, this innovative program develops each student’s literary skills and nurtures a love of reading and writing.
- A 1:1 laptop school since 2002, we have also earned the distinction of Apple Distinguished School for over 10 consecutive years.



*A 10:1 student-to-teacher ratio means that instruction is personalized, individual strengths are encouraged, and every boy has a chance to shine.*

- In our state-of-the-art Distance Learning Center, students engage in virtual classroom experiences – “traveling” around the world, touring art museums and zoos, and tapping into the knowledge of experts across the globe.
- We were one of the first independent schools in the nation to install a Kitchen Community Learning Garden, a dynamic outdoor classroom for hands-on learning, as well as a productive edible garden.
- Our STEM curriculum teaches experimentation and design thinking, which teaches our boys that trying different approaches and solutions is an essential part of the learning process.
- Because studying a second language at an early age enhances brain development, all of our boys study Spanish, PK2 through the eighth grade.



# Community



## Our boys learn what it means to live in community.

Community is the foundation of who we are. Working together in the classroom, competing on the playing field, or serving together in the community, our St. Dominic students are united by a special bond of brotherhood. At St. Dominic remarkable boys become extraordinary young men while sharing in traditions that build a sense of belonging.

Character development is an integral part of student life. From our Greet-the-Week assemblies to our Friday Thank You's, we foster the development of lifelong learning and active citizenship within a spiritual foundation.

At the Dominican Community of Schools, we are committed to the respectful treatment of all people. Justice, Respect and Peace, our school-wide kindness initiative and leadership training program, provides the foundation for our students in their interactions with others.

## We are creating, cooperating, and competing.

At St. Dominic School for boys, there are countless opportunities outside the classroom for our boys to excel and discover their talents.

The fine arts thrive in our three art studios, two music rooms, and 300-seat performing arts center. We provide a range of ways for our boys to exercise their leadership skills whether through elected, selected, academic, athletic, or service opportunities, including Student Government Association, Safety and Flag Corps, and Amazing Shake school representatives.

Our St. Dominic Suns have a tradition of fielding strong athletic teams. Our boys learn teamwork, sportsmanship, respect for others and develop athletic skills through participation in soccer, football, flag football, cross country, golf, track, and baseball.

Whether it's robotics, chess, books, performing arts or the outdoors, there are numerous other opportunities for our boys to explore and develop their interests through a variety of clubs, activities, and artistic endeavors.



# Service

## Learning to make a better world.

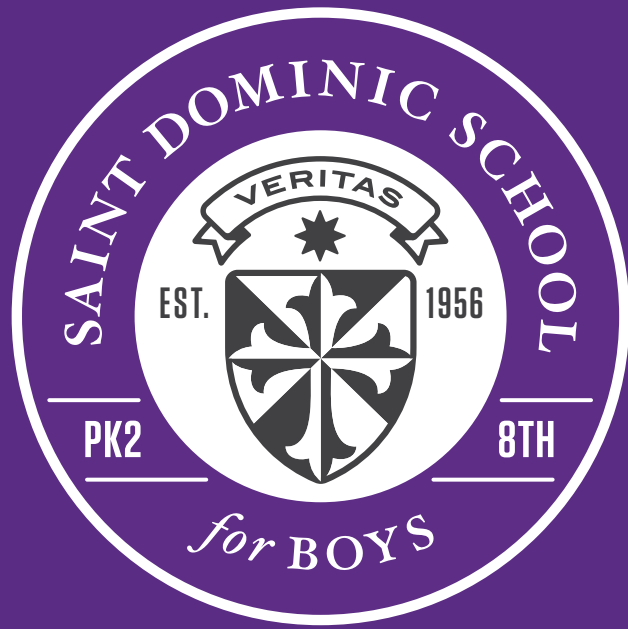
Service learning is a guiding principle for all students who lead and participate in a wide variety of community projects. Our students learn at an early age that they have a responsibility to build the Kingdom of God through their service to others.

Our boys have many opportunities to live out the Dominican pillar of service in our school community, in our Memphis community, and even in the global community. Every year our students serve through a variety of projects.

- St. Jude Math-a-Thon
- Make-a-Wish Kids Wish Granting Program
- Emily Fund to support Dominican schools worldwide
- Madonna Learning Center Partnership
- “Socktober” Drive for Manna House
- Coat Drive
- Food Drive for Project Outreach
- Weekly Recycling
- Christmas Toy Drive for Catholic Charities
- Collection for Dorothy Day House
- Visits to Signature Nursing Home
- COP Stop







*“St. Dominic is giving our son a strong academic foundation for the future, but what we love most of all is the community of love and support and respect. He really does feel like St. Dominic is where he belongs.”*



