



# Back To School Night at Ave Maria Catholic School

Welcome back to school! We feel so  
very blessed that you have chosen to be  
a part of our Ave Maria family!



# Meet the Principal

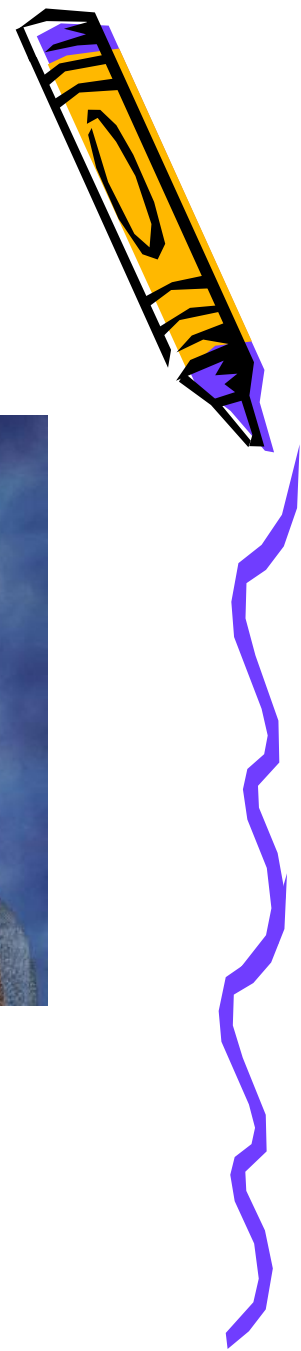
Hello and welcome to Ave Maria Catholic School! My name is Beatrice Skoog, and I have been an administrator at Ave Maria Catholic School for 16 years. I have enjoyed working in this loving and beautiful community. Prior to administration, I have worked as a general education teacher as well as a student services Director. I have my Master's in Teaching students with diverse needs, My Gifted and Talented License, Administration License, and General Education License.

I look forward to a great year!

Beatrice Skoog



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# How we start each day

- At Ave Maria Catholic School, we begin each day in prayer!  
Let's place ourselves in the presence of the Lord.



## Back to School Prayer

*We thank you for the fragrance of a new box of crayons, Lord,  
The rainbow in each perfect row;  
Thank you for each bundle of snowy white notebook paper,  
Awaiting fresh possibilities.  
May they remind us that you make all things new and bless us with abundance.  
Thank you for this ruler; for every eraser that tops every pencil.  
May they help us remember to measure our blessings ,  
But never your boundless love for us;  
To allow for the making of mistakes as a normal part of human learning.  
As we lay out our new clothes for these first days of school,  
Help us remember to put on Christ each day, too,  
And to "clothe the naked" as He asked us.  
But mostly, God, help us remember  
that Jesus is always our best and most devoted teacher—  
That we never outgrow all his lessons on how you want us to live and to love.*

By HomeFaith editor Mary Lynn Hendrickson



# Ave Maria's Mission Statement

## **Mission Statement:**

As disciples of our Lord, Jesus, we are called to model gospel values in all we do and to inspire the students to make a profound difference in our community now and in the future. Therefore, our mission at Ave Maria Catholic School is the education and development of the whole person (spiritual, moral, intellectual, physical, social, and emotional) allowing each student to achieve their full potential through solid Catholic teachings, challenging academics, and strong community involvement.



# Ave Maria Catholic School's Staff is Best of the Best!



We believe in order to have a quality education, we must hire quality educators!

At Ave Maria Catholic School:

- All instructors are licensed teachers and/ or group leader certified.
- If you add the total number of years our instructors have been teaching, it is over 300 years!
- Over 50% of instructors have their Master's or are in the process of achieving their Master's.
- We have been voted best of the best school in Douglas County multiple years in a row. Our Social Studies Teacher, Mr. Skoog was voted best of the best teacher in Douglas County. Congratulations Mr. Skoog and Ave Maria Catholic School!



# Ave Maria Catholic School's Students are Amazing!



Students at Ave Maria Catholic School are challenged and supported in the development of the whole child.

Our students participate in many volunteer opportunities and organizations from sports to NJHS. Students also attend Art, Music, PE, Technology, Library, and Spanish.

Our 8th grade graduates attend high schools such as Regis, Valor, Lutheran, Machebeuf, Mullen, Chaparral, Parker Early College, and Legend. Many of our students enter high school in advanced classes such as Honors Geometry (generally a sophomore level math class) and Honors Biology (Sophomore science).

Our students on average perform 1 to 5 grade levels higher than the level they are in on standardized tests.

On average, we have over 90% retention of our students and have grown from 375 in 2023, 421 in 2023, and 427 in 2024.



We have many volunteer opportunities and are blessed with many parent led organizations

Finance Council- John Colgan

School Advisory Council- Chrissy Williams, Lindsey Wesolowski

Athletic Director: Jonathan Kaiser

Guardian Angels- Kathleen Wood

Angel Protection Team- Jennifer Streate

Auction- Tania Stewart

Want to Volunteer?-- Volunteer Coordinators- Lindsey Kneifl and Dorian Poradzisz

All Volunteers need to be Virtus trained.

Please contact Jennie McCallister to find out how!  
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