

A Positive Impact

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Dear Parents,

When Mrs. Estelle asked if I would write a testimonial about Bishop Kelley School, I jumped at the chance. I've wanted to for a while, but thought it might be too soon since we've only been here since September. What a great 4 months it has been!

Because our oldest was already established at the school he was at, it was hard to decide to move him away from his friends, the school he knew, and his comfort zone. After praying on it for months we made the decision to switch him over this year.

One of the many things we noticed immediately was how respectful all of the students are—to each other and to adults. Along with this faith-based education, they are taught about respect, good behavior, kindness, and responsibility. That was evident as we walked into school and watched the students interact. I think having the expectation that there is a certain way to act lets the students know that other behaviors are unacceptable.

We are happy with the Catholic education our children are receiving. It has a positive impact on choices they make and things they do. They are building a strong moral and spiritual foundation that will last a lifetime.

Our experience this year has been with Kindergarten and 2nd grade. The Kindergarten class is so calm and quiet. I've never seen it become 'out of control' as I've seen with other classes. The teacher makes learning fun, and we are amazed at what our 5-year old has learned already.

The 2nd grade class is equally good. We've seen a world of change in our son since switching him from his old school to Bishop Kelley. His confidence has grown along with his skills. The teacher has creative and fun ways to get the students to learn new concepts in the classroom. She has many incentives for different areas including reading, spelling, homework, and good behavior. He comes home excited with each new incentive she thinks up. He never enjoyed reading but now reads at night without complaining, offers to read aloud in class, and happily participates in class as well. We are thrilled.

The school has a very family-friendly atmosphere. We've noticed how helpful both faculty and parents are in answering any questions we have. Parents are encouraged to come to activities and field trips.

The school offers a variety of activities for the students: archery, golf, basketball, volleyball, baseball, tackle/flag football, bowling, choir, art, drama and more. Several of the classrooms use smart boards, and the school houses an impressive computer room. They also offer lots of little fun things for the students to do during the holidays including, "Trunk or Treat", and "Gingerbread Houses".

We are grateful to the teachers, administrators and pastoral staff in making this such an easy and worthwhile transition.

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