

Why send your child to VOL?

What makes VOL different from other schools?

- ✓ **Choosing a Catholic education for your child is an indication of your commitment to seek the best. Catholic schools show superior performance as compared with public schools. Additionally, teachings based on Christian values will strengthen your child's ability to cope in today's world and will provide a solid foundation for your child to grow and develop into a faith-filled young adult.**
- ✓ **Last year Visitation of Our Lady celebrated its 50th year as a Catholic school. During this time we have proudly fulfilled our school mission to *Inspire Catholic Faith and Principles While Encouraging Academic Excellence* for the many students that have been enrolled at VOL.**
- ✓ **Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year Visitation will open a Pre K-2 program. This program designed to provide a nurturing environment for your child will introduce foundational skills through the use of classroom centers and purposeful play.**
- ✓ **Visitation is accredited by AdvancEd. Accreditation is not a onetime accomplishment but an ongoing process. Accreditation ensures that our students, teachers, and school facilities meet higher standards than a non-accredited school. AdvancEd accreditation requires that yearly goals be submitted along with verifying documentation of accomplishments and progress on ways to improve our school. An outside quality assurance team of educators reviews our yearly improvement plan to ensure progress. VOL went through the reaccreditation process during the 2012-2013 school year and will again be going through the process in spring 2018.**
- ✓ **All students use the 32,000 square foot multi-purpose building on a regular basis. P.E. classes, sporting events, plays, and grade level activities are just a few of the many ways this facility is used. Additionally, the Pre K- 2 and Pre K-3 classes utilize the first floor of this building along with an enclosed outside play area. The 3rd and 4th grade classrooms are located on the second floor.**
- ✓ **In an effort to attract and maintain highly qualified teachers, Visitation has made a commitment to work on increasing the salaries of its teachers. VOL teachers are among the top paid Catholic school teachers on the Westbank.**
- ✓ **School wide each year our teacher turnover rate is low. Additionally, 13 of the current staff members are former Visitation students. Yearly, all Visitation faculty and staff receive professional development training to ensure that the latest methods and best practices are being taught in the classrooms.**
- ✓ **The student teacher ratio this year in the early childhood classes is less than 10 students to one teacher/teacher assistant. The average class size in 1st – 7th grade homerooms is less than 25. This ratio provides for more individualized attention for students.**
- ✓ **VOL is the only school on the Westbank and one of a few in the entire Archdiocese of New Orleans to provide a program for students with special learning needs in the area of Language Arts. This program services students in 2nd through 6th grade.**
- ✓ **The tuition rates for the 2017 – 2018 school year are comparable to the other Westbank Catholic Schools. Visitation is truly a bargain with all it has to offer.**
- ✓ **Visitation offers after school care, extra-curricular options for students as well as summer remediation classes.**