



## THE PRESENTATION SCHOOL 2010-2011 PROFILE

**Mission Statement:** The Presentation School, an independent school guided by Catholic values, challenges its students to be active learners reaching their individual potentials with an integrated curriculum and small class size. As a visionary, collaborative, faith-filled community, together we work to prepare students spiritually, academically, socially and physically to become life-long learners and socially responsible leaders.

### SCHOOL FACTS

**Established:** 1997

**Student Enrollment:** 162

**Faculty:** 11 full- and 5 part-time fully credentialed faculty

**Head of School:** Nancy Waarich-Fischman

**Enriched Curriculum:** In addition to the Core Curriculum, students receive instruction in music, art, faith, technology, Spanish and physical education in all grades.

**Elective Offerings:** Journalism, Ecology Club, Yearbook, Guitar, Choir, Book Club, Technology Club, Student Council. The selection of offerings changes each trimester.

**Academic Competitions:** Beginning in the intermediate grades, students compete annually in the County Science Olympiad, the County Spelling Bee and a handful of regional and national essay, poetry and art competitions.

**The Arts:** Presentation has both dedicated Art and Music teachers and the school boasts an ambitious arts curriculum that includes fine arts, drama and music as well as an Art Docent program for the study of Art History at every grade level. The school puts on an annual full-scale musical in the winter and a school wide Art Show in the spring.

**Athletics:** Presentation students compete in the Middle School Sports League in Basketball, Volleyball, Track & Field, Cross Country, Golf and fields a rock-climbing team.

**Student/Teacher Ratio:** In the 2010-2011 school year, our average class size is 17 with class sizes that range from 12, with a teacher/student ratio of 9:1.

**Campus:** The School moved into a new state-of-the-art campus in the fall of 2006. In the heart of Sonoma Valley the school is situated on 4.5 acres in a park-like setting with classroom and administration buildings, library and computer/technology center, dedicated art and science rooms, and an impressive Activity Center that houses a high school size basketball/volleyball court, a theater with full stage, a 40' horizontal climbing wall, kitchen and classroom space. In addition, there is a

dedicated play area for kindergartners, a school garden and extensive fields for athletics. We are a wireless campus.

**Tuition:** 2010-2011 Tuition for Grades K-8 is \$8,400.

**Financial Aid:** Nearly one-quarter of our families receive confidential need-based financial aid.

**Student Demographics:** Our diverse student body hails from throughout Sonoma Valley as well as Napa, Petaluma and Fairfield.

**Religious Make-Up:** Approximately 50% of our families are Catholic. Students participate in a specific Faith curriculum twice weekly in each grade including Bible History, Family Life and World Religions.

**Accreditations/Affiliations:** WASC (The Western Association of Schools and Colleges) and Independent School Management.

**High School Matriculation:** Our graduates typically chose to attend Justin-Siena (Napa), Cardinal-Newman and Maria Carillo (Santa Rosa), St. Vincent De Paul (Petaluma), Sonoma Academy, Marin Academy, Sonoma Valley High School and one 2010 graduate is at the Choate Rosemary Hall School in Connecticut.

**Challenging Our Students:** Incoming students are assessed for math and language arts placement and these placements are re-evaluated every fall. Based on annual assessments students are placed in appropriate Language Arts and Math classes to address differential learning.

**Standardized Testing:** In Grades K-3, three times a year, Presentation administers an online formative assessment called "Children's Progress." Children's Progress ([www.childrensprogress.com](http://www.childrensprogress.com)) is an adaptive assessment of major grade-appropriate language arts and mathematics concepts. The assessment helps teachers pinpoint how to best challenge and support each child as the student progresses through the primary grades.

In grades 3-8, we administer the Stanford10 because it is the test used by the most academically rigorous public, private and parochial schools nationwide. Our students score exceptionally well when stacked up against students at the top schools in the country. Through small class sizes, small group learning and differentiated instruction, we strive to help every student achieve their very highest potential. The average Presentation student scored in the 82nd percentile in Total Reading and in the 85th percentile in Total Math, meaning that their raw scores were higher than 82% of the students taking the test across the nation in Reading and 85% in Math. **In 2010, almost one half of all students tested, scored in the 95% percentile or above in either Reading or Math.**