



Greenwich Catholic School

Mission Statement

Greenwich Catholic School is a co-educational day school that strives to be a model for progressive Catholic education. Greenwich Catholic School welcomes students in Pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade to a community of faith that is both academically challenging and personally enriching. We admit students of any race, color, religion, national or ethnic origin and operate under the guidance of the Diocese of Bridgeport. The mission of Greenwich Catholic School is:

- to educate the whole student — mind, body and spirit in the Catholic tradition
- to inspire its students to develop a deeper relationship with God in an environment that reflects the love of Jesus Christ
- to challenge its students to strive to meet their intellectual potential and personal best
- to encourage its students to develop strength of character and to make a lasting contribution to society.

The mission of Greenwich Catholic School draws together students, parents, faculty, and our parishes to sustain our purpose: the spiritual, intellectual, and social growth of our students. The process of Catholic Education begins at home (*Domus*), continues in our school (*Scola*), and in our parishes (*Ecclisia*).

GCS Admissions Procedure

Thank you for your interest in Greenwich Catholic School. We admit boys and girls of any race, color, religion, national, or ethnic origin. Our students come from Greenwich, lower Fairfield County, and Westchester County. There are approximately 400 students enrolled in the school. Greenwich Catholic School has an open enrollment policy and accepts students on a year-round basis. The application process does, however, require a number of steps for completion. We highly recommend applying in the early Fall of the year prior to your child's desired enrollment date as classes will be closed when at capacity. We recommend all applications be completed by January 10th.

Tours & Interviews

The best way to get to know our school is to tour our campus. Tours of the campus and interviews are available to prospective parents during our open houses in October and January. However, a tour or student visit can be scheduled at anytime. Please contact Admissions at 203-869-4000, ext. 102 or admissions@gcsct.org.

Little Angels, Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten Age Qualifications

Applicants for the Little Angels, Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten classes must meet the following age qualifications in order to be considered for enrollment to these classes:

Little Angels - must turn 3 years old by Dec. 31st of the year that he/she begins school. Also must be toilet-trained.

Pre-Kindergarten - must turn 4 years old by Dec. 31st of the year that he/she begins school.

Kindergarten - must turn 5 years old by Dec. 31st of the year that he/she begins school.

Application

A complete application for our school includes:

- Completed application
- Copy of student's birth certificate, baptismal certificate, and family photo
- Non-refundable \$75.00 application fee made payable to Greenwich Catholic School
- Signed Transcript Release/Teacher Recommendation Form

Upon completion of an application, students entering Grade 1 through Grade 8 are required to take an entrance exam. There is a separate screening process for Little Angels, Pre-Kindergarten, and Kindergarten students. Classroom visits are required for students entering Grades 2 through 8.

Transcript Release and Teacher Recommendation Form

Parents are required to sign the Transcript Release/Teacher Recommendation Form and forward it to the student's current school. Upon completion, your child's current school should send the transcripts and recommendations directly to the Admissions Office.

Entrance Exams & Screenings

Greenwich Catholic School conducts entrance exams for students entering Grade 1 through Grade 8. Students are tested to determine their aptitude in language arts, math, and in writing skills. Entrance exams for all grades are scheduled in January and forms are sent to parents upon receipt of a completed application. There is a separate screening process for Little Angels, Pre-K, and Kindergarten.

Classroom Visits & Acceptance Letters

Classroom visits for prospective students are required for all new students in Grades 2 through 8. These visits usually take place in February or prior to acceptance. Acceptance letters are mailed by March 1st. All new students are accepted on a provisional basis, contingent on the successful inclusion into our school. Students will be evaluated quarterly until the end of their first year.

Declaration of Parish Affiliation

Each family must submit the enclosed Declaration of Parish Affiliation signed by their pastor to qualify for a reduced Diocesan tuition rate. All families will be required to pay the full tuition rates until this verification is received by the Business Office.

Student Life

Faculty

Greenwich Catholic School has an impressive roster of more than 40 accomplished teachers, assistant teachers, athletic instructors, and specialists who teach, coach, and assist students throughout their career at our school. Approximately 70% of the staff have advanced degrees. Greenwich Catholic School employs a library/media specialist, computer teacher, nurse, learning specialist, art teacher, music teacher, speech and language therapist, and academic coaches. Greenwich Catholic School has a full-time chaplain who is dedicated to enriching the spiritual life of each student at Greenwich Catholic School through religious instruction and youth groups.

Student Activities

Greenwich Catholic School offers an extensive array of athletics, arts, and academic programs to enhance student life. These include, but are not limited to:

Athletics

- Baseball (Boys)
- Basketball (Boys & Girls)
- Cross Country (Coed)
- Field Hockey (Girls)
- Ice Hockey (Coed)
- Lacrosse (Boys and Girls)
- Soccer (Boys and Girls)
- Softball (Girls)
- Swimming (Coed)
- Tennis (Coed)

Extra Curricular Programs

- Art Club
- Band
- Chess
- Dance
- Debate Club
- Drama
- Foreign Language
- Mock Trial Team
- Music Club
- Science Club
- Student Council
- Swimming Club

Secondary School Placement

Greenwich Catholic School graduates have been admitted to prestigious secondary schools including:

Brunswick School
Canterbury School
Convent of the Sacred Heart
Fairfield Preparatory School
Fordham Preparatory School
Greenwich Academy
Greenwich High School
School of the Holy Child
Iona Preparatory School
King & Low Heywood Thomas

Lauralton Hall
Loyola School
Milbrook Academy
Portsmouth Abbey
Regis High School
Rye Country Day School
Salisbury School
Trinity Catholic High School
Ursuline Academy

Application for Admission

Please return this completed form with a family photo, a copy of your child's birth certificate, baptismal certificate (if applicable) and a non-refundable application fee of \$75.00 to

Admissions
Greenwich Catholic School
471 North Street ~ Greenwich, CT 06830

admissions@gcsct.org ~ 203-869-4000 ext. 102

Personal Data

Name of parent(s) or legal guardian(s) _____

Home address (P.O Box not acceptable) _____

Home telephone _____ Email address _____

Mailing address (if different from above) _____

Student's name _____
Last First Middle

Date of Birth ____/____/____ Gender M/F Place of Birth _____

Date of Baptism ____/____/____ Parish _____

Applying to grade _____ For academic year _____ Grade currently attending _____

School currently attending _____

Address _____

Telephone # _____

Please list all schools that the applicant has attended starting with nursery school.

School City Years Attended

Little Angels (3 Year Old Program) Applicants Only

The Little Angels Program has a five day morning or afternoon option. Please check the program for which you are applying.

_____ **Monday through Friday**
8:30 am – 11:30 am

_____ **Monday through Friday**
12:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Pre-Kindergarten (4 Year Old Program) Applicants Only

The Pre-K program runs Monday through Friday from 8:30 am – 12:00 pm.

In addition, we offer an extended day option from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm for an additional fee. Space is limited and we try to accommodate as many families as possible. **Please check the extended day option for which you are applying.**

_____ **Five Days a Week**

_____ **Four Days a Week**

_____ **Three Days a Week**

_____ **Two Days a Week**

_____ **One Day a Week**

Family Information

	Father	Mother
Name	_____	_____
Employer	_____	_____
Position	_____	_____
Work Address	_____	_____
Work Telephone #	_____	_____
Cell Phone #	_____	_____
Email Address	_____	_____
Religion	_____	_____
High School	_____	_____
Undergraduate	_____	_____
Graduate	_____	_____
Country of Origin	_____	Citizen Yes / No

Does the applicant live with both parents? Yes / No

If no, please circle the appropriate response:

Parents separated or divorced? Yes / No

Are you the custodial parent? Yes / No

Father deceased? Yes / No

Mother deceased? Yes / No

Please list names and addresses of:

Paternal Grandparents

Maternal Grandparents

Please list names, dates of birth, schools, and current grades of siblings.

Financial Aid is available upon request.

Student Information

Has the applicant been under continuing care for a physical disability? Yes / No

If yes, please explain. _____

Has the applicant ever received special services, i.e., resource center, Chapter 1, learning disabilities program, psychological evaluation, tutoring, speech/language therapy or PPT? Yes / No

If yes, please explain and include copies of test results.

Has the applicant been seen or treated by a(n) allergist___ neurologist ___ social worker___ psychiatrist/psychologist ___? If yes, please explain. _____

References

How did you hear about Greenwich Catholic School? _____

Please list the names of current Greenwich Catholic School students that you know personally.

Please list names of alumnae relatives and their graduating classes.

Briefly explain why you want your child to attend Greenwich Catholic School.

I understand that all new students are accepted on a provisional basis, contingent on the successful inclusion into Greenwich Catholic School. Students will be evaluated quarterly until the end of their first year.

Parent/legal guardian signature _____ Date _____

My signature above signifies that the information above is accurate and true. If information supplied is found to be false or inaccurate, Greenwich Catholic reserves the right to rescind acceptance of this child.

Greenwich Catholic School admits students of any race, color, religion, national or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. The school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, nationality, or ethnic origin in our admission policies, athletics, and other school administered programs.

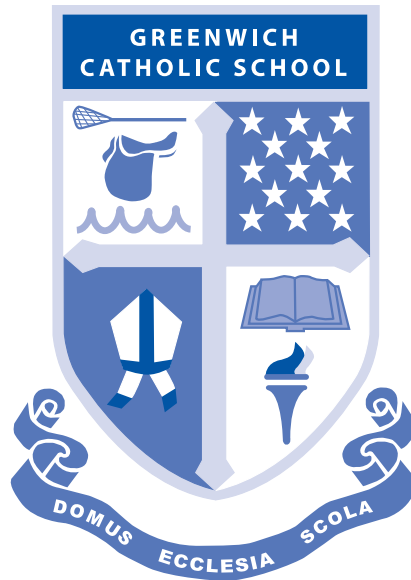
GREENWICH CATHOLIC SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT RELEASE FORM

To the Parents: As part of the admissions process at Greenwich Catholic School, we request a candid assessment of the candidate from a teacher, or coach, together with official copies of his/her academic records. We ask that you complete the following information and **submit this form to your child's current school**. The current school is required to send your child's transcript directly to Greenwich Catholic School.

Applicant's Name _____

Candidate for Grade _____ For September 20____

Parent Authorization
Signature for Release of Records



Teacher Recommendation Form

Pre-K, Kindergarten and First Grade

If your child is currently in a preschool program or playgroup, please submit this form for completion.

Name of Student _____ Date of Birth ___/___/___

Please circle the appropriate answer:

	age appropriate	comments
Separates from parent with ease	Yes / No	_____
Makes needs known	Yes / No	_____
Plays well with other children (even parallel play)	Yes / No	_____
Joins in group activities	Yes / No	_____
Enjoys story time	Yes / No	_____
Relates to teachers	Yes / No	_____

Additional Comments _____

Name of School _____

Teacher's Name _____ Signature _____

School Address _____ Date _____

Please return completed form to

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