

# Mary Immaculate Catholic School

*Where Wonder Leads to Knowing*





## *Our Commitment to Your Students*

At Mary Immaculate School, wonder leads to endless opportunities. Each day we strive to enhance educational experiences so that students are eager to engage in each moment and subsequently deepen their desire to learn. At MIS, we focus on cultivating a community of strong minds and igniting the hearts of our students to live with reverence for Christ. We seek to create a learning environment that fosters wonder and excitement, enkindling the desire in each student to be a lifelong learner.

By providing a strong spiritual and academic foundation that our students will continue to build upon as they progress through the years, we are dedicated to developing the whole child in faith, character, academic rigor, and culture so that they are prepared to lead and serve as responsible 21<sup>st</sup> Century leaders of tomorrow.

Please enjoy paging through this book for a closer look at what we are up to at Mary Immaculate School in the Diocese of Dallas, Texas. We are eager to share our adventures with you.

*Sincerely in Christ,*  
Sister Mary Anne



## Where Wonder Leads to Growth

At Mary Immaculate Catholic School, we partner with parents and community leaders to help identify and develop each student's God-given gifts, so they can become the best versions of themselves. We are committed to fostering growth in each child in these areas.

### Embracing Academic Rigor

With a commitment to providing academic excellence in all disciplines, MIS nurtures every student's innate desire to learn. The discipline of academic rigor is valued by teachers and parents as a means to ensure students are confident and persevering in the pursuit of their academic goals. By building their love for learning from age four, students are formed to become lifelong learners, putting them on a path for academic success.

### Flourishing in Faith

Under the guidance of the Nashville Dominican Sisters, students come to know and love the Person of Jesus Christ. Our graduates are well prepared to bring the love of God, love of Christ, love of Mary and love of the Church to their high schools, colleges, and the world beyond to create the foundation on which they live their lives.

### Developing Character

Character is developed over time through perseverance, hard work, and discipline. MIS provides students many opportunities to build character, develop leadership skills, and learn teamwork through athletic, artistic, and academic competitions. Students are challenged to give their best to the world.

### Cherishing Culture

Made up of families from a wide variety of cultural backgrounds, Mary Immaculate offers children a place to come to appreciate who they are, and to learn about cultures different than their own. Interacting with people of many backgrounds each day opens students' eyes to the value and strengths each person contributes to the whole community. This adds a richness and depth to their understanding of what can be accomplished when each person's gifts are realized. MIS graduates are knowledgeable in Spanish language and culture, have explored a wide variety of music through band or choir, and have developed an appreciation for art.

“Mary Immaculate has our children coming home excited to tell us what they learned in school. It is clear that the classroom is engaging and encourages an active learning process. Furthermore, MIS encourages faith development, from the teachers, coaches and the administration. Living out the Catholic faith is expressed in everyday life at MIS.

**Megan O**

Parent of one former student and two current students





## Pre-K4 and Kindergarten

### *Where Wonder is Nurtured*

Mary Immaculate Catholic School opened our Pre-K4 program in 2022 to nurture the hearts and minds of little ones in a Christ-centered environment. At Mary Immaculate School, our mission is to enhance each student's natural curiosity and imagination through activities that promote confidence, self-control and fine motor skills.

Our curriculum incorporates hands-on learning experiences designed to inspire a lifelong love of learning. By building their love for learning from age four, students are prepared for primary classes and are poised to excel at education.

“ Our girls were so excited to head back to MIS today to see all of you and their friends. I knew they would have a great time, but I wasn't expecting them to be glowing and bubbling with joy when I picked them up. You fill their buckets up!

**Melissa M**

Parent of two current students



### Grades 1-3

## *Where Wonder Leads to Strong Foundations*

Our primary program focuses on building a strong educational foundation for children to succeed in school and life by providing a nurturing and stimulating environment to support the development of each child as an individual.

Primary students are surrounded by encouraging faculty, many of whom have sent their own children here and are MIS graduates themselves. Together with parents, teachers help students develop organizational skills and independence in work. Primary students participate in daily prayer and are also given opportunities to lead at Mass. During class instruction, teachers encourage students to ask questions and learn from their mistakes, so they can grow in confidence.

“Affordable tuition, academic excellence and a strong Catholic identity are just a few of the reasons we’ve made the 20-mile commute to MIS for the past nine years – and why we will continue to do so for another nine!”

**Dr. Jason Z**

Parent of four MIS students



## Grades 4-6

### *Where Wonder Unlocks Potential*

The intermediate team of teachers at Mary Immaculate School is skilled and focused on their task of helping students grow in confidence, independence, and preparedness. Students learn to organize notes, take ownership of their grades, and begin preparing for their futures. With a growing understanding of the importance of securing their own learning, students explore, investigate, and draw conclusions.

#### **Adopt-A-Pilot**

The award-winning Southwest Airlines Adopt-A-Pilot program educates students through aviation-themed activities related to science, geography, math, writing, and other core subjects.

#### **The Living Museum**

A favorite MIS tradition, The Living Museum teaches students about the great state of Texas by researching a famous Texan, dressing the part, and presenting it to their class. Students learn to organize thoughts and overcome the challenge of public speaking in an encouraging and uplifting environment.



*Our hearts are full knowing that when our daughter leaves for MIS each morning, the faculty, staff and parish are committed to giving her an education and faith formation that are second to none.*

**Nicole G**

Parent of a current student



### Grades 7-8

## *Where Wonder Leads to Opportunities*

In junior high our students begin a period of discovery. They try new things and work to gain independence. Courses are designed to prepare our students for the rigor they will encounter in a college preparatory high school. Our goal is to ensure that all our graduates enter high school ready to succeed.

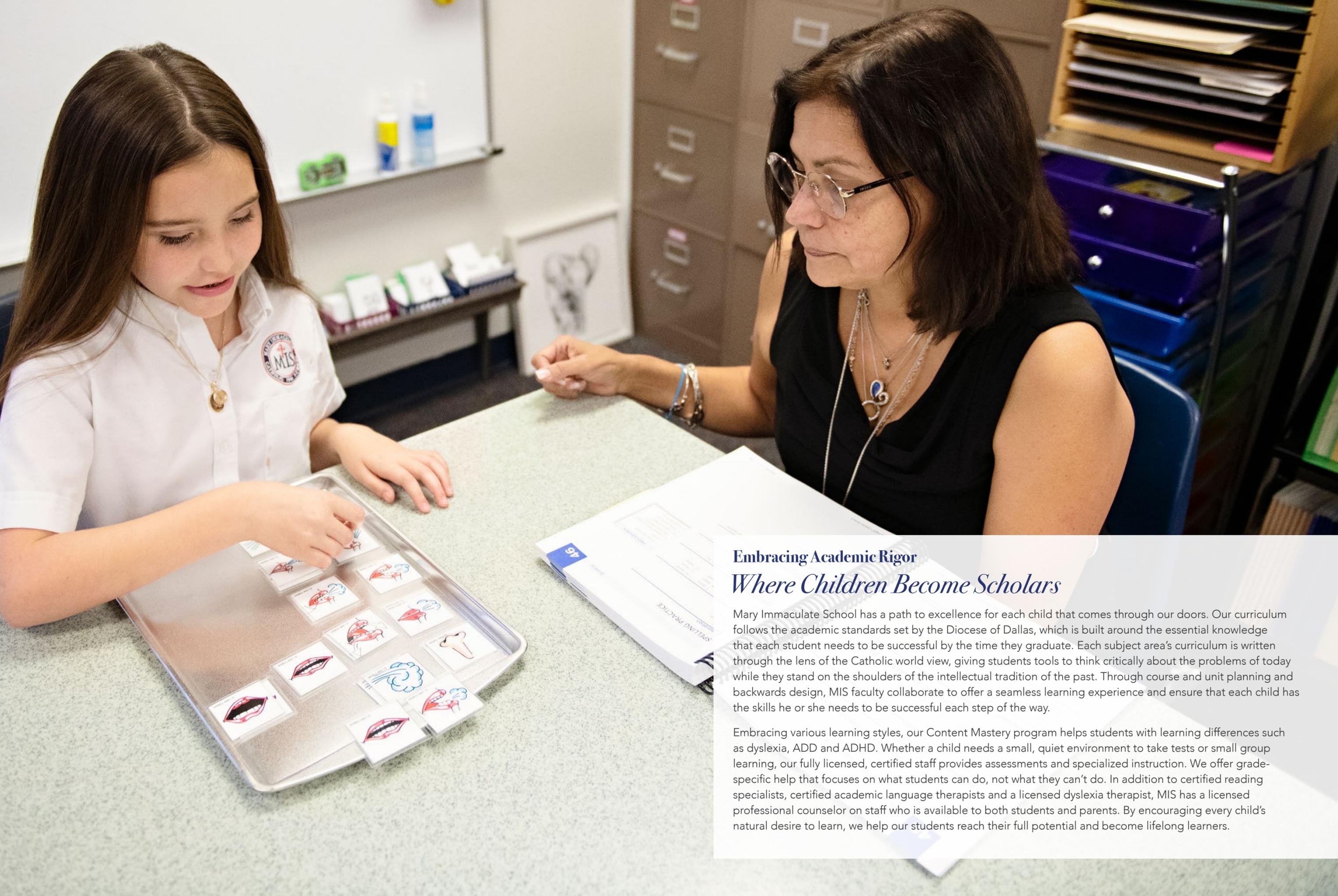
Our faculty promote respect for self, service to others, and a deeper understanding of our faith. As the oldest students at MIS, they are role models for their younger peers and learn to hold themselves to a higher standard. Our students are given opportunities to try new things and take additional electives, such as finance, art, robotics, forensics, drama, and gardening, so they can explore different interests and find their passion. These electives, athletics, and extracurriculars broaden the scope of their learning beyond the classroom while developing skills that they will use throughout their lives.



*MIS prepared our son well to be accepted to his dream high school. We feel blessed by our MIS years. It is bittersweet to be leaving.*

**Dr. Amy W**

Parent of a 2021 graduate



## Embracing Academic Rigor

### *Where Children Become Scholars*

Mary Immaculate School has a path to excellence for each child that comes through our doors. Our curriculum follows the academic standards set by the Diocese of Dallas, which is built around the essential knowledge that each student needs to be successful by the time they graduate. Each subject area's curriculum is written through the lens of the Catholic world view, giving students tools to think critically about the problems of today while they stand on the shoulders of the intellectual tradition of the past. Through course and unit planning and backwards design, MIS faculty collaborate to offer a seamless learning experience and ensure that each child has the skills he or she needs to be successful each step of the way.

Embracing various learning styles, our Content Mastery program helps students with learning differences such as dyslexia, ADD and ADHD. Whether a child needs a small, quiet environment to take tests or small group learning, our fully licensed, certified staff provides assessments and specialized instruction. We offer grade-specific help that focuses on what students can do, not what they can't do. In addition to certified reading specialists, certified academic language therapists and a licensed dyslexia therapist, MIS has a licensed professional counselor on staff who is available to both students and parents. By encouraging every child's natural desire to learn, we help our students reach their full potential and become lifelong learners.

## Flourishing in Faith

### *Where Children Seek Holiness*

With the help of the Nashville Dominicans and a deeply committed faculty and staff, MIS teaches students the Gospel message and expands their knowledge of the Creator and His creation, especially the human person made in His image. Our graduates are well prepared to bring the love of Christ, love of Mary and love of the Church to their high schools and the world beyond to create the foundation on which they live their lives.

#### **Love for the Church**

Our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Atrium is a prayerful space where students encounter the celebration of the liturgical year, the Mass, and scripture in a Montessori-based, hands-on way.

#### **Love for Mary**

Under the patronage of the Immaculate Conception, our school is dedicated to the Blessed Mother. Throughout the church year, children celebrate her feasts under titles such as Our Lady of Guadalupe and Our Lady of the Rosary. A school-wide Solemn Rosary, May Crowning, and Living Rosary foster an affection for and devotion to our heavenly Mother. At the end of each Mass, the school community sings the *Salve Regina*.

#### **Love for the Eucharist**

Weekly Mass as a school community is the cornerstone of the faith life of Mary Immaculate. Celebrating the liturgy with reverence and devotion, children take part in all aspects of the Mass from being lectors and gift bearers to being cantors and altar servers. In addition, students are brought to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament for adoration as a whole school community.

#### **Virtues in Practice**

The Virtues in Practice curriculum, designed by the Nashville Dominican Sisters, highlights a virtue for study each month. Creating a common language around virtues enriches the faith community of faculty, students and families.





## Developing Character

### *Forming People of Integrity*

Character is developed over time through perseverance, hard work, and discipline. Mary Immaculate School provides students many opportunities to build character, develop leadership skills, and learn teamwork through athletic, artistic, and academic competitions.

#### **Clubs & Organizations**

Students are provided opportunities to grow in many areas of interest including band, choir, scouting, chess, gardening, robotics, speech, forensics, etc.

#### **Leadership Opportunities**

While students grow in leadership skills through athletic competitions, extracurriculars, and various clubs, junior high students have special leadership opportunities available to them as Student Ambassadors or Student Council members and more.

#### **Service**

MIS students are engaged in service learning that emphasizes reciprocity and deep respect for all people. From exploring the impacts of their actions to researching and advocating for their causes, students engage in direct and indirect service at every level to care for God's creation and His people.

#### **Athletics**

Our athletic programs are an excellent opportunity to build teamwork while promoting active lifestyle habits and teaching good sportsmanship. MIS has athletic traditions spanning decades with multiple championships. Programs offered at MIS include baseball, basketball, cross country, football, futsal, softball, track, volleyball, swimming and tennis. As a member of the Dallas Parochial League, coaches are all formed through the Play Like a Champion Today program, which uses moral development to create an environment where each child can grow to his or her potential through sports in a supportive and positive athletic culture.

“ We took a leap of faith moving our children to MIS, but our children have thrived growing intellectually, as leaders, and most importantly reinforcing and integrating faith into their daily lives.

**Tamalyn L**

Parent of two alumni and two current students





## Cherishing Culture

### *Forming Interesting and Interested People*

#### **Fine Arts**

Truth, beauty, and goodness are timeless attributes of being that reflect the One who is True, Good, and Beautiful. Students encounter beauty through Fine Arts starting at a very young age. Twice-weekly Music classes for young learners lead to more specialized study of an instrument in Band, or more in-depth work in Choir. Students also grow in appreciation for a wide variety of music. Art classes are offered for all students and incorporate study of a variety of media as well as an appreciation for classic and Christian art and artists.

#### **Spanish**

Beginning in Pre-K4, Spanish is introduced to students with twice-weekly classes in Spanish language and culture. Our award-winning Primary Spanish teacher has led the way in creating engaging and animated lessons. Spanish culture is also woven throughout the learning experience of the school. A *posada* at Christmas and *Ballet Folklórico* bring appreciation for the Hispanic culture that permeates Texas.

#### **Diverse Population**

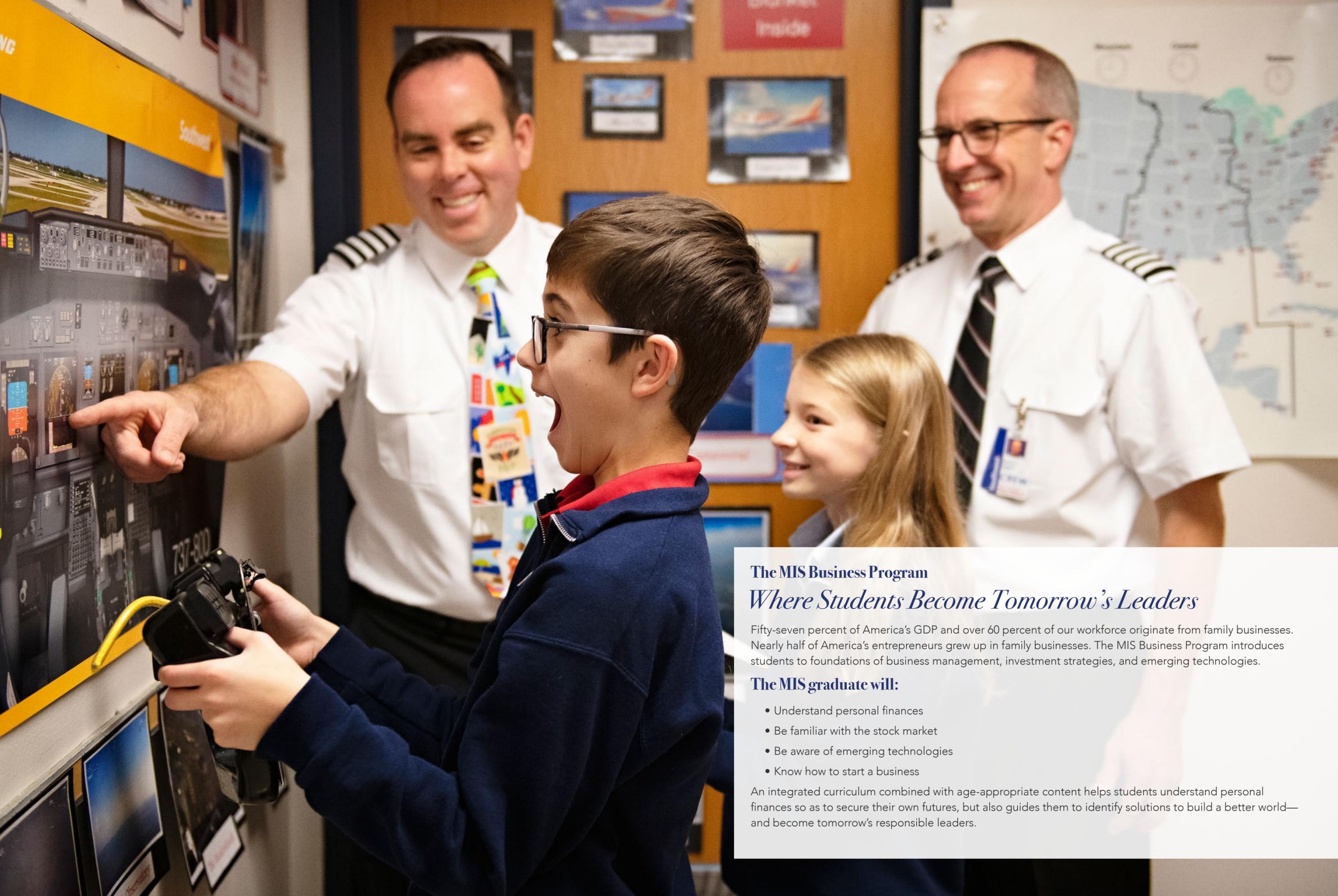
Our students come from a wide variety of family backgrounds. Families infuse the community with a multi-cultural experience. At school, children meet other children who look like they do, and children who have different life experiences. The differences only serve to strengthen the community and enliven the education at MIS.

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*MIS has blessed our five children, my wife, and me by providing a strong faith-based community and a rigorous academic environment which has prepared our graduates to test into gifted and talented programs in high school. MIS is literally my favorite part about living in DFW.*

**Sean M**

Parent of one alumni and four current students



### **The MIS Business Program**

## *Where Students Become Tomorrow's Leaders*

Fifty-seven percent of America's GDP and over 60 percent of our workforce originate from family businesses. Nearly half of America's entrepreneurs grew up in family businesses. The MIS Business Program introduces students to foundations of business management, investment strategies, and emerging technologies.

### **The MIS graduate will:**

- Understand personal finances
- Be familiar with the stock market
- Be aware of emerging technologies
- Know how to start a business

An integrated curriculum combined with age-appropriate content helps students understand personal finances so as to secure their own futures, but also guides them to identify solutions to build a better world—and become tomorrow's responsible leaders.



## The Mary Immaculate Experience

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Since opening our doors in 1959, Mary Immaculate School has helped thousands of students achieve their dreams through our dedicated staff of talented teachers and administrators, along with a comprehensive curriculum and extracurricular offerings that prepare students for higher education and their professional careers in a faith-based environment.

MIS graduates go on to do amazing things. They are consistently known in their high schools as being "quality" people, people of integrity, perseverance, and good hearts, not to mention well-prepared for the academic rigor that awaits them. They are physicians, lawyers, Guinness World record-holders, business owners, priests, moms, dads, and more. Regardless of their area of focus, MIS alumni are proficient at forming partnerships with others to make a positive impact on their family, organization, community, state, country, or world.

Mary Immaculate invites children to wonder. Wonder about the world around them, wonder about themselves, and wonder about big questions. Through their wonder, they will come to know that they are loved beyond measure, they are capable of great things, and they are equipped to change the world. Mary Immaculate students are ready to give their best to the world and to do so with excitement and great hope.

“ My husband, an MIS alumnus, was valedictorian of his Jesuit class, and graduated from Stanford and Harvard Law School. We were initially drawn here because of the strong academic reputation but it was the presence of the Dominican sisters that won us over.

**Amy D**

Parent of two current students

*Join Our Family*



**15**

Faculty with 20+  
years of experience

**6**

Alumni  
Faculty

**21**

Average  
homeroom Size

**60+**

Years of  
tradition

**30**

Cities represented  
in student body

**18**

MIS graduates honored as  
valedictorian/salutatorian  
since 1990

**\$100k**

High school  
scholarships awarded



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