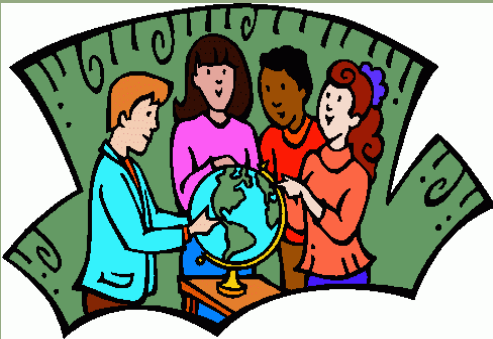


## Mission Statement

Gesu Catholic School's ZOOM program maximizes the development of student learning by cultivating, leading and inspiring innovative thinkers and expert communicators through the implementation of an inquiry-based, differentiated, and enriched curriculum.



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## *ZOOM Program Gesu Catholic School*

# Zeroing in On Opening Minds



## Extracurricular Enrichment Opportunities:

Word Masters Grs. 5-8

Catholic Math League Grs. 5-6

News Bowl Grs. 5-8

Brain Brawl Grs.7-8

Broadcast Grs. 6-8

Future Problem Solvers Grs. 6-8

Chess Club Grs. 2-8

Student Council Grs. 5-8

Destination Imagination Grs. K-8

Spotlight Discovery Summer Camp Grs. K-5

Robotics Club Grs. 6-8

Power of the Pen Grs. 7-8

Science Olympiad Grs. 4-6

Science Club Grs. 4-6

Stock Market Club Grs. 7-8

Band Grs. 4-8

National Geography Bee Grs. 5-8

Minecraft Club

**Even more enrichment opportunities  
coming soon!**

## Enrichment

At Gesu, each student is looked at as an individual. Their needs and skills are taken into consideration by each teacher who then uses a differentiated approach to teaching. Gesu offers a variety of in-school and after-school enrichment opportunities.

All students in grades K-3 see Mrs. Doyle for ABC class which focuses on the creation of divergent thinking.

Students in grades 4-8 see Mrs. Kazel for a variety of enrichment classes ranging from problem solving, public speaking, creative writing and analysis of the works of Shakespeare.

Students in grades 5-8 receive Latin instruction, while students in grades K-8 receive Spanish instruction. All students in grades K-8 take part in art and music enrichment classes.

## Math Program

Gesu's math program has undergone changes. The implementation of Singapore Math in Grades K-3 has increased divergent thinking and will continue to do so as the program extends to each grade level. Accelerated Math classes including Pre Algebra and Algebra are offered to the Junior High.

## Reading Programs

Students who show advancement in their reading skills will have an opportunity to take part in a year long enriched reading class. Students will be challenged to improve not only their reading skills but also their critical thinking skills.

### Qualifications for enriched reading grades 1-3

Grade 1 = DRA score of 18 or greater

Grade 2 = DRA score of 38 or greater AND score in the 95 percentile or greater on the IOWA Extended English Language Arts section

Grade 3 = DRA score of 50 or greater or Lexile of 800 or greater AND score in the 95 percentile or greater on the IOWA Extended English Language Arts section

### Qualifications for ZOOM reading grades 4, 5, 6 and 7

Grade 4 = 125 or greater on the composite section of the COGAT **AND** a Lexile score of 900 or greater OR 95 percentile on the IOWA reading section

Grade 5 = 125 or greater on the composite section of the COGAT **AND** a Lexile score of 1,000 or greater OR 95 percentile on the IOWA reading section

Grade 6 = 125 or greater on the composite section of the COGAT **AND** a Lexile score of 1,100 or greater OR 95 percentile on the IOWA reading section

Grade 7 = 125 or greater on the composite section of the COGAT **AND** a Lexile score of 1,200 or greater OR 95 percentile on the IOWA reading section