

Special Programs

The **C.A.R.E.S.** (Children Are Receiving Extended Services) program is an after school care program offered at Epiphany from dismissal up until 6:00 p.m. The children are provided a snack and have access to the gymnasium and the playground. This program can be used on as-needed basis.

The **MCIU (Montgomery County Intermediate Unit)** provides educational support services on-site to the students at Epiphany. A private classroom is used during schools hours to provide remedial mathematics and reading instruction, as well as speech and language therapy. The private classroom is also used by an on-site psychologist available to both parents and students. In addition, educational testing is also provided by the MCIU.

The Second Language Program is offered weekly to the students in kindergarten through 8th grade. The students are currently receiving instruction in Spanish. The students in grades 5 through 8 are using the Rosetta Stone Program. This program is an individualized program where students proceed as they succeed. Students in grades K-4 are using a variety of grade appropriate, computer-based lessons. This instruction enhances their language, vocabulary and reading comprehension.

The **Archdiocesan Hot Lunch Program** is offered daily to the students. Sample menus for both elementary and upper grades are provided in this folder.

The Wellness Program is offered across the curriculum. The children work on one aspect of Wellness each trimester through the Physical Education Program. The 8th grade students work together every other week. They prepare casseroles for the local food bank. The Wellness Program is also taught in both the Science and the Technology curriculums. The faculty and administration have partnered with Whole Foods Grocery Chain. Parents pick up fresh food, vegetables and other perishables. They provide the children with healthy snacks on Monday and Tuesday. The casseroles that the eighth grade prepares are dependent upon the donated items. The school encourages healthy snacks as an option to birthday cupcakes and takes into consideration the Wellness Program in determining its lunchtime beverages for sale.