

## ARCHDIOCESE OF INDIANAPOLIS



The Archdiocese of Indianapolis has long been a leader in finding innovative ways to serve the educational and spiritual needs of children throughout Indianapolis. There are 72 Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis serving over 23,000 students. These schools include 61 elementary schools and 11 high schools with more than 1500 staff members.

The graduation rate for the high schools is 98% (4-year cohort), and 94% of graduates go on to higher education (89% to 4-year colleges). Nineteen Archdiocesan schools were named 4-star schools by the State of Indiana Education Department based on their academic performance. A total of 26 schools in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis have earned 32 Blue Ribbons since 1985, the most by any diocese in the nation.

### ARCHDIOCESE OF INDIANAPOLIS AND JUPITER ED

Jupiter Ed currently services 52 schools comprising of 12,145 Jupiter iO users in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Jupiter Ed is markedly helping the faculty, staff and learning community of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis with solutions that:

- Help students by maximizing each child's academic achievement by implementing a challenging, interactive academic curriculum;
- Help parents stay informed and involved in their children's education;
- Help teachers by providing interdisciplinary educational principles, while monitoring student progress;
- Help schools operate more efficiently and more effectively by grading tests automatically, collecting assignments electronically, sharing curriculum and applying school-wide communication.

First teachers and then schools, within the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, began using Jupiter Ed over five years ago. When the Archdiocesan leaders were looking for a gradebook with a report card solution, they turned to Jupiter Ed as an option. What they found with the Jupiter iO solution was more than what they had hoped.

### ***Gradebook with Report Cards and Standards Based Grading***

"We needed an answer for standards-based grading that aligned with our philosophy as a district," said Joe Shelburn, Principal of St. Jude Catholic School. "The level of understanding found in the Jupiter program tells me that the designers truly understand education and specifically the challenges that teachers face when trying to grade effectively. The report cards feature and the flexibility of grading styles within Jupiter iO are tremendous. The philosophical explanation and the reasoning behind the setup are very good and well thought out," continued Shelburn.

Through the partnership of Jupiter Ed and the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, the standards are pre-loaded within the iO gradebook. This feature provides teachers with the opportunity to align tests and assignments to their specific objectives. Report cards are calculated automatically allowing teachers and administrators a tool with which to supervise student achievement, anytime.

The gradebook solution in Jupiter iO is the flagship of the Jupiter Ed product portfolio. For over 13 years teachers have been using and loving the Jupiter Ed gradebook simply because it makes grading faster and easier. That's why it's the #1 gradebook for elementary, secondary, and higher education.

### ***Parent Communication***

Enriched features such as the parent portal and messaging tools for communication to their parents has been a welcome addition to archdiocesan teachers and leaders. "Jupiter iO has been an impressive tool allowing us to communicate with parents. The communication tool (email and text) works extremely well for us. The amount of information that we present to parents is massive," stated Shelburn. "Our parents certainly use the parent portal, and I would say our level of communication is extremely strong. Jupiter is our communication backbone and we are very happy with where we are at. The feedback we have received from parents has been positive. Parents are impressed with what they can do with the system and within the parent portal."

Parents can also help their students take control of their academics. With the parent/student portal, parents and students can log in anytime to check current grades, homework assignments, announcements, calendars, cafeteria menus, attendance records, and behavior logs. They can receive alerts for low grades, missing assignments, and absences.

The discussion forum and survey features provide enhanced communication through online discussions, Q&A forums, blogs, and multiple-choice surveys for students, parents, and staff. By improving school-to-home communications, Jupiter helps our schools and our students succeed.

### ***Learning Management System (LMS)***

"Access to a Learning Management System through Jupiter iO is an amazing feature," says Shelburn. Jupiter iO's LMS feature empowers schools in the Indianapolis Archdiocese to facilitate a move from paper learning and grading to electronic, online learning and grading. Teachers can align test questions to specific standards, so scores are subtotaled by each standard. With the test analytics solutions, teachers, educational leaders, and parents can review data to determine if students are struggling with particular standards.

Teachers can create interactive lessons and exercises, quizzes, and standards-based aligned assessments to meet the specific learning needs of their students. Students can complete tests, lessons, and assignments on computers, tablets, or smartphones. "The more I learn about your system, the more I love it," shared Kim Getman of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School.

The homework calendar within the LMS solution supports parent involvement and communication. The reminder feature provides students with a notice of upcoming assignments, and tests, as well as a warning of overdue homework assignments.

Enhanced features within the iO solution, such as the assignment turn in box and digital file locker, provide students an opportunity to submit and store their files online. Since Jupiter is cloud based, students can access their saved files from any computer, whether at school or at home, from a tablet, laptop, smartphone or desktop, with the option to download directly from Google Drive or Dropbox.

"We also really love the Juno Docs feature," continued Shelburn. With Juno Docs teachers can correct writing assignments electronically. Juno Docs, Jupiter's proprietary homework turn in box, features tools with which teachers can highlight passages in a student's essay and remark on them with a battery of customized comments with the click of a button. This amazing resource helps teachers correct papers in a fraction of the time. Teachers have the option to assign random peer reviews in which students are asked to conduct critical responses to other students' work. Teachers can also allow students to solicit reviews from known parties, like parents and tutors.

### ***Student Information System (SIS)***

The Jupiter iO SIS is the core of the Jupiter iO all-in-one solution. Jupiter iO is surprisingly easy to learn, making it far more user friendly than other parallel programs. It streamlines teaching, learning and school management with functions that include attendance, discipline, scheduling, lunch counts, graduation requirements, student billing, textbook inventory, and state reporting.

"We love how the SIS solution in Jupiter iO helps us to organize our student data while giving us the ability to work with that data, track student behavior and provide our teachers with important student information," said Shelburn. "It has met our requirements while giving us the opportunity to make other unexpected improvements."

### ***Consider Jupiter Ed***

Jupiter strives to make teaching and learning easier for everyone: teachers, administrators, students, and parents. Jupiter iO is a fully integrated LMS, Gradebook, Analytics, and SIS solution. Jupiter iO is cloud-hosted for maximum security and easy implementation. The seamless integration provides the ability to test students online and analyze the results instantly, without any data entry or importing. Track student progress in real time, and keep students and parents up-to-date on grades and homework. Select online lessons for each student's individual needs.

"For someone who is considering purchasing Jupiter Ed, I would like to share that this product delivers. It does (and does well) what it claims it can do. The interface is simple and intuitive and very responsive (fast). We are very pleased with the product," concluded Shelburn.

Jupiter Ed has proven to be the innovation leader in education technology. Jupiter Ed currently serves schools in all 50 states, totaling 3.7 million students.

## **St. Jude Catholic School**

### **Jupiter iO Users**

**Teachers:** 56

**Students:** 322

St. Jude is one of the larger parishes in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis with over 5,000 active members and a school with 509 children. The campus resides on nearly 12 acres of land.

St. Jude Catholic School has twice been recognized as a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence by the U.S. Department of Education.

