8th Grade Awards

American Citizenship Award

This award is designed to recognize the students that consistently exhibit the kinds of behaviors we want to see displayed in our schools and in our communities. Students that are always prepared, have their homework finished on time, volunteer whenever and wherever needed, students that help others, play fair and treat everyone with respect; students who exemplify the desirable behaviors we all want to encourage.

Curriculum Awards

Accelerated Reader Algebra Art Band Drama English
Literature Music Religion Science Social Studies
Spanish Yearbook

Geography Bee Award (does not have to be an 8th grader)

Heather Muller Love of Faith Award (does not have to be an 8th grader)

This award has been established in loving memory of Heather Muller. The mission of this award is to honor young people who best represent what Heather loved most: her faith and all of God's children.

Kevin W. Louis Love of Reading Award

The Kevin W. Louis Love of Reading Award is presented to an eighth grade student who exemplifies a passion for and a love of reading.

Msgr. Leon McNeil Catholic School Student Award

The Msgr. Leon Mc Neill Award recognizes eighth grade students who have excelled in academic achievement, personal conduct and apostolic service. This award is given to the students that have no grades below a B+ and no detention or behavior referrals as well for the last two semesters. In reviewing student performance, the students' records from the second semester of the seventh grade year up to the time the nominations are due (usually about April 1) are considered. On the last Iowa test, the nominee must have a composite score of at least the 96th percentile. S/he must receive a rating of at least 15 on the Grade School Recommendation. The pastor must approve the student as an active parish member.

Outstanding Culminating Project Award

This award is designed to recognize the students that score the highest overall on their eighth grade culminating project. This includes all areas of the project, the paper, as well as the presentation.

Perfect Attendance Award

Mother Teresa Award (Formerly Pastor's Award)

This award is given to the student who has given strong evidence that the faith taught him during his years at St. Thomas Aquinas School have been internalized and applied. This person should exemplify personal integrity, a spirit of kindness to all and respect for authority. Most specifically, the recipient of this award will have demonstrated, in an outstanding way, his commitment to the Church through service. (Service will be evaluated on quality as well as quantity.) This award is meant to focus attention on the importance of living the faith, which has been imparted on him.

President's Award for Educational Achievement

This award recognizes students that show outstanding educational growth, improvement, commitment or intellectual development in their academic subjects. This award is to encourage and reward students who work hard and give their best effort in school.

President's Award for Educational Excellence

This award recognizes students that have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or above as well as an achievement in the 85th percentile or higher in math or reading on a standardized achievement test.

Religion Bee Award

Service Award (does not have to be an 8th grader)

This award goes to the student with a large number of diverse service hours.

Spelling Bee Award (does not have to be an 8th grader) **State of Kansas Scholarship**

This list is subject to change.