

Pittsford Adventist Elementary School

Have you considered the advantages?

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" Proverbs 22:6

Early & Humble Beginnings

The first official Seventh-day Adventist school began in 1872. Adventist interests in propagating education was founded upon the philosophy that students at all levels of schooling possess individuality and should be educated to use their God-given capacities to become individuals of principle, qualified for any position of life. Education was to begin in the home where the basic values of redemptive discipline and mental and physical health were to be balanced with the importance of work.

My how it has grown since then

Adventists have one of the most extensive centralized Protestant educational systems in the world, operating schools in 115 countries, with more than 1.7 million students in its 7,883 schools, colleges and universities around the world. Our Michigan Conference Education Department oversees approximately 2,000 students in 35 Elementary Schools, 6 Junior Academies, and 4 Senior Academies. All our teachers are required to be state certified.

Pittsford Elementary has been in operation for over 60 years; 10 at its present location. It is a one-room school for students in grades one to eight. Adventists have embraced the philosophy that education should be redemptive in nature, for the purpose of restoring human beings to the image of God, our Creator. Mental, physical, social, and spiritual health, intellectual growth, and service to humanity form a core of values that are essential aspects of the Adventist education philosophy.

What makes small schools so successful?

Flexibility & Individual Care: Teachers in small schools can implement ideas with a minimum of delay. Field trips and use of the playground or pieces of school equipment can fit into the actual flow of the learning experience, rather than having to be adjusted to the plans and needs of several classrooms. Social Skills: A classroom having children of several ages enables students to gain a perspective on what is happening in the lives and education of children both younger and older. Several studies have found that multigrade classrooms improve personal and social development, improve attitudes toward school and help students become more cooperative and less competitive.

Peer Tutoring: In a multi-grade classroom, the children generally have more opportunity to help one another than in single-grade classrooms. Such peer teaching aids the slower and younger children. The older student has recently passed through the same learning process and can assist in a way that makes sense to a younger classmate. Such an interchange aids both the younger and older students.

Develops Independence & Responsibility:

Small schools significantly contribute to student participation in school activities.

Family Atmosphere: Small schools provide a close family atmosphere where the student can receive education and help.

Academic Achievement: Small schools provide an ideal setting for high academic achievement.

Constant Improvement: The small curriculum is continuously being evaluated and upgraded. Teachers attend workshops and receive training that refines and develops their skills on an ongoing basis. The library program, new science materials, and social studies curriculum are only a few of the areas that improve the learning opportunities for the student. Spiritual Dimension: The small studentteacher ratio gives opportunity for the teacher to share Christ with the students on a more personal basis. From this experience and the advantage of flexible scheduling, the can more easily lead the student into community service and outreach. This Christ centered focus creates a nurturing environment.

If you cherish Christian values and desire your child to be in a school where principles of Christ-like living are taught, please stop in for a visit and find out who we are and what we are all about. We may have a place for your child.

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We graciously welcome inquiries about our School, staff, our educational curriculum, and our church. It is our pleasure and privilege to share our school program with you. We look forward to meeting you!

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