



## St. Jerome School in Westchester Receives \$100,000 Grant to Establish William H. Hannon Pre-K School

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**Pre-K Support:** Kathleen Aikenhead, President of the William H. Hannon Foundation, and David Herbst, a director of the Foundation, present Sister Donna Anne Bachman, (pictured in middle) Principal of St. Jerome School, with a \$100,000 ceremonial check on behalf of the Foundation to support the William H. Hannon Pre-K School program at St. Jerome School in Westchester. They are standing on the new playground equipment paid for by the Foundation's gift. Herbst's two daughters, Katherine & Margaret, who both attend St. Jerome School, watch the presentation.

The William H. Hannon Foundation, founded by the late Catholic philanthropist and real estate developer William H. Hannon, has provided a \$100,000 grant to St. Jerome

School in Westchester to establish the William H. Hannon Pre-Kindergarten School, which will open this fall.

St. Jerome School will become the only Catholic elementary school in Westchester, as well as the greater area, to offer a Pre-K program. The Pre-Kindergarten program will offer academic, social and physical skills training, in a Catholic Christian environment, to better prepare children to enter kindergarten.

“For several years we have been exploring the need in the Westchester community for early childhood education. We are extremely grateful to the William H. Hannon Foundation for their support in filling this need. Their generosity has allowed us to purchase beautiful play equipment and the other resources necessary to launch this program. We are also very proud to name our Pre-K program after William Hannon, who was a regular visitor to our school and one of our longstanding and strongest supporters,” said Sister Donna Anne Bachman, St. Jerome School Principal.

St. Jerome School’s Pre-K program will offer both a “full day” class (from 7:55 am to 3 pm) as well as a “half-day” class (from 7:55 am to 11:30) Monday through Friday. Enrollment for the fall semester remains open and interested parents can call the school at 310.670.1678 or email [contact@stjeromewestchester.org](mailto:contact@stjeromewestchester.org).

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“St. Jerome School is a special place and our Board of Directors is pleased to be able to assist them in expanding the school to include a Pre-Kindergarten program to serve all of Westchester. My late uncle was one of the pioneers in helping to build Westchester and it makes sense for us to continue to recognize his efforts through building new programs like this in Westchester’s schools,” said Kathleen Hannon Aikenhead, President of the William H. Hannon Foundation.