

# Providence Heights Alpha School



***"The future starts today, not tomorrow."  
-Pope John Paul II***

**B**efore she was married, Anita King and her fiancée decided that they would send their future children to Catholic school. Both Anita and her husband attended Catholic school all their lives and loved it. Today, they have a handsome second grader named Garrett at Alpha, and a three-year-old forthcoming Alpha intellectual named Declan.



Anita has been nothing but pleased with Garrett's education since their first time visiting the school. "We knew during the introductory tour. We instinctively felt that we were in the right place," she says. "The beautiful campus, the small classes, the superior technology, the excellent teachers, and the high level of communication, combined with the values that my husband and I received from a Catholic education, and we were sold." And once they started at Alpha, they began to see what a close-knit family Alpha is. "Alpha has a Buddy Program that Garrett loves. When we first enrolled, they buddied my husband and I up with another veteran mother and father who welcomed us and gave us good information. Now we buddy up to help other new families."



Anita enjoys the community feel of the school, noting, "you can be as involved as you wish. Parents volunteer as coaches, to help with lunch duty, special events, Baby Jesus' Birthday Celebration, the Gala that I co-chair, or any school event. We find dignity and appreciation even just helping a child in the lunchroom. We love it at the school."

One of the aspects Anita loves most about Alpha is the environment. She "likes that the world is a smaller place for Garrett at Alpha: smaller classes and more individual attention," but she also notes the diversity of their experience at Alpha School. "In the last few years, Alpha has had students from Brazil, Italy, Ireland, and Korea, to name a few. This has broadened Garrett's horizons. Most-ly, they are students whose parents are on assignment working here. Garrett made good friends with a boy from Brazil and now he is interested in visiting him and that country."



Along with the diversity in the classroom, Anita also loves the variety of programs offered as part of the school day and the opportunities after school. "This past year, Garrett participated in basketball, chess, cooking, cross country, and musical theatre." With so many opportunities for Alpha students to pursue their passions, Alpha truly encourages the creative and artistic endeavors of every child. "The school works on the whole child," Anita believes, "giving them a moral compass, becoming a Provident Person, a well-rounded individual, and that's what we wanted."

Anita continues, "we are a family who attends Mass, prays, and says Grace at every dinner, and we wanted Garrett to receive Sacramental Instruction. We wanted faith to be a part of who he is and that is the most important reason we love it here at Alpha."

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