

## Nature Emphasis

Our school is blessed to have our own amazing outdoor space, and our teachers and students utilize it regularly! We enjoy lots of nature learning and the area to have even our traditional classes meet outside to read books in hammocks or memorize our Bible verses in nature. In addition to our large playground and ball field, we are excited to offer these opportunities for nature immersion:

- ✓ Hiking trails
- ✓ Sledding hill
- ✓ Chapel in the woods
- ✓ 30 acres of woods with outdoor learning spaces
- ✓ Student-created butterfly garden
- ✓ A stream in the woods for hands-on water learning
- ✓ Rope obstacle challenge course

## Nature-based Field Trips

Our teachers regularly take students on a variety of beautiful and educational nature excursions, visiting such places as:

- ✓ Fernwood Botanical Garden
- ✓ Sarrett Nature Center
- ✓ Potawatomi Zoo
- ✓ Bendix Woods
- ✓ Rum Village Nature Center
- ✓ Five Pines Tubing
- ✓ Camp Au Sable
- ✓ Local farms and orchards

NAS has been selected as a Mighty Acorn school for its commitment to hands-on learning in nature and ecosystem stewardship!

## Niles Adventist School

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## Niles Adventist School



## About Us

Niles Adventist School is a Kindergarten – 8<sup>th</sup> grade school operated by the Niles Westside Seventh-day Adventist Church in Niles, Michigan, just minutes from Andrews University.

Classes typically meet from 8:15AM – 3PM. Kindergarten hours are from 8:15-11:30AM.

## Staff

William Crawford, Principal/Grades 7-8  
Jody Seigal, Vice Principal/Grades 3-4  
Jenni Coffen, Kindergarten  
Denise Kidder, Grades 1-2  
Staci Fagal, Grades 5-6  
Olena Rybachok, Music  
Heidi Scott, Secretary  
Kathy Dockerty, Kindergarten Teacher Aide  
Rodrick Snow, Treasurer  
Beatriz Agundez, Food Service  
Cindy Botimer, Custodian

## The NAS Advantage

At NAS, we have a different approach that really makes our school special. The following attributes make us unique:

- ✓ A **family atmosphere** with a low student-teacher ratio (12:1 average)
- ✓ Students **test above average** compared to other students nationally
- ✓ **Half-day Kindergarten** with extended option available
- ✓ We have a **service-oriented focus** with regular opportunities to serve the community like Adopt-a-Highway and mission projects
- ✓ Fantastic opportunities for outdoor learning and **hands-on nature** experiences on our beautiful property



## Our Mission:

**We bring our children to Jesus to be touched by His love, trained for service, and educated for Heaven.**

## Family Atmosphere

Having friends of mixed age groups is good for students. Working and playing with students of different ages and abilities--like our Reading Partners program and overlapping recess schedules--reduces cliques and isolation, creating an accepting family environment. Our weekly whole-school chapels bring our school together, and our many school-wide events help teachers and students from different classrooms to interact.

Our staff, school board, pastor, and church family are committed to providing a quality education in a **Christ-filled environment** and are ready to welcome you to our community!

## Contact Us

We invite you to find out more about our school by exploring our website at [www.nilesadventistschool.org](http://www.nilesadventistschool.org) or on our Facebook page or by calling the school.