



ST. BERNARD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Making Christ present in all we say and do

Dear St. Bernard Parishioners,

Greetings to all! As the principal, it is my privilege to invite you and your family to experience the blessings of a Catholic education. I invite families with children in preschool through 8th grade to consider enrolling their children at St. Bernard School for the coming school year.

For years, while teaching in Catholic schools, I have asked students why their parents chose to send them to a Catholic school. The answer is always to receive a good education in a faith-filled environment that will prepare them for their life ahead. I am sure you know how important this is for your child.

Previously, while teaching at a local public high school, I tutored a young girl. As we worked together, she began to share how deeply troubling her problems at home were. The troubled young girl asked me what to do. I asked if she had prayed about it. She had not. So I explained how we can pray to God for help. Her face lit up, for she had never heard this before, and now she had hope. I assured her that I would pray for her, too. Unlike in Catholic schools, prayer in public schools is limited to quiet whispers between you and God and cannot be shared openly. Unlike public schools, Catholic school academics are deeply intertwined with spiritual development. We know who we are in Christ, and we open the door of our hearts and allow the flame of the love of Jesus to be at the center of our lives. We do this with the greatest love at the Holy Mass, which we attend weekly, and in our prayers as a school community.

We know that the memories of our childhood years influence who we become and how we live as we grow. In these formative years, it is critical that students' education take place in a Christ-filled environment and that they be intellectually challenged. Guided by the teachings of Jesus Christ, we provide a balance of faith, academic excellence, and community service.

Our school is guided by life in Christ and a commitment to academic excellence. Some parents have asked about the teachers who will bring these values to life. I am happy to share that most of our teaching positions are now filled. I would like you to meet the wonderful team of teachers who will care for and support our students next year. Please join us for a Meet & Greet on June 25 at 6:00 p.m. in the school gym. I hope you can make it.

When evaluating St. Bernard School, please do not let distance or money be a limitation. As a parent, I shared rides with another parent who wanted to send their son to a Catholic high school, as I did. It is not hard to talk with one another and find ways to help students attend schools that are not always nearby. St. Bernard also offers an after-school childcare program.

Regarding tuition, payment plans are available, and we can negotiate a tuition amount you can afford with flexible payment options if needed. Student scholarship opportunities are also available.

We look forward to restoring your trust and rebuilding our school. Send us your child for the next year so we may inspire them to become their best at St. Bernard School. We are actively interviewing teacher candidates for the remaining open positions and moving as quickly as we can to finalize all positions. We have teachers coming to sign their contracts, teachers waiting for interviews, and signed contracts for five new teachers. Thus far, we have an extraordinarily talented team of teachers, including many highly experienced teachers and new teachers eager to meet your child and be their teacher.

Our 2026-2027 school calendar, which includes important dates and events, has been approved by the parish Leadership Team. The installation of new windows on the second floor has begun. Other preparations underway include updating the school technology program and cleaning classrooms to create an inviting school environment.

St. Bernard School offers you a safe, secure environment in an academically challenging, faith-filled setting. Please contact the school office between 8:00 am and 1:30 pm, Monday through Friday, if you have questions or need assistance with your child's registration. We hope to meet you soon.

Thank you very much. May Jesus Christ be praised! Now and forever.

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