



ST. JOSEPH
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

SCHOOL PROFILE

2017-2018

ADDRESS & CONTACT INFORMATION

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SCHOOL HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday: 8:15 am to 3:15 pm
Tuesday: 8:15 am to 2:15 pm

MISSION

St. Joseph Catholic School, centered in Gospel values, partners with our families and parish community to develop the spiritual, academic, and social growth of each student.

PHILOSOPHY

St. Joseph Catholic School, as a ministry of St. Joseph Parish, is a Catholic community where we live and learn together spiritually, academically and socially. We affirm that parents are primary educators of their children, and we teach students to work to their potential. We value the unique talents of each child and recognize that everyone contributes to a positive and service-filled faith community. As facilitators of learning, we will:

Spiritually...

- build a community based on Gospel values
- cultivate an awareness of each individual's gifts
- encourage the practice of the faith including prayer and active participation in liturgical life

Academically...

- establish and maintain high expectations and standards
- support students to work to their full potential
- promote independent and cooperative learning and develop critical thinking skills

Socially...

- instill a respect for self and others demonstrated through actions, words and service
- encourage physical wellness and emotional wellbeing
- provide education and opportunities for responsible participation in local and global communities

St. Joseph Catholic School is a faith-based educational community that nurtures each student as a child of God.

HISTORY

Though St. Joseph Church was officially launched in early 1952, it would be a few years of hard work and dedication by the pastor and an active membership before the church and school buildings could be completed on the 12 ½ acres of forest land just off of Andresen Road. St. Joseph Catholic School opened on September 10, 1954, with 302 students, five religious of the Sisters of Providence Order, and three lay teachers. The school, on opening day, had 10 classrooms, a library, cafeteria, four music rooms, and an auditorium, which also served as the 758-seat church. In 1958, a new wing was added to the north side of the school to accommodate the growing number of students. This wing now holds the 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade classrooms. In 1999, another new wing on the north side of the school was built, expanding the school with four new classrooms, for a total of two classrooms per grade level. Our preschool

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program – the Cardinal Preschool – began in 2007 as a half-day program for 4 year olds. To provide classrooms for our specialty subjects, modular buildings were added to the school in 2008 and 2009. In 2013, the Cardinal Preschool was expanded to its current structure with the addition of a modular building that became home to two new classrooms. Its expansion provided the opportunity for the school to accept and teach three year olds and have additional class schedules in which families could choose to enroll their children. Over the years, the school has served many students and families, and it continues to offer a strong school program that guides students to spiritual, academic, and social growth.

ACCREDITATION	Washington State Department of Early Learning <i>Early Achievers Program</i> (Preschool) Western Catholic Education Association (K-8)
GRADE LEVELS	Our school includes Preschool through Grade 8, with two classrooms per grade level in K-8 and different scheduling offerings for preschool students ages 3-5.
ENROLLMENT 2017-2018	380 (Preschool: 76 K-8: 305)
FACULTY/STAFF	38 faculty/staff members <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 25 Licensed Faculty• Kindergarten Instructional Assistant• 9 Preschool Staff Members• 3 Administrative Assistants
CURRICULUM	Our curriculum adheres to the Archdiocese of Seattle content standards. All K-8 students study religion, language arts, mathematics, social studies, science, Spanish, health, physical education, art, and computer technology. Our curriculum lays the groundwork for the rigorous college-prep programs our students will encounter at Vancouver and Portland-area Catholic schools.
ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE	In looking at the mean standardized testing scores for students at each grade level that complete our testing program, we find that students typically perform above average or well above average in comparison to students in other schools.
ACTIVITIES/CLUBS	Extracurricular sports are sponsored by the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) and include volleyball, basketball, swimming, and track and field. After school, parents or outside groups offer a variety of activities and clubs. Though these offerings change from year to year, recent offerings have included youth choir, chess, Mad Science, and Lego Robotics and Speech Club for middle school. St. Joseph Catholic School also has a Cub Scout pack that meets regularly at the school.
TUITION 2017-2018	K-8 Subsidized Rate \$6,447 a year K-8 Non-Subsidized Rate: \$8,106 a year Preschool tuition is determined based on half-day or full-day attendance and the number of days a week a child attends. <i>*To accommodate school budgeting needs, each year there is a tuition increase, usually not more than 5 percent of the previous year's tuition.*</i>
ACTUAL COST OF EDUCATION	The true cost of educating our K-8 students is typically \$1,000 to \$2,000 above the cost of our tuition. This figure is calculated by dividing our total operating expenses by the number of students enrolled in our school. The difference between tuition and the true cost of education is made up through fundraising and benefactor support.
FINANCIAL AID	Financial aid is available for qualifying families, and families are encouraged to apply at time of admission or during our re-enrollment period. Please find a link to the application form at https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/4CFZS .