



SCHOOL PROFILE

2020-2021

ADDRESS & CONTACT INFORMATION

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SCHOOL HOURS

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

MISSION

St. Joseph Catholic School, a secure and loving community centered in Gospel values, partners with our families and parish to develop the spiritual, academic, and social growth of each student in order to support and encourage all of our students on their path to becoming moral, educated, caring adults, well-equipped to carry on the mission and message of Jesus Christ.

PHILOSOPHY

St. Joseph Catholic School endorses the call of the Catholic Bishops of the United States to express its educational ministry through the three objectives: personal spirituality, social justice, and a strong academic program in accord with Christian values. This commitment extends to building Christian community and fostering Christian service.

St. Joseph Catholic School is dedicated to offering students a well-rounded, Christ-centered education in a caring school community, while affording them the opportunity to serve as Jesus did. Catholic doctrine, traditions, and values are taught in daily formal religion classes and are integrated into all subject areas, but most importantly permeate the entire climate of the school.

We at St. Joseph believe that children learn best in a secure, well-managed, and nurturing environment. We affirm that each child, created in the image and likeness of God, is blessed with unique gifts, talents, and needs. Our calling is to draw out these gifts and attend to these needs in order to afford each child the opportunity to develop to his or her fullest potential.

The faculty, staff, and administration of St. Joseph support parents as the primary educators of their children. As partners in this venture, we realize the importance of preserving and strengthening the crucial link between the home and the school.

Our calling as a Catholic school is to offer our students an environment in which they can learn and live their faith as part of a secure, loving community so that they will grow to become moral, educated, caring adults, well-equipped to carry on the mission and message of Jesus Christ.

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 with the addition of a modular building that became home to two new classrooms. Its expansion provided the opportunity for the school to add a program for three year olds and have additional class schedules in which families could choose to enroll their children. In 2019, we added an additional full day four year old preschool classroom. Over the years, the school has served many students and families, and it continues to offer a strong 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 2020-2021	377 (Preschool: 54 K-8: 323)
FACULTY/STAFF	41 faculty/staff members <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 25 Licensed Faculty• 2 Kindergarten Instructional Assistants• 10 Preschool Staff Members
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, computer technology and music. Our curriculum lays the groundwork for the rigorous college-prep programs our students will encounter at Vancouver and Portland-area Catholic high 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, staff, 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, Lego Robotics and, for middle school, Art Club, Band, Drama, and Speech Club. St. Joseph Catholic School also has a Cub Scout pack that meets regularly at the school.
TUITION 2020-2021	K-8 Subsidized Rate \$7,249 a year K-8 Non-Subsidized Rate: \$9,116 a year. Preschool tuition varies 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, typically 3-5% of the previous year's tuition.*</i>
ACTUAL COST OF EDUCATION	The true cost of educating our K-8 students is typically about \$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.
VARIABLE TUITION	Variable Tuition 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 .