



St. Joseph's Catholic School

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Dear Prospective Parent,

Enclosed is the basic information about St. Joseph's Catholic School. I hope you find it helpful in your search for the best school for your child(ren). **Attached is the *Tuition and Fee Schedule* for this current school year. Each school year, the tuition and fees are subject to change. Your child(ren)'s tuition and fee schedule will be included with your registration packet.**

Each child is placed on our Pre-Registration Wait List for future openings. Please complete the Pre-Registration Application as thoroughly as possible. Return the application, \$50.00 non-refundable application fee, and copies of your child(ren)'s most current report card and testing results to St. Joseph's Catholic School.

Admission into St. Joseph's Catholic School is based on many factors including: whether or not the family is registered at St. John's Cathedral, attends Mass, supports the Parish, participates in Parish activities, had another child already attending St. Joseph's Catholic School or prior enrollment in another Catholic school.

Children entering Kindergarten do not need to have any formal school records to be enrolled. Students must be five (5) years of age by midnight, September 1 to enter Kindergarten and six (6) years of age by midnight, September 1 to enter First Grade.

At the time of registration and prior to entry, the following must be on file in the School Office:

1. Baptism and Birth Certificates
2. In accordance with state requirements, health information including complete immunization records.
3. Any available school testing records.
4. Prior school records (report cards, attendance records, and behavior records).

Thank you for considering St. Joseph's Catholic School for your child(ren). Our administrators and teachers strive to create a Christian environment that helps maximize every child's learning experience. Differentiated instruction and a high quality curriculum allow for powerful learning to take place in all classrooms.

Yours in Christ,

Tony Quilici
Principal

WELCOME

Welcome to St. Joseph's Catholic School! Our entire staff is committed to academic excellence while providing a caring, nurturing, and Catholic Education in a safe learning environment. You are encouraged to seize every opportunity to help make good things happen at St. Joseph's! Please contact us if you have questions or need help. We are here to assist our students and families.

A BRIEF HISTORY...

Catholic education in Boise dates back to 1877 when Fr. Alex J. Archambault was transferred to Boise. He brought with him St. Joseph's School, the Catholic school he had operated in Idaho City, and taught the children himself until his transfer to Oregon in 1890. Boise then had no Catholic school until the Sister of the Holy Cross opened an Academy for Girls in 1889 in St. Patrick's Hall, adjacent to the original St. John's Parish and Bannock Streets.

In 1891, the Sisters moved their Academy to the site on State Street where the Idaho State Library now stands. Meanwhile, several attempts were made to start a boys' school. Finally, in 1900, Bishop Alphonse Glorieux remodeled St. Patrick's Hall and opened a new school, again names for St. Joseph that was an immediate success.

In 1902, Bishop Glorieux purchased the property at 8th and Fort Streets that was able to be the site of the new St. John's Cathedral. The old St. John's was to be moved to the site to serve as church and school during construction, but the building burned as it was being relocated. A foundation had already been prepared, so the church was rebuilt and St. Patrick's Hall moved in along side it, next to the foundations of the new cathedral. As soon as the cathedral basement was complete, it served as the church. The hall was demolished, and the temporary church became St. Joseph's School for the next twelve years.

Bishop Daniel M. Forman succeeded Bishop Glorieux in 1918 and, like his predecessor, strongly advocated Catholic education. In 1925, under the leadership of Bishop Corman and the Rev. Joseph M. Verhoeven, Rector of the Cathedral, a new red brick school building was completed at the corner of 9th and Fort Streets. The new building had eight classrooms and cost \$38,000. Its completion allowed the fold school building to be converted into a gymnasium. The school originally served grades one through ten. The eleventh grade was added in 1926 and twelfth in 1927. School activities also expanded, eventually including a Catholic Student Club, journalism class, a school paper called *The Echo*, football and basketball teams, and an orchestra.

In 1927, Bishop Gorman died and was succeeded by Bishop Edward J. Kelly. Bishop Kelly. Bish Kelly identified the need to accommodate the growing school population and in 1933, with permission of the Sisters, transferred the high school boys to St. Teresa's Academy.

The old building that had in its lifetime been a church, school, and gymnasium was torn down in 1941. In 1948, the current gymnasium was constructed to replace it, at a cost of \$89,000. The Parish retired this debit by 1952. The new building could seat 400 people in permanent bleachers and included meeting rooms and a small kitchen.

In 1946, Father Kenneth Rowe, Pastor of St. John's, began suggesting that all grade school boys and girls attend St. Joseph's and that St. Teresa's take the high school ages. In the spring of 1953, Bishop Kelly approved this measure and that Fall saw the first co-educational class at St. Joseph's.

The year 1991 brought the addition of the Media Center, office, and additional classroom space to the school building. In 1997, a new heating and air conditioning system and energy efficient windows were installed to increase efficiency and comfort, and to improve the learning environment. In 1999, the school office and library were remodeled. The changes to the office increased school security and productivity. The 2002 addition expanded the Media Center and provided five new classrooms including a Science Lab and Art Room.

St. Joseph's Catholic School Mission Statement

St. Joseph's Catholic School seeks to provide all children with an opportunity to develop spiritually, academically, emotionally, and physically, in an environment of Christ-centered attitudes and values. Staff and parents are committed to preparing students to take their place in their own community and in the world at-large by fostering a love for lifelong learning and a responsibility to others.

St. Joseph's Catholic School Philosophy

St. Joseph's Catholic School is dedicated to providing students with a superior religious and academic education. Our community believes that all children are created in God's image. We provide a supportive, challenging, nurturing, Catholic environment.

Because we believe that all are created in God's image, all are treated as valuable children of God with unique gifts and talents. We embrace and teach the stewardship model of living, the sacraments, personal responsibility and global citizenship.

Incorporating parents as primary teachers of children, the school curriculum encourages students to reach their highest potential in a Christ-entered environment. Students graduate from St. Joseph's with skills that will take them beyond the classroom and prepare them to take an active role in their chosen community.

Our staff gives students confidence to identify their gifts, practice their talents, and celebrate their successes.

School-Wide Learning Expectations (SLE's)

SPIRITUAL

St. Joseph's students are friends of God, practicing Christian values, Catholic faith, and stewardship.

1. Draw on Christian values when making behavioral choices throughout the school day and in the community.
2. Gain a competent understanding of the Catholic faith through daily religious instruction.
3. Embrace the stewardship model of living and participate in school and community service projects.
4. Form a personal relationship with God by actively participating as a community in liturgy, the sacraments, devotions, and prayer.

ACADEMIC

St. Joseph's students give their best! They work hard to be responsible, joyful, and creative in their studies.

1. Accept responsibility for their own learning, actions, and behavior through goal setting and accomplishment of goals.
2. Demonstrate creativity and a joy of learning through all daily classroom activities.
3. Exhibit a work ethic through perseverance and self-reflection.

CITIZENSHIP

St. Joseph's students are good citizens with a global awareness, using the Golden Rule to treat others with courtesy and respect.

1. Demonstrate common courtesy and respect by practicing hospitality, good manners, dignity, and proper etiquette.
2. Are good Catholic role models, treating others as they would to be treated (Golden Rule/Great Commandment).
3. Demonstrate an age-appropriate awareness of local, national, and global issues.

SOCIAL

St. Joseph's students are Christ-like in action. They appreciate, respect and have compassion for others.

1. Demonstrate an appreciation and respect for differences in others.
2. Resolve conflict while modeling Christ's example.
3. Exhibit empathy for the needs of others through daily interactions.

PHYSICAL

St. Joseph's students have healthy bodies and make healthy choices, positively sharing their gifts and talents.

1. Appreciate their own body as a temple of God by making healthy choices for their physical, social, mental and emotional health.
2. Rejoice in and share the physical gifts and talents of self and others by modeling good sportsmanship and a positive attitude.

YOUR ROLE AS A PARENT

We believe parents are the primary educators of their children. To assist in the spiritual and academic development of each student, we encourage parents to:

Celebrate mass together on Sundays and Holy Days.

Talk to your children about God and faith.

Pray together.

Assist your children in finding an age appropriate Individual Community Service Project.

Be informed about the religious concepts your children are learning at school.

Support your children by establishing a structured homework time, reviewing assignments, and encourage regular reading time.

Volunteer at least 25 hours per year per family.

Be aware of your student's progress and any missing assignments by reviewing your student's online PlusPortal account weekly.

Participate in parent/teacher conferences.

Celebrate your children's successes.

Support the school rules and encourage your children to follow school rules.

Always read the school's weekly Braves' Bulletin.

Be sure your children are here at school and arrive on time.

St. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL
2018-19 TUITION POLICY AND FEE SCHEDULE

Tuition and fees are determined each year by the Rector, Parish Finance Council, School Board and Principal.

TUITION PER STUDENT:

CATHOLIC TUITION -Grades K-8 (To qualify, see below).....	\$4,740
NON-CATHOLIC TUITION -Grades K-8.....	\$6,078

CATHOLIC TUITION REQUIREMENTS: *One of the parents or legal guardians of the student must be a registered Catholic and a participating, contributing member of a parish by registration due date. A parishioner is one who is registered, used parish offertory envelopes regularly and is deemed by the pastor as supportive of the parish.*

TUITION ASSISTANCE: Tuition Assistance is available to all. The subsidy that St. Joseph's School receives from St. John's Cathedral helps us to offer Assistance to those families in need. St. John's parishioners and other Catholics registered in a parish will be considered first for assistance. If funds are available, non-Catholics in need of financial help will then be considered.

Tuition Assistance may be given after submitted the Tuition Assistance Application, a letter of explanation and a copy of the parents most current Federal Income Tax Return 1040 and accompanying Schedules to the Tuition Assistance Committee. Assistance applications are to be submitted in a sealed envelope to the School Office and addressed to the Tuition Assistance Committee. The Tuition Assistance Application is due by registration deadline as indicated on the Registration Application. Information is kept confidential and is only reviewed by the Tuition Assistance Committee.

TUITION COMMITMENT: Tuition commitment is payable according to the agreed upon payment schedule. Payments are due by check, cash, debit/credit card or electronic funds transfer on the 15th day of each month.

DONATION TO ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL: The Idaho Education Tax Credit lets you support Idaho Catholic Schools with dollars you would otherwise pay on your Idaho Income Tax Return. In addition, the normal charitable deduction permits you to deduct the amount of your contribution on your Federal Income Tax Return as well as on your State Income Tax Return if you itemize your deductions. The Idaho State Tax Credit was specifically designed by our lawmakers to help you support and approved educational institution of your choice in Idaho. If you have a tax consultant, discuss this contribution with him/her or consult your Idaho Income Tax instructions and consider making a tax credit donation.

MATCHING FUNDS DONATION: Please check with your employer for a matching funds program. Donation pledges may be paid on the registration form or throughout the school year. Your contribution is greatly appreciated!

LATE CHARGES & INSUFFICIENT FUNDS CHARGES: A service charge of \$15 will be assessed on all late payment and a service charge of \$15 will be assessed for all returned checks.

STATEMENTS: Statements are e-mailed.

ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER: This option is highly recommended. Please complete the attached form and provide a voided check and return with your registration application. This will be for tuition and any fees that occur on your statement. **If you are already set up for EFT, you do not need to resubmit the form or voided check.**

FEE SCHEDULE

All fees are due at the time of registration, are non-refundable and do not qualify for financial assistance.

PRE-REGISTRATION FEE: A fee of \$50 is to be paid per child when submitting a Pre-Registration Application for our wait list. (This is for new students only)

BUILDING FUND FEE: All new families are required to pay a one-time building fee of \$500. The building fee is submitted at time of registration with all other fees.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT CLASS: All new families are **required** to take this class (which include an background check) to be able to volunteer at the school and /or drive for any field trips. The fee for this class is \$30.00 per person. After five years, parents will have to undergo another background check, but not be required to take the class again. An annual online renewal of Safe Environment is required and is free of charge. **This is a requirement of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Boise.**

REGISTRATION FEE: Registration fee is due when registration and financial commitment forms are submitted. The fees are \$100 per kindergarten student, \$50 per Catholic student (1st -8th grades), and \$100 per non-Catholic student (1st-8th grades).

BOOK FEE: A fee of \$50 is to be paid per child. This fee helps cover a portion of the cost of textbooks.

CLASS FEE: A fee of \$20 is to be paid per child. This fee helps cover incidental classroom costs such as field trips and special projects.

P.E. FEE: A fee of \$10 is to be paid per child in kindergarten through 5th grade. A fee of \$30 is to be paid per children in 6th, 7th and 8th grades. This fee helps cover equipment, field trips and transportation for the year.

ART FEE: A fee of \$10 is to be paid per child for grades K through 6th. This fee helps cover the cost of art supplies. 7th and 8th grade students will be billed if they take Art as an elective.

8th GRADE GRADUATION: A fee of \$25 is to be paid per child in the 8th grade. This fee covers the cost of the diploma and the reception (cake, coffee, flowers, etc.)

SACRAMENTAL FEE: A fee of \$20 is to be paid per child in 2nd grade for 1st Communion and Reconciliation.

TECHNOLOGY FEE: A fee of \$50 is to be paid per child. This fee helps to cover replacement of equipment, and continue to provide staff training opportunities in order to ensure maximum use of our technology.

MISCELLANEOUS FEE: Throughout the school year there may be unforeseen costs. Other expenses may be invoiced as necessary.

DUE DATE: All registration material and fees must be turned in to the school office **by the date indicated on the Registration Application.** Any registrations turned in late cannot be guaranteed. Pre-Registration applicants will be considered after that date.

FEES & TUITION: All fees and tuition payments must be paid in full **BEFORE** records can be transferred.

St. Joseph's Catholic School Student Pre-Registration Application

In order to be considered for placement, we strongly encourage you to pre-register your child/ren. By completing the Pre-Registration Application and paying the \$50 per child associated, non-refundable fee, you are placed on our Wait List. As openings become available, we consider those on our Wait List first. Placement is offered in order of the following priority: 1) Siblings of currently enrolled students. 2) Parishioners of St. John Cathedral 3) Catholics registered at other parishes 4) Non- Catholics. We notify parents of placement via email so please be certain to list your current email address.

1.) Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ School Year _____
(Must be 5 by September 1st of the school year in which you are applying for) Grade _____

Male _____ Female _____ Date of Birth: _____ Religion/Parish: _____

2.) Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ School Year _____
(Must be 5 by September 1st of the school year in which you are applying for) Grade _____

Male _____ Female _____ Date of Birth: _____ Religion/Parish: _____

3.) Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ School Year _____
(Must be 5 by September 1st of the school year in which you are applying for)
Grade _____

Male _____ Female _____ Date of Birth: _____ Religion/Parish: _____

Parent Information:

Mother's Name: _____ Home Number: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Employer: _____ Work Number: _____ Cell: _____

Mother's Religion/Parish: _____ Email: _____

Father's Name: _____ Home Number: _____

Address if Different: _____ Zip: _____

Employer: _____ Work Number: _____ Cell: _____

Father's Religion/Parish: _____ Email: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone Number: _____

Relationship to the Child(ren): _____

Name of current school: _____ Phone Number: _____

Name of current principal: _____ Phone Number: _____

Name of current teacher: _____ Phone Number: _____

I give permission to the principal of St. Joseph's Catholic School to communicate with my child(ren)'s prior or current school's principal and/or teacher's, or counselor's concerning my child(ren).

Signature of Parent: _____ Date: _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Date Received:

Amount Paid:

Credit/Debit Card: _____ Cash: _____ Check#: _____

Did you attend St. Joseph's Catholic School? _____ No _____ Yes Grades/Date: _____

Did you attend Bishop Kelly High School? _____ No _____ Yes Grades/Date: _____

Please list other Catholic schools your attended:

Are you a St. John's parishioner? _____ No _____ Yes If yes, when did you register? _____

Please list parish activities or groups you have been involved in?

List St. Joseph's Catholic School activities you have been involved in:

If new to the Treasure Valley, did you belong to a Catholic parish prior to relocating? Explain:

Please add any other information that may be helpful:

Are you willing to transfer your child(ren) to St. Joseph's mid year, if there is an opening? _____ No _____ Yes

How did you hear about our school and what brought you to St. Joe's?

_____ Friend or relative attends

_____ Has a good reputation in the community

_____ Attended Open House

_____ Catholic Reister

_____ Church Bulletin (which parish?) _____

Required Volunteer Hours

(See Volunteer Handbook on our website www.stjoes.com)

Each family is required to volunteer a minimum of twenty-five (25) hours per school year, per family, (5 of those hours dedicated to a fundraising event). Volunteer hours must be entered on our website, www.stjoes.com or will be charge \$15.00 for each hour not entered. This charge will be posted to your account at the end of May.

