



Faith in Education

A St. Joseph School education delivers results and distinguishes our graduates in faith, scholastics and community involvement. Join our tradition.

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ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

St. Joseph School has offered the Downers Grove community a high quality Catholic education for almost a century. With its traditions rooted back to 1910, today St. Joseph encourages a student commitment to God while maintaining high academic standards. The community spirit is what draws many to our school. Guided by the Holy Spirit, St. Joseph nurtures spiritual growth, provides challenging intellectual opportunities and encourages each child to become the person God calls him/her to be.

Faith Formation

- Faith Formation is the number one reason why parents enroll their children in St. Joseph School. Faith Formation occurs daily. We begin each day with a prayer and emphasize Christian values in all spiritual, educational and social activities. The "Fruits of the Spirit" are our monthly themes.
- The children attend an all-school mass every Tuesday. As leaders of the school, eighth grade students take an active role as lectors, sacristans and ushers, while students from all grades participate in other roles. All are welcome to attend student masses.
- Sacramental preparation is prevalent throughout the year, with a focus on Reconciliation and First Communion in grade 2, and Confirmation in grade 8.
- Service opportunities to the parish and community are a way St. Joseph students work to incorporate their faith in their daily life.

High Quality Academics

- St. Joseph parents are proud of the highly qualified and concerned principal and teachers that grace our classrooms. There are two homerooms for every grade, Kindergarten through grade 8.
- Students attend computer classes and have library privileges on a weekly basis. Music and art classes are also taught once a week. Physical Education is taught twice weekly to all students, except for Kindergarten students who enjoy P.E. once a week.
- Relating to music, all students participate in two all-school music shows.
- The St. Joseph School day is administrated with a high level of expectations. Students are encouraged to appreciate and achieve in their education.
- St. Joseph School students take achievement tests yearly at certain grade levels. They score high when compared to other students throughout the country. These tests enable teachers to check the progress of each individual student as they advance from grade level to grade level. The primary purpose of the achievement tests is to adjust the school curriculum as appropriate.
- St. Joseph graduates have been recognized as Valedictorians at Benet Academy, Montini Catholic, and Downers Grove North and South High Schools.

St. Joseph Graduating Class of 2005

The 2005 St. Joseph School graduating class consisted of 54 students. Of the 50 that attended four local high schools, attendance breakout included 15 students at Downers North, 19 students at Downers South and 8 students each at Benet and Montini.

- Of the 15 at DGN, 10 made 1st quarter Honor Roll, 67%
- Of the 19 at DGS, 7 made the Honor Roll, 37%
- Of the 8 at Benet, 6 made the Honor Roll, 75%
- Of the 8 at Montini, 5 made the Honor Roll, 63%
- 56% (28 out of 50) achieved Freshman Class Honor Roll

St. Joseph Graduating Class of 2002 - Honoring Our Graduates

The 57 students who graduated from St. Joseph School in 2002 have just graduated from high school. As they step into their futures, the accomplishments of this group are noteworthy. Collectively, these 57 graduates have been awarded over \$500,000 in college scholarships. We wish them well.

● Christian Service Award	3
● Community Service Award	1
● National Merit Finalist	1
● National Merit Commended Scholars	2
● Graduating With Honors	27
● Illinois State Scholars	14
● National Honor Society	15
● National Honor Society Officers	2
● Student Council Officers	2
● National Foreign Language Honor Society	15
● National Scholastic Art Award	
Silver Key Portfolio	1
● Scholastic Art Key Awards	
Gold	1
Silver	2
● National Achievement Scholar	1
● President's Award for Outstanding	
Academic Excellence	18
● High School All-Academic Team	2
● East Suburban Catholic Conference	
Scholar/Athlete Award	3
● Suburban Catholic Conference Academic	
All-Conference Athletes	8

Extended Day Care and Kindergarten Care (K-Club)

- Extended Day Care is offered morning and evening to the St. Joseph children of working parents.
- Kindergarten Care (K-Club) is available for students who need to be cared for before or after their half-day session of Kindergarten. Work, play and snack times are part of this program. Morning hours are from 7 - 7:50 am; after school hours are from 2:10 - 6 pm on full days of school.

Extra Curricular Activities

- Athletic programs offered to all students in grades 5 - 8 include: Girls Volleyball, Football, Boys/Girls Basketball, Co-ed Volleyball and Track. Instructional volleyball and basketball are offered to the lower grades. St. Joseph has a no-cut policy for its athletic programs. Prior to home Volleyball and Basketball games, St. Joseph and visiting team members and coaches join hands in pre-game prayer at center court, leading the fans in prayer.
- Representative students from grades 5 - 8 discern to be part of Student Council, which sponsors student and community outreach activities.
- The Liturgical Choir consists of students from grades 5 - 8. The role of this choir is to lead the student congregation at weekday masses. Hand Bell Choir is open to students in grades 5 - 8.
- Boys and girls can train to be altar servers in 5th grade. Once trained, they serve weekend masses, weekly school masses, as well as weddings and funerals.
- Band is offered to students beginning in 4th grade; it is incorporated into the school day.
- Girl Scout and Boy Scout associations are open to all St. Joseph students beginning as early as Kindergarten or 1st grade.
- Piano is available to K - 3 students.
- Environment Club is open to grades 5 - 6.
- Book Club is open to 6th grade girls and their mothers.

Parental Support

- School Board is an advisory group of men and women who meet monthly with the principal and pastor regarding the policy and progress of St. Joseph School. Nine board members hold their positions for three years.
- Parent Forum coordinates the multitude of volunteers for the special events for students and families.
- The Athletic and Booster organization coordinates the athletic programs.

Buddy Program

- Pairing older with younger students for Mass and activities enriches our school community.