



ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

EXCELLENCE IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION

January 2012

Dear Parents and Prospective Students,

Welcome to St. Joseph School! We are proud to share our tradition of excellence in Catholic education and service to the community. St. Joseph School develops the whole student – mind, body and spirit – and prepares children for personal and academic success. We hope the St. Joseph Spirit touches your spirit.

Please take some time to read through these materials to learn more about our school. We then invite you to call us with any questions, or to set up a tour. After getting to know us, we hope you decide to join our community, and encourage you to complete your registration materials as soon as possible. Please return the following to our school office to ensure a place for your child:

- St. Joseph School Application
- Copy of County Birth Certificate for children entering Kindergarten – if you give us the original, we'll copy and mail it back to you
- Transcript Request for children entering grades 1 - 8
- Date of Baptism if baptized at St. Joseph; if baptized elsewhere, please provide copy of Baptismal Certificate
- Registration in Parish
- Parental Commitment Form – this will help us get to know you better – one or two brief sentences per question is appreciated

For acceptance, consideration will be given to:

- Parent's commitment to our church/school philosophy
- Class size – we have a 30 child per classroom limit
- Child's age – for Kindergarten, child should be 5 years old by September 1, 2012; for 1st grade, child should be 6 years old by September 1, 2012

An acceptance letter will be sent following the completion of the registration materials. A non-refundable \$100 registration fee (payable to St. Joseph School) is due upon acceptance; this fee will be deducted from your tuition.

We thank you for considering St. Joseph School in your search for high quality education.

Sincerely,

Rita Stasi
Principal

General Information

Preschool Options

- Pre-K for three-year-olds: Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30 – 11 am
- Pre-K for four-year-olds: Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8:30 – 11 am

Kindergarten Options

- All-day Kindergarten Plus: 7:50 am – 2:15 pm
- Morning session only: 7:50 - 10:30 am
- Afternoon session only: 11:40 am - 2:15 pm

If you choose either a morning or afternoon session only, each year the sessions alternate:

- 2012 - 2013 school year: AM if you live South of 55th Street; PM if you live North of 55th Street

Grades 1 – 8 School Hours

7:50 am – 2:15 pm

Bus Service

Westway Coach provides free bus service:

- **Kindergarten Plus, Grade 1-8 Students** arrive by 7:50 am. They will be dismissed at 2:15 pm. “Bus Buddies” (older students) are assigned to guide Kindergarteners to buses.
- **K-AM Students** ride the bus with all students, and arrive by 7:50 am. The Kindergarten-only bus leaves St. Joseph at 10:30 am to take the students home; students are dropped off at their homes.
- **K-PM Students** will be picked up in front of their homes at a time appropriate to ensure prompt arrival. They will be dismissed at 2:15 pm and ride the bus home with the rest of the students. “Bus Buddies” are assigned to guide Kindergarteners to buses.

Uniforms

- **Preschool:** There are no uniforms for Pre-K3 or Pre-K4; they wear school-appropriate clothing.
- **K – 5 warm weather** (August to October; May to June): Navy walking shorts and gym shoes.
- **K – 5 Girls:** Uniform jumper or navy slacks with a white blouse or polo shirt.
- **K – 5 Boys:** Light blue oxford or polo shirt with navy slacks.
- **Grade 6 – 8 Girls and Boys:** Khaki slacks (or khaki shorts for warm weather) and a navy polo shirt. Girls wear uniform skirts instead of jumpers.
- **K – 8 Shoes:** Black or brown dress shoes with slacks and jumpers.
- **K – 8 Uniform Sweatshirts:** Available at www.stjosephdg.org/school/uniforms-gym.
- **Jumpers and Skirts:** Available at www.dennisuniform.com, or Dennis Uniform (630-932-7171).
- **Grade 1 – 8 Gym Uniforms:** Available at www.stjosephdg.org/school/uniforms-gym.

Physicals

All students entering Kindergarten must turn in a signed, current physical, as well as an Illinois Department of Public Health dental form and eye exam form, by July 15, 2012. Please make copies for your records.

Curriculum

Detailed curriculum information can be found on our website, www.stjosephdg.org/school > Teachers.

Extracurricular Activities

No-cut sports are offered to students in grades 5 - 8, including football, volleyball, cross country, basketball and track; every child has an opportunity to play. Other activities include: Altar Servers, Band, Book Club, Boy/Girl Scouts, Choir, Hand Bell Choir, Keyboarding, Math Club, Spirit Club, Student Council and more. More information can be found on our website, www.stjosephdg.org, under “Programs.”



Meet Mrs. Cherney

Our Kindergarten Teacher



Mrs. Sheryl Cherney joined the St. Joseph School Community in 2007. A graduate of Trinity Christian College, she's taught her own children how to follow one's passion, which for her is to teach Kindergarten.

Mrs. Cherney comes to St. Joseph with her Bachelors in Elementary Education with Certification for grades K – 9 from Trinity Christian College in Palos Heights. Majoring in Elementary Education, she also has a Minor in English. She also carries endorsements in Language Arts and Social Science.

In her first year at St. Joseph, Mrs. Cherney created a reading program for her students that includes five stations: a listening center, a reading center, individual decoding, a writing center, and computer. With the class split into five groups, the groups move from station to station. "These centers help teach

independence while at the same time help the children learn to work together," said Mrs. Cherney of the benefits of the program.

On a path to a special 100th Day of School Celebration, Mrs. Cherney provides song and actions involving the days of the week, months of the year, addition, subtraction, the daily weather, and even adding money to a piggy bank! Her students are richer in knowledge as they learn through these daily activities in a nurturing environment.

Hands-On Science is another popular event in her classroom. Gak, eggs, and pumpkins are just a few of the things she and her students explore.

Mrs. Cherney and her husband are long-time residents of Downers Grove and are members of Our Lady of Peace Parish. They have three children.

Two of Mrs. Cherney's favorite websites are: www.starfall.com and www.rainforestmaths.com.

Information about other teachers and staff are available on our website at www.stjosephdg.org/school/teachers.

Kindergarten Curriculum

Math

Text: Harcourt Storytown Series, McGraw-Hill Math Series adapted in 2003, plus Math Their Way Series. The Joliet Diocese has set 33 challenging math standards for kindergarten. The early goal is to count and read numerals from one to 100. By the end of the year, the children will be successful in addition, and understanding the process of subtraction. They also study graphing, measuring, telling time, recognizing sets and recognizing coins. The children often use manipulatives (objects) for counting and estimating.

Reading

Text: McGraw-Hill Reading Series uses phonics-based techniques of blending, where children sound out each letter. The objectives are to develop enthusiastic/avid readers, energetic thinkers and active writers.

Religion

Text: Harcourt Religion Publishers' Call to Faith. Religion is incorporated in daily lessons, and the students work on developing and enhancing Christian behaviors of respect, friendship and responsibility. In addition, the children prepare for each weekend's Gospel readings by using the *Promise Newsletter*. The newsletter, used in every grade at St. Joseph, helps students place their faith in modern-day situations. They also attend the school Mass once a month with their 5th grade buddies. The entire school makes the sign of the cross before and after reciting the daily prayers of the Our Father and Hail Mary.

Science

Text: Scott Foresman Science [adapted in 2005]. Students focus on life science, such as the characteristics of living things, and physical science, such as exploring the senses and the way things move. They also study Earth science, including the sky and human body. Kindergarteners participate in monthly science experiment days, during which parents come in to help with simple experiments done in small groups.

Spelling and Handwriting

Students work on these skills daily. Goals are letter recognition and formation of upper and lower-case letters.

Enrichment Activities

Class visits the library and gym once a week. Each week, half of the students attend music class while the other half attends art lessons; the groups alternate weeks. Students perform in the St. Joseph Christmas Concert and spring VIP Show.

Field Trips

- Bengston Pumpkin Farm in Homer Glen
- Brookfield Zoo
- Theatre trip for a play
- Various parks in Downers Grove

Celebrations

- Halloween and Christmas parties
- Star of the week project
- Dr. Seuss's birthday
- Thanksgiving
- 100th day of school
- Mother's Day Tea, attended by Kindergarteners' mothers
- Kindergarten Graduation



All-Day Options

Flexible options for K - 8 students (and parents!)

St. Joseph School offers All-Day Kindergarten Plus, as well as extended day options for Kindergarten through 8th Grade.

Kindergarten Plus All-Day Program - 7:50 am – 2:15 pm

This all-day Kindergarten option offers students curriculum-based instruction, lunch, group play, and a variety of activities that challenge children, encourage socialization and keep them active. Pairing Kindergarten Plus with our Extended Care program allows parents to cover the full day – 7 am - 6 pm. Please see “Financial Support” for tuition information. Extended Care is \$4.40 per hour based on use.

Kindergarten Club (“K-Club”)

Maybe the all-day Kindergarten Plus program every day is not a good fit for your child, but you would like your student to have an extended day periodically to prepare him/her for a longer day in 1st grade. We offer “K-Club” to meet this need, which gives parents flexibility to extend their Kindergarten’s day as desired. You choose when your child will attend by filling out a calendar at the start of each month. Registration is \$25 per child; K-Club is \$4.40 per hour based on use. A monthly invoice is mailed to each participating family.

Daily Schedule for Kindergarten Plus and K-Club

The all-day program is a mix of academic, activities and socialization opportunities that will help to develop your Kindergarten and prepare him/her for 1st grade.

- **7:50 am:** Students arrive and say morning prayers
- **7:50 – 10:30 am:** Students will either participate in 1) the morning Kindergarten session that offers curriculum-based instruction, or 2) learning, play and social activities in the K-Club room. For the Kindergarten session, your child will be grouped with other children based on where you live. For example, in the 2012-2013 school year:
 - If you live south of 55th Street, your child will attend the morning Kindergarten session
 - If you live north of 55th Street, he/she will attend the afternoon Kindergarten session
- **10:30 am:** Circle time for all
- **11:00 am:** Lunch in the School Hall (students bring their lunch or can purchase Hot Lunch on Mondays and Wednesdays, and Pizza Lunch on Fridays)
- **11:40 am – 2:15 pm:** Students will either participate in 1) the afternoon Kindergarten session that offers curriculum-based instruction, or 2) other learning, play and social activities. As noted above, your child will be grouped with other children based on where you live.
- **2:15 pm:** Students are dismissed or will be escorted to the Extended Care program, which is available until 6:00 pm.

Extended Care Offers Students an Extended Day of 7:00 am – 6:00 pm

The Extended Care program is a convenient option for families with working parents. Before-school care is available from 7:00 - 7:50 am; after-school care is available from 2:20 - 6:00 pm. The program, directed and run by St. Joseph teachers and aides, includes time for homework, play and snacks. In the morning, children attend the program in Room 7. After school, older children meet in the Library while the younger students meet in the K-Club room. The school provides snacks, toys, games, puzzles and art supplies. Registration is \$25 per child; the hourly fee is \$4.40 per hour for each child based on use. A monthly invoice is mailed to each participating family.

Scheduling

For K-Club and Extended Care, a calendar is sent before the start of each month; parents fill out the times when their child/ren plan to attend. Kindergarten Plus students are scheduled to attend all-day Kindergarten every school day and will not need to complete a calendar.

Parent Perspectives



Joining the St. Joseph Family

“This is our first year at St. Joseph School and we are thrilled with our choice. The faculty and staff have been very receptive and helpful. The school families have been wonderful to all of us. We felt a part of the St. Joe's community immediately.”

“I have told everyone I know that choosing St. Joe's is the best decision we have made. This is more than a community – it's more like an extended family. We feel very fortunate to be a part of it!”

What Parents Appreciate Most

“St. Joseph's has done a beautiful job of weaving faith, ethics, respect and accountability into a very strong academic program. I don't think any child should have one without the other, and St. Joe's does an outstanding job.”

“The school family has such a great spirit. Each child is encouraged to find what they are good at and given an opportunity to shine. There is something for everyone.”

“I can't say enough about the warm, welcoming environment at St. Joe's. I have never encountered anything but kindness and inclusion with both the parents and students.”

“My favorite aspect of St. Joseph School is how comfortable my child feels here. It is like a home away from home. I can tell each day that she feels safe and cared for by her teacher.”

“I can see that my child is truly thriving. His teachers seem very eager to guide him to his fullest potential, both academically and spiritually.”

Why Parents Recommend St. Joseph School

“St. Joe's is a wonderful school. It has a caring community of teachers, staff and parents. I feel confident that my child is learning academically, while also learning to act in accordance with the principles of our faith.”

“In this ever-changing world, it is wonderful to have our children at a place where they can learn values, pray, feel safe, become educated and make life-long friendships with people. It is a tremendous start to their life.”

“We love the additional benefits, such as opportunities for leadership, public speaking, art, music and group sports. My children are becoming faith-filled, productive members of society because of what they've learned at home and at St. Joe's.”

“We would highly recommend St. Joe's to others and have done so already. It has been nothing but a positive experience for us and our son, both socially and academically.”

“We cannot imagine having our children anywhere else, and couldn't be happier with our choice. The community is very solid, and we are pleased to be a part of it. They receive a quality education and will be well prepared when it's time to attend high school.”

Tradition of Excellence

A Catholic community, St. Joseph School offers Preschool through 8th Grade students a challenging academic education while building their love of God and commitment to improving the world. We encourage each child to become the person God calls him or her to be in a faith-filled, nurturing environment. Our community spirit is unequaled.

Excellent Academics

- Our graduates excel in high school, earning awards and scholarships:
 - SJS alums regularly earn honors, including being named valedictorians at local high schools, National Merit Award winners and recipients of community awards.
 - Each year, SJS alums earn approximately \$500,000 in college scholarships.
- Kindergarten Plus gives students an all-day Kindergarten option for extended learning opportunities and activities.
- Our average class size is 22 students, offering a personalized approach to learning.
- Spanish is part of our 7th and 8th grade curriculum.
- In 2011, SJS students earned seven “Gold Awards” and one “Silver Award” at the IL State Science Fair.
- Fine arts and computer science give students a well-rounded education in music, art and technology.

Faith Formation

- Catholic values are emphasized in all spiritual, educational and extracurricular activities.
- All-school Masses, celebrated on Tuesdays and Holy Days at 8:15 am, give 8th grade students the opportunity to take an active role as lectors, sacristans and ushers, while students from all grades participate in other parts of Mass.
- Sacramental preparation is incorporated into the school day.
- Students participate in prayer services, rosary, Stations of the Cross, May Crowning and Reconciliation.
- Service projects help students live their faith and are built into the curricula.

Extracurricular Activities

- Extended Care offers students an extended day of 7 am - 6 pm – a convenient option for working parents.
- Our award-winning, no-cut sports program is offered to students in grades 5 - 8, including volleyball, football, cross country, basketball and track.
- Representative students from grades 5 - 8 can be part of Student Council, which sponsors student and community outreach activities.
- The award-winning “Mathletes” Math Club is lead by Mrs. Phelan in Middle School.
- Liturgical Choir includes students in grades 5 - 8; its role is leading the congregation in song at all-school Mass.
- Hand Bell Choir is open to students in grades 5 - 8; it performs at some all-school Masses and at Christmas.
- Students can train to be altar servers in 5th grade; they serve weekend, school Masses, weddings and funerals.
- Band is offered to students beginning in 4th grade; it is incorporated into the school day.
- Boy/Girl Scouts are open to all St. Joseph students beginning as early as Kindergarten or 1st grade.
- And more! Grade 4 Spirit Club cheers on school athletic teams at events throughout the year; Keyboarding, Book Club and Writing Club are available in some grades based on parent volunteers.

Parental Support

- School Advisory Board is group that meets monthly with the principal, president and pastor regarding the policy and progress of the school; nine board members hold positions for three years.
- Parent Forum coordinates volunteers for school programs and special events.
- The Athletic and Booster organization coordinates athletic programs.

Award-Winning Faculty

Mrs. McGlone received the 2012 Bishop Joseph I. Imesch “Award for Excellence in Teaching”

As part of our Catholic Schools Week celebration, Mrs. Mary McGlone, our 2nd grade teacher, will receive an extra-special award this year. She has been invited to the University of St. Francis in Joliet to receive the **Bishop Joseph I. Imesch Award for Excellence in Teaching**. The annual award is administered through the University's College of Education. Mrs. McGlone was chosen by representatives from the University and the Joliet Diocese from a group of **900 teachers at 62 schools** in the Diocese.

The award recognizes Mrs. McGlone's excellence in teaching as demonstrated through a student-centered learning environment that supports the intellectual, spiritual, social and personal development of all students. It also recognizes Mrs. McGlone's service as a Christian role model among students, faculty and administration, as well as a professional life consistent with the mission and goals of Catholic education. She is further recognized for service in the education community as demonstrated by a personal dedication to share her time, talent and concern for the community.



Mrs. McGlone has been a teacher for 32 years; the last 20 of those years have been at St. Joseph School. “There is nothing like a child,” she said. “They’re just full of enthusiasm. It’s the most wonderful thing to do, to work with children. I try to make it as enjoyable as I can so they have fun while they’re learning.”

This is the second award received by Mrs. McGlone during her tenure at St. Joseph School. In 2006, she received the Downers Grove Junior Woman’s Club Award for Outstanding Teaching, for which she was nominated by one of her students.

As the award winner, Mrs. McGlone will receive \$1,000 from the University of St. Francis and will have her name engraved on a plaque displayed at the University.

Congratulations to Mrs. McGlone!

Frequently Asked Questions

Why should my child attend St. Joseph School?

St. Joseph School is a Catholic community that offers students a challenging academic education while building their love of God and commitment to improving the world. We educate the whole student – mind, body and spirit – and encourage each child to become the person God calls him or her to be. Ultimately, our goal is to prepare children for academic and personal success in a faith-filled, nurturing environment. Our community spirit is unequalled.

What is the greatest attribute of your school?

The St. Joseph School community nurtures spiritual growth, provides challenging intellectual opportunities and encourages each child to succeed.

What's new at St. Joseph School?

We are very excited about recent events and enhancements:

- Mrs. McGlone, our 2nd grade teacher, just received the 2012 Bishop Joseph I. Imesch Award for Excellence in Teaching, chosen from 900 teachers at 62 schools in the Joliet Diocese.
- We have an award-winning science program, with seven “Gold” Awards and one “Silver” Award in the 2011 Illinois State Science Fair.
- Our new “Mathletes” Math Club recently won first place at Nazareth Academy’s competition.
- Mrs. Kluck, our new Reading Specialist, joined our staff in 2011 to assess reading progress in grades K-5. These students are monitored three times per year, which allows us to identify/address reading issues at earlier ages.
- Our classrooms feature Smart Boards in five grades for more interactive learning opportunities.
- We launched an Art Awareness program in 2011, which has been very popular with students.
- We offer after-school Keyboarding classes, and have a new award-winning cross country team.

Do you have a Pre-Kindergarten program?

Yes, our preschool has morning sessions for three and four-year-old children. Both classes are at capacity and we are hoping to add afternoon sessions to accommodate the demand for this successful program.

Is there an all-day option for Kindergarten?

Yes, our all-day Kindergarten Plus option is from 7:50 am – 2:15 pm. It offers students curriculum-based instruction, lunch, recess, and a variety of activities that challenge children, encourage socialization and keep them active. Pairing Kindergarten Plus with our Extended Care program allows parents to cover the full day – 7 am - 6 pm. Please see “Financial Support” for tuition information. Extended Care is \$4.40 per hour based on use.

What is the maximum class size at St. Joseph?

Currently, our class size is approximately 22 students per classroom; there are two classrooms per grade. If needed, we enforce a maximum class size of 30 students per classroom. There are teacher’s aides that support each class as needed.

What is the school’s curriculum?

Religion, Reading, Math, Language Arts, Social Studies, Science, Spanish, Art, Music, Computers, Library Skills and Physical Education are taught.

What is included in Religious Education?

Catholic values are emphasized in all spiritual, educational and extracurricular activities, including:

- Daily classroom prayer and religion as a subject in every grade level.
- Weekly mass, with students serving as greeters, lectors, sacristans, ushers and choir members.
- Sacramental preparation is incorporated into the school day with a focus on Reconciliation and First Communion in 2nd grade, and Confirmation in 8th grade.
- Prayer services, rosary, Stations of the Cross, May Crowning and Reconciliation.
- Service projects for the parish and community.
- A team prayer is said before all athletic events.

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Do you offer virtue/character formation programs?

We have a Buddy Program that matches each student with a “buddy” from another class; the class buddies participate in various activities and events throughout the year. St. Joseph also has a “Fruits of the Holy Spirit” program that focuses students on a different virtue each month.

What extracurricular activities does St. Joseph School offer?

St. Joseph is proud to offer a variety of activities. No-cut sports are offered to students in grades 5 - 8, including football, volleyball, cross country, basketball and track; every child has an opportunity to play. Other activities include: Altar Servers, Band, Book Club, Boy/Girl Scouts, Choir, Hand Bell Choir, Keyboarding, Math Club, Spirit Club, Student Council, Writing Club...and more!

When does registration begin for new school families?

Registration begins with the St. Joseph School Open House during Catholic Schools Week on the last Sunday of January. Registration continues until the classrooms are full.

Is there a waiting list?

Currently we are collecting names in the hopes of opening afternoon preschool sessions to accommodate demand for our successful Pre-K3 and Pre-K4 program. There is not a waiting list at St. Joseph School.

What admission policies are followed at St. Joseph School?

The order of priority is as follows:

1. Siblings of current St. Joseph students
2. Children of St. Joseph parishioners
3. Children from other parishes whose parish does not have a Catholic school
4. Transfer students from other Catholic schools
5. Transfer students from public schools

Additionally, a child must be five years old by September 1st to enter Kindergarten. A child who is six years old by September 1 is eligible to enter 1st grade. A county birth certificate and a baptismal date (or certificate) are required.

Is there a registration fee?

There is a \$100 non-refundable registration fee charged to families at the time of registration for the next school year. This fee is deducted from the following year’s tuition.

Are other required fees in addition to tuition and registration fees?

You are expected to be an active contributor in Sunday stewardship through the parish. Families are also asked to participate in development initiatives that support our Second Century Fund – including events, raffles, Manna gift card purchases, sponsorships, etc. A nominal Party Fee is collected at the beginning of the year to cover classroom parties. There is also a small fee for students participating in First Communion and 8th Grade Graduation. At your discretion, you may contribute to bi-annual collections for teachers’ monetary gifts (at Christmas and year-end).

What are your parish boundaries?

There are no boundaries for the parish.

Where do your graduates typically attend high school?

The majority of our graduates attend Downers Grove North, Downers Grove South, Montini and Benet Academy. Enrollment at these schools will vary from year to year, but is typically fairly evenly split.

Do you offer a hot lunch program?

Yes, on Mondays and Wednesdays, students can participate in the Special Lunch program with pre-ordered lunches from various locations (bagel and sub sandwiches, soups, salads, pastas, etc.). Students can buy Pizza Lunch on Fridays. Lunch is eaten in our School Hall daily, with recess outside (weather permitting).

Other questions?

Please call us at 630-969-4306 or send an email to schooloffice@stjosephdg.org.

Financial Support

Providing our children with a high quality, faith-filled education is an effort that requires financial support. The annual operating costs of the school are approximately \$2,000,000; this is funded through:

- Tuition payments
- Stewardship offerings
- Parish investment
- Development commitments

Tuition

2011-2012 Preschool & Kindergarten Tuition

- Preschool:
 - Pre-K3: \$1,250
 - Pre-K4: \$1,750
- Kindergarten:
 - Kindergarten morning or afternoon session only: \$1,800
 - Kindergarten Plus all-day program (7:50 am – 2:15 pm): \$3,833

2011-2012 Grade 1 - 8 Tuition

- One child: \$3,833
- Two children: \$5,750
- Three children: \$7,092
- Four children: \$7,667
- Five children: \$8,051
- Unsubsidized: \$5,250 per child

Stewardship & Parish Investment

Sunday stewardship is an expectation of all parish families. The parish invested \$633,000 of stewardship offerings in the school for the 2011-2012 school year, covering 31% of school operating expenses. The parish relies on the generosity of school families, as well as all parishioners, to make this investment.

In the 2011-2012 school year, families have four options to fund their stewardship: automatic bank account deductions, credit card payments (which incur an additional convenience fee), monthly donations directly to the church, or weekly donations in the Sunday collection basket. Bank account deduction and credit card options, which are administered through the automated FACTS program, are strongly preferred.

Development

St. Joseph School has a Development Committee that plans initiatives to grow the school's Second Century Fund. The Fund is used to cover the cost of multi-student tuition discounts, tuition assistance, academic and technological enhancements, budget shortfalls, and resources for the future.

Each year, there is a development goal that supports this effort. Each family is asked to make a financial commitment to support the goal; the minimum commitment requested in 2011-2012 is \$300 per family, which can be met in the following ways:

- **Grand Raffle** – Purchase or sell Grand Raffle tickets for \$50 each or three for \$100. You will receive a \$50 or \$100 fund credit for tickets sold. Each ticket holder will have the opportunity to win cash prizes in multiple drawings during the year.
- **Manna** – You pay face value for the gift cards of your choice, such as to grocery stores, gas stations, restaurants, retail stores, hotels, entertainment, etc. – and the school earns money for your order. 50% of your rebate profit will go towards your fund credit.
- **Events** – Attend special events, which in 2011-2012 include the Golf Scramble, Trivia Night and Downers Grove Dine & Deal. Each event fee will count towards your commitment.
- **Green Pages** – Buy a Green Pages listing for your business in our School Directory.
- **Donation** – Make a monetary donation to fund your development fee commitment.