

WCEA / WASC

Accreditation

In 2003-2004, the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) conducted an evaluation for accreditation and St. Bernard's School received the maximum 6-year accreditation.

Our History

The Bogetti family of Tracy had a dream to have a Catholic School in Tracy. They traveled to England to invite the Daughters of the Cross to come to America.

St. Bernard's Catholic School was opened on September 17, 1958, with three sisters teaching Grades One, Two and Three. By 1963 all eight grades were in existence. Beginning in 1966, lay teachers joined the faculty and now it is staffed entirely by lay teachers.

The school currently serves approximately 260 children. St. Bernard's has a strong tradition of providing quality Catholic Education.

St. Bernard's motto is "Learning with God's Guidance" a statement that reflects the attitude of staff and students who have attended St. Bernard's since its inception. It is a statement which will continue to influence the learning atmosphere at this institution dedicated to educating the whole child; soul, mind, and body.

School Features Include...

Catholic Faith Formation

· *Daily Religion Classes* · *Prayer* · *Reconciliation*
· *Mass* · *Stations of the Cross* · *May Crowning* · *8th Grade Retreat* · *Sacramental Preparation* · *Altar Servers*

Academics

· *Core Subjects (Reading, Language, Math) plus Social Studies, Science, Technology & Physical Education* · *Current California Standards- Based Textbooks* · *Full day Kindergarten (new)*

Achievement Indicators

· *Annual Standardized Testing with National Norms (ITBS)* · *County Academic Pentathlon* · *County Science Fair* · *County Spelling Bee* · *CA Junior Scholarship Federation* · *Weekly & monthly Student Recognition*

Resources

· *Computer Lab* · *Laptops for Classroom Use* · *New Science Lab* · *New Library with web based library program* · *GradeQuick Grading* · *Edline* · *School Minder*

Enrichment

· *Science Camp* · *Field Trips* · *Yearbook* · *After School Sports* · *Accelerated Reader Program* · *ALEKS (Mathematics Program)* · *Star Reading Program*

Performing Arts

· *After School Choir* · *Drama* · *School Band* · *Music Recitals* · *Art Docents* · *Music Classes (Gr. 1-5)*

Citizenship

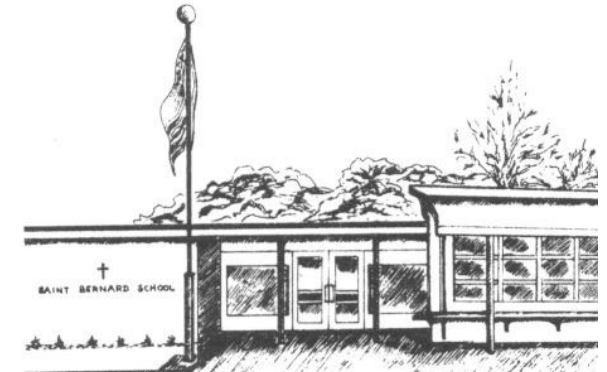
· *Community Service Projects* · *CPR Training* · *Student Council*

Planned Social Activities

· *Assemblies* · *School Rallies* · *Harvest Fest* · *Buddy Activities* · *Movie Nights* · *Sports Day* · *Passport Day* · *End of Year BBQ*

Saint Bernard's Catholic School

"Learning with God's Guidance"



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Mission Statement

St. Bernard's School provides a holistic, value-based education to produce a well-rounded Catholic citizen. We are committed to teaching Catholic doctrine and moral values infused throughout an academic curriculum. We strive to develop a Catholic identity in each student that will in turn benefit the parish, school, and society at large.

Philosophy

We are a Catholic community, who has the Blessed Trinity as a model for our thoughts, words, and actions. We provide quality education, in alignment with high academic standards and Church teachings. We support and facilitate the development of the whole child, spiritually, intellectually, emotionally, physically, and socially. We recognize the role of parents as primary educators, and of teachers as facilitators of learning. We prepare our students to be strong in their faith and to succeed in a culturally diverse society, respecting and safeguarding the dignity of all members of our community.

Tuition

The price of tuition compares favorably with that of other Catholic & private schools in the area. Tuition assistance is available, on a limited basis, to those families who demonstrate financial need.

Student Learning Expectations

Each student at St. Bernard's Catholic School will be . . .

- **a faith filled Catholic**

who is able to develop a spiritual center based upon Catholic beliefs, teachings & prayer; understand & actively participate regularly in the liturgical celebrations; demonstrate Christian values & the courage to make moral decisions.

- **an academic achiever**

who is able to set goals & evaluate progress; use good study & organizational skills; work independently & collaboratively to solve problems; apply knowledge & appreciate the benefits of learning.

- **an effective communicator**

who is able to express written thoughts clearly, using correct grammar, syntax & mechanics; express thoughtful opinion & employ critical listening; speak publicly with confidence & poise.

- **a responsible citizen**

who is able to make decisions based on Christian values; understand the basic civic/social responsibilities of a citizen; take responsibility for his/her words & actions; show respect for self, others & society.

- **a lifelong learner**

who is able to demonstrate a strong foundation in the basics of all academic subjects; use technology for learning, communication & enjoyment; recognize & utilize his/her unique gifts & talents.

Achievements

Based on national norms, St. Bernard's School class averages are consistently above grade level on standardized achievement tests.

Individuals and teams from St. Bernard's have been honored at county-wide academic competitions open to both public & private school students, including:

- Academic Pentathlon
- Science Fair

Many of our graduates have attended fine higher education institutions such as:

- California State University
- Cornell University
- Gonzaga University
- Santa Clara University
- Stanford University
- St. Mary's College of California
- University of California
- University of San Francisco
- University of the Pacific
- Villanova University

Commended by WASC and the Western Catholic Education Association for...

"...developing an educational philosophy that is reflective of St. Bernard's School as a unique Catholic community which integrates teaching and learning in a way that encourages intellectual growth, nurtures faith, and inspires action."

"...providing a wide variety of extracurricular activities which enable the students to develop decision making skills, social responsibility, positive Christian attitudes, life skills and student leadership."