



Dear Friends,

For many years, we considered our school to be the “Best Kept Secret in Lockport.” However, the secret is out! As of this year, St. Joseph School has been awarded 4 national awards. In 2015, Fr. Greg received the NCEA Distinguished Pastor award. (He was one of twelve pastors across the nation to receive the honor.) In 2016, I was honored as a nationally awarded principal with the **NCEA Lead. Learn. Proclaim. Award** and a National Association of Elementary Schools (NAESP)- Distinguished Principal Award. It was such an honor to be the only principal from Illinois recognized in Washington DC! Since 2010, St. Joseph School has been Lockport’s only **National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence** and truly the **“Best Kept Promise!”** As a three time nationally award winning school, we have found that we are the only school in our diocese, area, and state to receive these honors. We would love for your family to join our award winning educational program dedicated to academic and spiritual excellence this year.

At St. Joseph School, we are so very proud of the quality education that is provided in our faith filled environment. The largest indicator of our quality education program is demonstrated by our alumni success. We recognize our alumni success as demonstrated by their honor roll status at the local high schools. (Benet, Joliet Catholic Academy, Illinois Math & Science Academy, Providence, and Lockport High School). The students that leave the doors of St. Joseph School are prepared for future success at both the secondary and eventually post-education level. **When St. Joseph School received the National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Award** (the highest honor an American School can achieve), we demonstrated to the nation that our school ranked in the top 10% of reading and math scores across the nation. We continue to demonstrate our student success rates year after year, and we couldn’t be prouder.

While we take great pride in our academic achievements, we are most proud of our spiritual excellence and the development of faith and values in our students. If there was a way to measure the Christianity, kindness, and compassion of our students, surely SJS students would be off the charts! This is the promise that St. Joseph School has honored since the late 1880’s when the doors of St. Joseph School first opened. This is the promise that we offer to your child and family today. Recognizing Jesus in every student and staff member, the experience at St. Joseph is amazing. Our excellence in academic achievement and our faith filled environment is directly correlated to our staff, community, and families. We are truly blessed by a staff that exemplifies the spirit of Catholic educators. Our teachers exemplify academic excellence, exceptional creativity, and dedication. **Our teachers are truly changing the world...one student at a time.** Unlike our counterparts in the public school system, **we choose to change the world...eternally.**

We are also blessed with a wonderful community. Our students and families distinguish our school from all others. Our families are actively involved in the education process and committed to modeling the Gospel message. I speak from experience when I say that this is truly a welcoming and caring community. At St. Joseph School, we are truly a **FAMILY** that is committed to each other. **WE ARE A FAMILY FOUNDED IN FAITH, JOINED IN LOVE, AND KEPT BY GOD.** Today, we welcome you to be a part of our family.

As a parent, choosing a school is one of the most emotional and important decisions for you and your child. As you visit other schools throughout your decision making process, I am confident that the qualities that St. Joseph School represent will make a lasting impression on your family. It would be my honor to assist your family in this decision making process. If I can be of any assistance in your decision process, please do not hesitate to call or e-mail directly blueribbonprincipal@stjoeschool.com.

Many Blessing To You and Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lynne Scheffler".

Miss Lynne Scheffler
Proud Principal of St. Joseph School



To learn more about your family and your expectations for your child education, we ask that you spend some time reflecting and sharing your input with the following questions.

1. Why do you wish to send your child to St. Joseph School?

2. What types of school and parish activities are important for your family to be involved in?

3. How can we assist you and your family through the decision making process?

4. What can we do to improve our Open House or information packets? Please share any feedback on your experience with St. Joseph School tour or website.

5. How did you learn about St. Joseph School?

_____ Please check here if you would like to speak with a current or alumni parent about the SJS school experience.

Family Name: _____ Date: _____

Parishioner Information

Please check the following as they apply to your family:

Attendance at Saturday/Sunday Mass

- Every Week
- Several Times a Month
- Occasionally

Use of Church Envelopes

- Every Week
 - Several Times a month
 - Occasionally
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Participation in Church Ministry

- Eucharistic Minister
 - Lector
 - Usher
 - Choir/Cantor/Musician
 - Altar Server
 - Religious Education Program
 - RCIA
 - Marriage Preparation
 - Baptism Preparation
 - Please list any other areas of participation
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Participation in Church Activities

- Parish Council
 - Finance Committee
 - Oktoberfest Committee
 - Education Commission
 - Set-up for 10:00am mass
 - Holy Name Society
 - Worship Commission
 - Prayer Groups
 - Please list any other areas of participation.
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If you wish, please use the backside to explain what "Active Parishioner" means for you and your family. If you are new to this community, please explain how you and your family will become "Active Parishioners" in St. Joseph Church.

Signature of adult completing this form

(The above information will assist the Tuition Review Board in determining Contributing Parishioner status.)



Thank you for choosing St. Joseph School for your child. We believe that St. Joseph School provides a Catholic environment that promotes excellence in learning and development of the whole person through the Gospel message. We seek to form leaders by guiding our students to their highest levels of spiritual and academic potential. It is our hope to offer this quality Catholic education and spiritual development to your child.

At this point, we have student openings at many grade levels. We do expect to reach maximum capacity in several classrooms. Please follow the outlined steps listed here so that your application may be processed efficiently and return the registration forms within the timeframe communicated.

1. Please complete and return **all** forms: family application, application for each student, and registration fee. We cannot process your application if it is not complete.
2. Be sure to include an **original birth certificate and baptismal certificate** for each child to be registered. We will make copies of all forms and return the originals to you.
3. Submit a check for New Family Registration made out to St. Joseph School for \$150.00. If your child is accepted, this registration fee will be applied to the first month's tuition. If your child is not accepted, this registration fee will be returned to you. This fee is non-refundable once the principal acknowledges acceptance.
4. Return the registration packet to the school office between January 29th-February 28th. All applications returned during this time will be considered equally. We do not have a "first in line" policy.
5. Try to wait as "patiently" as you can. You will be notified of acceptance after our current families have been registered. We will send acceptance letters to our **new registration families** by March 3rd.
6. If you have any questions, please contact St. Joseph School principal, Miss Scheffler or the Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Rita Baxter at the school office (815) 838-8173.



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APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

(One application per student is required)

FAMILY NAME: _____ (please print) DATE: _____

Child's Legal Name: _____

Child's Birthdate: _____

Father's Legal Name: _____ Employment: _____

Mother's Legal Name: _____ Employment: _____

Address: _____ (street name)

_____ (city/zip code)

Telephone #: (____) _____

E-mail Address: _____ (Mother)

E-mail Address: _____ (Father)

(Please print. E-mail addresses will be used to communicate information from St. Joseph.)

Grade to Enter: _____ * Must be 5 years old by 9/1/2016 to enter Kindergarten

Name of school presently attending _____

How is this child academically? Above Average _____ Average _____ Below Average _____

Does your child receive any special services? Please check any and all that apply

____ Speech ____ Developmentally Delayed Placement ____ Physical Therapy

____ Occupational Therapy ____ Learning Disability Services ____ Other

____ Check here if your child is served under an IEP or ISP

How does this child relate to his/her teacher? _____

How does this child get along with his/her classmates? _____

Child's Religion _____

Where was child baptized? _____

Date of baptism _____

Registered at: St. Joseph _____ St. Bernard _____ Mother of Good Counsel _____ Other _____

Marital Status: _____ Married _____ Divorced _____ Separated _____ Single Parent _____ Other _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Method of Payment: Cash _____ Check _____

Birth Certificate _____ Baptismal Certificate _____ Request for Records Sent _____ Records Received _____

____ Verified 9/1 birth date for incoming Kindergarten Students



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Registration for New Families 2017-2018

Date: _____

Family Name _____

Father's Name: _____ Mother's Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Public School District: _____

(Neighborhood School/District)

E-mail: _____ (Mother's E-mail address)

E-mail: _____ (Father's E-mail address)

Telephone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ (Mother) _____ (Father)

Children's Names

Grade Level

Please complete Application for Admission for each child that will be entering St. Joseph School for the first time in August of 2017.

Our family intends to abide by all the standards, policies, and regulations of St. Joseph School.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Signature of Parent/ Guardian

For SJS Office Use

Contributing Parishioner Status

___ Active
___ Inactive

Registration Fee \$150.00

___ Paid-Check # _____
___ Date Received _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Recommendations

Accepted _____
Conditional _____
Not Accepted _____

Tuition Payment Status

Contributing: _____
Non-Contributing: _____



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To help our marketing efforts, please share some information with us.

1. How did you hear about our school?

2. Are you a former alumni, friend or relative of a current family, parishioner?

3. Have you seen our advertisements or articles about our school in the newspaper?

Please check any that apply:

Lockport Legend Homer Horizon Herald News Tribune Local other

4. Tell us your views on our website www.stjoeschool.com ? Have you visited the Diocesan website www.dioceseofjoliet.org ? Any recommendations?

5. What can we do to improve our marketing efforts? Please share any feedback on your experience with St. Joseph School.

Please check here if a current school family recommended SJS to your family.
School Family Name: _____

Please check here if you would like to speak with a current or alumni parent about the SJS school experience.

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Best Time to Call: _____