

# St. Joseph the Worker School

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**St. Joseph the Worker**  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Saint Joseph the Worker Roman Catholic parish and school encourages its members to live fully the message of Jesus Christ. Inspired by the Holy Spirit through faith, love, sacraments, and service, our parish family will be a community of lifelong achievers and a center for academic excellence.

## WELCOME BACK

September 2021

**Welcome Back! Hope you all had a relaxed, peaceful summer break! We are excited to begin school! As most of you know, I was recently hired as your new Principal. I am truly blessed to have this opportunity to work with such great students and parents. I hope to meet each of you as school progresses. It has been exciting so far, as I begin learning names of your children. Each day seems to present itself with cool and exciting opportunities as well as some challenges. Thank you for your cooperation with the sewer issues here in Beal City and dealing with the changes from day to day. God seems to test us from day to day and faith helps us stay strong! Let us continue to work together to make your children a symbol of God's grace.**

**Thank You  
Denny Lorenz**

**STAFF Welcome to our staff members!**

Mrs. Alysa Moomey - Grade K  
Mrs. Elizabeth Wila-Grade 1  
Mrs. Traci Lambert-Grade 2  
Mrs. Anne Sprague-Grade 3  
Mrs. Heather Gross-Para-Pro  
Mrs. Josette Lorenz-Secretary  
Mr. Dave Faber-Maintenance  
Mr. Dennis Lorenz-Principal  
Father Tom Held-Pastor

Mrs. Carmen Bierschbach-Grade 5  
Mr. Jason Liptow-Grade 6  
Miss Maranda Ginop- Music  
Mrs. Laurie Schafer-Grade 4 / Art  
Mr. Tom Faber -Cook  
Mrs. Cindy Edwards-Bookkeeper  
Mr. William Beers – DRE  
Mrs. Erika Hoogerhyde-Parish Secretary  
Mrs. Amy Smith-Schafer-Librarian  
Miss Rose Stewart-Custodian

### **On line Giving**

New parents please go to [www.bealcityparish.org](http://www.bealcityparish.org) to sign up for on-line giving for tuition, registration fees, lunches, sweatshirt orders, etc. Using this system is highly encouraged to improve the efficiency of cash flowing through the office. If you have any questions please contact the school office.



**Birthday** When bringing birthday treats, please try to send healthy/nutritious treats whenever possible. Treats should be individually wrapped.

**Buses** If dropping your child off at school in the morning, please drop off on Winn Road **not before 7:30 AM**. Supervision begins at 7:30 AM. For liability, we cannot have students on the playground without supervision. If walking your child to the playground please park in the parking lot on Winn Rd across from the church. Students can use the north sidewalk to go to the playground. The south side of the building is for buses only. At dismissal park behind the school. **Mr. Lorenz will escort out students.**

No bus passes are being issued unless there is an emergency or day care issues. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Jason McDonald, Bus Transportation Supervisor at 644-3901.

**Communication** The key to Quality Catholic Education, centered on Christ, is open communication between home and school. Call us or stop in. During the last week of each month, the **School Bulletin** will be posted to our website [www.bealcityparish.org](http://www.bealcityparish.org).

### **Daily Schedule**

Bell rings	7:45
Attendance, lunch count, and prayers take place	7:55
<b>Classes begin promptly at</b>	<b>7:55</b>
Morning recess	9:45-10:00
Lunch	11:25- 12:15
Afternoon recess	1:45 2:00
<b>Dismissal</b>	<b>2:45</b>

**Forms** Just a reminder that forms and paperwork are due **ASAP**.

**Enrollment Committee** An enrollment committee is in place consisting of representatives from Pastoral Council, Finance, Education, and School Committee, along with the pastor and myself. All families will be assessed in November, February, and May to determine if the guidelines are being met and changes to tuition made accordingly by the school and church as to whether they are practicing parishioners. Because attendance at Sunday Mass is one of the more important elements of measuring your

commitment to this parish, please submit your parish contribution envelope weekly, even if you prefer to make your contributions bi-monthly, monthly, quarterly, electronically, etc. Weekly envelopes are the principle way for attendance to be evaluated. This provides families the opportunity to evaluate their commitment and make changes as necessary. **Please check the school family box and/or online giving box on the contribution envelope.**

**Take a Step Forms are due ASAP.**

**Healthy Snacks** If your child is bringing a snack from home to eat in the AM, please make sure it is healthy: proteins, fruits, vegetables, and whole wheat items are preferred. **No sugary or salty snacks please.** Providing your child with a healthy snack supports lifelong healthy eating habits and reduces the risk of heart disease, cancer, diabetes, high blood pressure, and obesity.

**Homework** It is recognized that not all learning can be accomplished within the limited amount of time allotted for classroom instruction; therefore, homework is routinely assigned to all students of St. Joseph the Worker School.

**Marking Code** Parents in grades Kindergarten through Sixth Grade can view student progress on Power School. Students' daily oral and written work and quarterly report cards will be graded with this code:

### **Grades K through 3rd**

- 3 Outstanding Progress
- 2 Satisfactory Progress
- 1 Needs Improvement
- NA – not assessed at this time

### **Grades 3rd through 6th:**

A	95 - 100%
A-	93 - 94%
B+	91 - 92%
B	87 - 90%
B-	85 - 86%
C+	83 - 84%
C	79 - 82%
C-	77 - 78%
D+	75 - 76%
D	72 - 74%
D-	70 - 71%
E	69% and below



**Mass** School Masses will be on Thursdays at **8 AM** this coming school year.

### **Medication Policy**

All medication prescription and non-prescription will need a medical form signed by the doctor and sent to school in the original packaging.

**Names** Is your child's name on each of her/his school shirts and sweatshirts, as well as jackets, etc.? It is very difficult to return lost items without a name.

**Paper** Recycled paper is used for students' daily worksheets. Does your office have any old letterhead or paper that is not being used? If you do, please call Mrs. Lorenz at 644-3970.



**Reading at Home** Reading to your youngster at home can help motivate the child to become a better reader. Take occasional trips to the public library and select different books you can read together.

**School** The 2021-2022 School Year has begun! In 1883 . . . 138 years ago . . . our parish began this Catholic School. The present building was built in 1948 . . . 73 years ago. A long and great history! Let's continue in our united efforts to provide the **BEST** in education.

**SCRIP** An easy way to earn money for our school! A percentage of the purchase goes directly to us. Gift cards are available in the office if you forget to send in your weekly order. Questions? Call the School Office, we would be happy to help.



**Shoes** For safety at playtime and gym, students are expected to wear tennis shoes, **not** sandals, crocs, or shoes with slippery soles.

**Start the Day Right** A child who gets the proper amount of sleep and starts each day with a solid breakfast is more attentive in class and better able to learn than one who does not.

**Tuition** How fortunate we are to have Family Tuition \$2,000.00 per family (not \$5,686 per child based on the actual cost of education). This is possible because our parishioners, including you, recognize the obligation to give back to God a portion of what God has given to you/them.

Tuition has been and will continue to be based upon whether the parents or guardians are ***practicing parishioners***. The definition of a practicing parishioner is one who has demonstrated a commitment to be actively engaged in living the Catholic way of life as a member of St. Joseph the Worker Parish. This means:

- **weekly attendance at Mass at St. Joseph the Worker Church**
- **support the parish financially with your Sunday contribution**
- **using your time and talents in volunteering**
- **annually complete the Take A Step Commitment Form (5% tithe)**
- **attend mandatory parent meeting in August/September.**

Prompt payment of tuition helps us to pay our bills. At this time, some of you have paid \$2,000.00. Those using the Semester or Quarterly plan should have \$1000 paid. Those on the Monthly plan should have \$500 paid. You may sign up for online payment of tuition and lunch at [www.bealcityparish.org](http://www.bealcityparish.org).

### **Visitors**

**Reminder – parents are not allowed in the building. Please drop your child off on the playground. If it is raining, students may come into the classroom (students only-not parents). This is for the safety of everyone. Thank you.**

### **Calendar Update**

#### September

15/16/17	Wed./Thur./Fri.	Camp/Grades 5 & 6
16	Thursday	8 AM School Mass
23	Thursday	8 AM School Mass
23	Thursday	Bryant Farms/Field trip Grade 4
28	Tuesday	6 PM School Commission Meeting
29	Wednesday	School Picture Day
30	Thursday	8 AM School Mass

#### October

1	Friday	8 AM School Mass, 10:30 AM Crop Walk Color Day
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