



NEW FAMILY WELCOME PACKET

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Welcome to St. Joseph's School!

The faculty, staff, students, parents, and volunteers of our school make this a very special place. This packet will introduce you to the events, resources, and programs available at St. Joseph's.

Vision Statement: Inspire and form the heart, soul, and mind of future generations to radiate the Light of Christ

Mission Statement: Prepare students to lead lives rooted in an encounter with Christ and the teachings of our Catholic tradition and help transform the world by bringing the presence of Christ into the world

CORE BELIEFS:

That we make known to each student the person and message of Christ.

That we make known to the children the history and traditions of the Catholic Church.

That we develop in our students a life of prayer and worship through religious education and participation in spiritual activities.

That we assist students in learning to form a conscience that is worthy and informed, provide the opportunity to develop moral and spiritual values and ethical standards of conduct and basic integrity.

That we serve as an agent of the parents who are primarily responsible for the education of their children.

That we help students develop a positive self-worth and a respect for the rights of others as individuals and as groups.

That we aid our students in developing the ability and desire to search for knowledge independently.

That we provide our students instruction in basic skills necessary to function well in society.

That we teach our students the skills of communication, computation, and the appreciation of the arts, humanities, and sciences.

That we impart knowledge of man, his cultures, and his environments for a better understanding of the student's heritage so that he may attain a greater enjoyment and appreciation of life and for a better use of leisure time.

By conveying these beliefs successfully in the teaching process, we hope to enable the student to take his/her rightful place as a responsible member of the community and of the Church.

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

St. Joseph's Catholic School is proud to be a part of Catholic education that has served the Williston community for over 60 years.

St. Joseph's School has a dedicated staff committed to serving our students and families. Our staff takes pride in making each person feel, as one student put it, "like they are home."

General Information

St. Joseph's School offers educational instruction from preschool through sixth grade. Coordinated Dress is required for grades K-6. Tuition and coordinated clothing assistance is available for those who seek it.

Our families are invited to participate in their children's educational experience. To facilitate this, we have subscribed to a program called ParentsWeb, which is an online program used to inform parents of school events, menus, announcements, grades, and more.

St. Joseph's School has a very active Parent Teacher Organization. This provides numerous opportunities for parents to be involved in their child's education. Each family is required to fulfill a 25 service hour commitment.

All are welcome at St. Joseph's regardless of their denomination.

Academic Excellence

St. Joseph's Catholic School is committed to quality instruction and academic achievement for every student. St. Joseph's provides a quality educational environment which enables each student to recognize his/her individual dignity, faith, and talents as gifts from God to be nurtured, developed, and shared in a Christ-like manner within a Catholic and global community.

Our students consistently demonstrate high academic achievement and go on to excel after they leave with a high percentage making the honor roll in Middle School and High School.

Limited services are available for our students with special needs. Services, provided by WilMac Special Education Unit and Williston Public School District #1, include Speech/Language and Learning Disabilities.

OUR SCHOOL TRADITIONS AND ACTIVITIES ARE ENJOYED NOT ONLY BY OUR STUDENTS, BUT BY THE COMMUNITY AS WELL!

OUR STUDENTS ENJOY:

- Prayer partners
- Class field trips
- Fall festival
- Student assemblies
- Reading month
- Geography and spelling bees
- 7th grade recognition
- Marketplace for kids
- 5th and 6th grade band
- Presidential academic awards

OUR STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY ENJOY:

- Catholic Schools Week
- Weekly children's Mass
- All-school talent show
- All-school Christmas program
- Missoula Children's Theater Productions
- Mardi Gras

RELIGIOUS FORMATION IS FUNDAMENTAL, INCLUDING:

- Daily religion class
- Children's Mass led by students
- Sacramental preparation for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion
- Advent and Lenten prayer services
- Community service projects
- Rosary and penance services

"St. Joseph's School is special because it teaches you about God and how you should help others. We learn to play with everyone, especially someone that is alone." - 5th grader

**"We have great teachers and priests and we get to go to church."
- 3rd grader**

"St. Joe's helps us learn a lot, play, praise God, and has a wonderful staff and wonderful students." - 4th grader

ParentsWeb is an online program used to inform parents of school events, announcements, calendars, and more. The St. Joseph's District Code is SJ-ND. ParentsWeb can be accessed through our school website: stjschoolwilliston.com

Coordinated Dress: All students in grades K-6 are required to wear coordinated dress. All coordinated clothing can be purchased through:

- Donald's Uniform (donaldsuniform.com)
- Old Navy (school uniform section)
- JC Penny School Uniform Catalog
- Walmart (school uniform section)
- Target (school uniform section)

**A coordinated dress
"swap" is available
throughout the year.**

Various clothing options:

- Navy or khaki pants, skirts, skorts, shorts, or capris
- Plaid jumpers (Donald's)
- Red, white, or navy polo shirts (long or short sleeved)
- Red, white, or navy sweater (crewneck or cardigan)
- White blouse
- Red or navy sweatshirt with St. Joseph's School logo (purchased from the front office)
- Tights/leggings in school colors
- Footwear: shoes worn to school must be a tie-shoe or slip-on shoe. Moccasins, slippers, and Crocs are not to be worn to school.

St. Joseph's School PTO is very active in fundraising and support of our teachers and school. Some of their activities include:

- Class parties
- Family Events
- Support of parish events
- Fundraisers including St. Joseph's SCRIP program, World's Finest Chocolate candy sales, the Race for Education, and Mardi Gras

Tuition Information

Tuition payments may be paid in 1, 2, 9, or 12 payments throughout the year. Rates for registered parishioners and non-parish members are listed below.

PARISH MEMBERS:	ANNUAL	2 PAYMENTS	9 PAYMENTS	12 PAYMENTS
Preschool - 2 days/week	\$1,456	\$728	\$161.78	\$121.33
Preschool - 3 days/week	\$1,876	\$938	\$208.44	\$156.33
Preschool - Full day	\$3,452	\$1,726	\$282.56	\$287.67
1 child (K-6)	\$3,752	\$1,876	\$416.89	\$312.67
2 children (K-6)	\$6,752	\$3,376	\$750.22	\$562.67
3 children (K-6)	\$9,599	\$4,783	\$1,062.89	\$797.17
4 children (K-6)	\$12,305	\$6,152.50	\$1,367.22	\$1,025.42

NON-PARISH MEMBERS:	ANNUAL	2 PAYMENTS	9 PAYMENTS	12 PAYMENTS
Preschool - 2 days/week	\$1,858	\$929	\$206.44	\$154.83
Preschool - 3 days/week	\$2,393	\$1,196	\$265.89	\$199.42
Preschool - Full day	\$4,402	\$2,201	\$489.11	\$366.83
1 child (K-6)	\$4,785	\$2,392	\$531.67	\$398.75
2 children (K-6)	\$8,613	\$4,306	\$957	\$717.75
3 children (K-6)	\$12,204	\$6,102	\$1,356	\$1,017

SAMPLE LUNCH MENU

SUN

MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

			1 Hot ham & cheese Corn Fresh vegetables Fruit	2 Taco in a bag Fresh vegetables Lettuce Salsa Sour Cream Fruit	3 Tator tot hotdish Fresh vegetables Lettuce Fruit Buns	4
5	6	7 Meatballs & Gravy Mashed potatoes Green beans Fruit Buns	8 Hamburgers Potatoes Fresh vegetables Lettuce Fruit	9 Chicken fettuccini alfredo Lettuce Fresh vegetables Fruit Breadsticks	10 Sloppy St. Joe's Corn Fresh vegetables Fruit	11
12	13 Chicken Nuggets Green beans Fresh vegetables Fruit Buns	14 Ham & scalloped potatoes Corn Fruit Buns	15 Shush Puppies Potatoes Fresh vegetables Fruit	16 Hamburger pie Lettuce Fruit Buns	17 French bread cheese pizza Salad Fresh vegetables Fruit Yogurt	18
19	20 Pepperoni pizza Lettuce Fresh Vegetables Fruit	21 Spaghetti w. meat sauce Garlic toast Lettuce Fresh vegetables Fruit	22 Taco soup Corn chips Cheese Sour cream Fresh vegetables Fruit	23 Corn dogs Potatoes Lettuce Fresh vegetables Fruit	24 Macaroni & cheese Breadsticks Lettuce Fresh vegetables Fruit	25
26	27 Nacho's w meat sauce Breadsticks Salad Fresh vegetables Fruit	28 Chicken patty on a bun Corn Fresh vegetables Fruit	29 Turkey roast Mashed potatoes Gravy Green beans Fruit Buns	30 Chili Crackers Fresh vegetables Lettuce Fruit Buns		