

# Saint Bernadette School

## Where Children Learn and Succeed Together!

**“Jesus is the Reason for Our School.”**

Everything we do and learn revolves around Jesus. Students participate in daily prayer, weekly Mass, and numerous prayer services. Service projects that assist those in need are conducted throughout the year.



*Student council members surpassed their goal of collecting 500 cans for the needy. Service is important to our school community.*



*Sixth graders present a short skit to celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.*

## *New & Exciting Plans For St. Bernadette School*

Saint Bernadette School is happy to announce a new stepping-stone in our history. Building on 60 years of tradition in faith, values and excellence, we are venturing on to new places in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Experts in education are calling for students of the 21<sup>st</sup> century to become critical thinkers, problem-solvers, collaborative team workers, and to have a good work ethic and excellent oral and written communication skills. We plan to meet these challenges with inquiry-based learning, multiage classes and an integrated curriculum with technology being of prime importance. The following excerpts give a brief synopsis of our plans in each area.

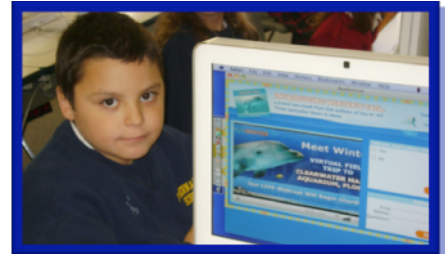
**21<sup>st</sup> Century learning skills** will be implemented in all grades. Inquiry skills go beyond content knowledge. Students are engaged in thinking skills that involve them in learning beyond a textbook – hands on activities, group projects and computer-based learning. At St. Bernadette School, learning is engaging and fun!



*Fifth graders learn about the insides of their body and illustrate their organs on t-shirts.*

Students learn how to use productivity tools: word processor, spreadsheets, database and presentation software in our state-of-the-art **Technology** lab. They apply and integrate these skills as well as acquire new knowledge using designated websites and virtual tours. Older students will use individual laptops while younger students will work at mini-computer labs in each classroom.

*Second and third graders take a virtual tour of the Clearwater Marine Aquarium in Florida and were introduced to Winter, a bottle-nosed dolphin who lost her tail and was fitted with a prosthesis.*



In **Multiage classes**, students are grouped together by ages-not by grade. Teachers will focus on students' individual learning needs. Research shows that this grouping promotes cognitive and social growth and increases active learning.

*Kindergarteners and first graders work together to make igloos out of sugar cubes as part of their Social Studies unit.*

As you can see, we are definitely meeting the new challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Inquiry Learning will help our students to become lifelong learners that are prepared for the future. Our multi-age classes will nurture our students socially, emotionally, intellectually and physically. Studies show that 90% of students in a multi-age classroom outperform the academic performance of their peers in traditional classes. These students also show increased self-esteem, more cooperative behavior, better attitudes toward school in general and a significant increase in students' motivation to learn.

**We have so much to be excited about!**

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