

Parents and Alumni let us know why they love St. Bernadette School!

My husband and I are proud to say that we are parents of three students at St. Bernadette School. Currently, we have a 7th grader, a 5th grader, and a kindergartener. We have always loved our school, but as the years go by we get more and more impressed. Not only are our children excelling academically, they are becoming caring, loving, and happy people that are interested in the world around them. I believe St. Bernadette's plays a huge part in this nurturing. We are always amazed that the kids know all the children in the other grades and go out of their way to help them if they see a need or an injustice. My 7th grader just wrote a paper on Catholic education and I literally teared up when I read that she wrote that her education at St. Bernadette's not only helps her get A's in school but feels it helps her get A's in life also. I turned to my husband as we were reading and said ..."money well spent".

Drs. Tim and Mary H., Parents '12, '14, '19

St. Bernadette School has provided and continues to provide a strong spiritual, academic, and social foundation for my daughters. It has helped to shape their character, instilling a strong work ethic and respect for others and fostering a deeper relationship with God, while providing an environment where they have been very happy and felt safe. My oldest is now a sophomore at Archbishop Carroll where she continually ranks in the top 10% of her class. St. Bernadette's prepared her well for the demands of high school. A grade school and community experience like ours here at St. Bernadette School is one that I would wish for all of our friends and their children.

Mrs. Margie B., Parent '09, '12, '14

St. Bernadette is a wonderful school with a great sense of community and family. Our daughter started out in the school's 3-Year-Old Preschool Program. When she was going into 2nd grade and our son was about to start Preschool, our family moved several blocks away into St. Dorothy's parish. We decided we didn't want to leave a place that we all loved and where our daughter was thriving, so even though we were living out of the parish, we remained with the school. Our daughter graduated from St. Bernadette and is now a freshman at Archbishop John Carroll High School and is doing extremely well. We have no doubt that St. Bernadette School is a big part of that success.

Mrs. Maureen B., Parent '10, '14

St. Bernadette parish and school were the answers to our prayers. My wife Renie and I grew up in St. Barnabas and St. Irenaeus parishes and schools in Southwest Philadelphia, where there was always such a strong feeling of family and spirit. We hoped that we would be able to provide the same type of experience for our family. Well...we don't think we could be any happier with our family's experience over the past several years, and it has only made us more passionate about the value of a Catholic education. We have four children: Jim, Kerri, Erin, and Shannon. All four went through St. Bernadette for eight years. Each faced the same normal challenges of growing up, but each always felt they were a part of something special, an extended family. They received a great education which prepared them for both high school and college, but even more importantly, they developed a strong foundation of character, spirituality, and morality which have helped them as they now face the many tough challenges of high school and college. Each of our children has chosen to attend a Catholic college, which

really says something about how important a Catholic education is to them. We feel deeply indebted to the Priests, Sisters, teachers, coaches, parents, and children who have made this journey so wonderful. In a Catholic community, adults and children alike are asked to donate their time and many talents, and we believe that this spirit of giving is a huge contributor to the feeling of family in the parish and school. Special thanks to the many other special volunteers who made much of this possible: lunch mothers, Brownies and Cub Scout leaders, service club, Women's club, CYO, choir, plays, Altar boys and girls, spirituality night, and many others. Special thanks also to the St. Bernadette kids for being such good friends to our children; we hope these friendships last a lifetime. Special thanks to the parents as well: we have made such wonderful friends as our kids went through St. Bernadette; they were always (and still are!) there to help lend a hand, drive somewhere, have the kids over, help solve a problem, or share in your happiness. We feel so blessed to be part of such a close community, and we thank all of those people who have made and continue to make our experience here such a wonderful memory.

Jim and Renie S., Parents '03, '05, '06, '08

We feel blessed that we are able to provide our children with a first rate Catholic education at St. Bernadette's. The teachers and staff are all caring and truly look out for the well being of each child. Our children are excelling academically and socially. Equally as important to us is that they are learning respect and reverence and experiencing a deeper appreciation of their Catholic faith. St Bernadette's offers the use of smart boards in every classroom, a computer lab, netbooks for the students, music and Spanish. Our oldest child has also participated and enjoyed the various CYO sport offerings which are available to all the students. As working parents, we also appreciate the onsite Cares program where we know our children have the opportunity to get their homework done as well as play in a safe and supervised environment. We believe that St Bernadette's is providing our children with a solid foundation (academically, socially and spiritually) that will remain with them throughout the rest of their school years. We could not be more pleased with our decision to send our children to St Bernadette's.

Dan and Elena O., Parents '15, '17

Who doesn't feel comfortable with family? That's exactly what St Bernadette School is to me and my girls. I was a part of the very first Kindergarten class at St. Bernadette and this year my oldest daughter will be in Kindergarten after just completing Mother's Morning Out and the 3 & 4-Year-Old Preschool Programs. To this day I still have the same best friends from St. Bernadette Kindergarten, and it looks like my girls will be fortunate enough to have the same!

Mrs. Andria M., Alumnae '90, Parent '20, '23

All we need to do to confirm that we have made the right decision in sending our children to St. Bernadette School is to look around us at all of the young men and women who are products of a St. Bernadette education. My husband and I see and talk to so many neighbors and other young people who are not only doing very well academically in high school and college, but who have taken leadership roles in their schools, who are connected to their Catholic faith, who continue to be involved in community service, and are just well-rounded, good people. I attribute much of who these young people are to

their parents, but they also spent the majority of their young lives within the walls of a wonderful place called St. Bernadette School. I have to think that so much of who they are today is due to the people they encountered and the environment they were exposed to during those formative years. Upon graduating from St. Bernadette, these kids were prepared for the new challenges and demands of high school and college, and are thriving academically, socially, and spiritually. Based on what we see all around us on a daily basis, we believe that St. Bernadette School is helping us to raise our children to be confident, caring, productive, happy adults.

Joe and Carolyn K., Alumnae '82, Parents '14, '19

The years I spent at St. Bernadette School truly defined my childhood. It was there that I learned not only how to work hard, but also how to play. I learned not only to perfect my penmanship, but also how to craft an imaginative story; how to navigate an algebra problem, but also how to devise a strategy for dominating in dodgeball. It was at St. Bernadette that I first learned skills that would carry me through high school, college, and now medical school. I will always consider St. Bernadette home: a place that nurtured me for many years, and one that I continually revisit- whether physically or not- with fond memories.

Regina T., St. Bernadette School '01, Merion Mercy Academy '05, Franklin & Marshall College '09, George Washington University '13

St. Bernadette's was a great place to grow up. I really enjoyed my time there and was well-prepared for high school after graduating. The school especially prepared me for high school math. As a current Engineering major at the University of Notre Dame, I can say with confidence that St. Bernadette School served me well.

Dan M. St. Bernadette School '05; St. Joseph Preparatory School '09; University of Notre Dame '13

The minute we stepped into St. Bernadette's we knew it was perfect for our daughter. The teachers and staff are always so welcoming and care about our child as if she were their own. I know that she is getting a great education and having morals and values instilled in her that will help her grow as a child both spiritually and emotionally. Thank you SBS!

Kelly D., Parent '12