

St. Dominic School PK-8 , Benicia



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"Together, we uphold a school community for our students where we educate their minds, nurture their hearts, and provide them strength for their journey."

Katie Perata, SDS Principal

Our Mission

St. Dominic School is a center for learning where academics meet faith. We proudly serve parishioners of St. Dominic's Catholic Church, as well as those families who live in the greater Benicia area. Our mission is to provide the highest standards of excellence in academic, spiritual, and moral education where the Catholic faith is celebrated and lived, empowering each student to become an informed, caring, and contributing member of society and a disciple of the Gospel. At St. Dominic School, students can engage in self-discovery, embrace their passions, cultivate their talents, and get to know God all in one place.

Students at SDS participate in:

- Weekly Mass, Faith Families, Daily Rosary during the months of May & October, & Sacramental Preparations & Celebrations
- Art, Music, Spanish, STEM, & Technology in the Classroom
- Physical Education & Competitive Sports League
- Service Programs including: Cup of Joe for the Troops, Pennies for Peace, SVdP, LAAMB, Coastal Cleanup, & Adoption of a Uganda Student

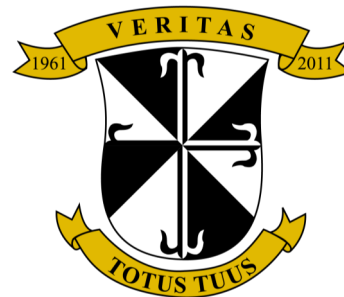


ST. DOMINIC SCHOOL IS A MINISTRY OF
St. Dominic's Catholic Church, Benicia in the Diocese of Sacramento.

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Faith Formation

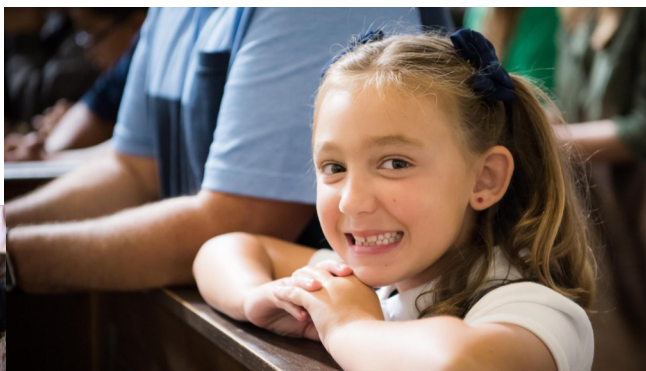
St. Dominic School is a community of faith built on the values, beliefs, and traditions of Catholic education. We are a community where values are communicated through the interpersonal and sincere relationships of its members by imparting religious truths and values.



We strive to create an atmosphere of meaningful learning wherein the gospel message, community, service, and worship may be nurtured and brought to fruition.

Parents are the primary educators of their children's moral and religious development and are an integral part of the community life at St. Dominic School. Parents and children are expected to participate in the school and encouraged to participate in the parish's sacramental and social life. Each morning begins with prayer. The staff and student body pray and celebrate the Sacraments as a community of faith during monthly liturgies. Teachers incorporate Catholic values into the daily learning experience, using each teachable moment to facilitate intellectual growth and faith formation.

We promote in our students a spirit of generosity that reaches out to all of those in need. Throughout the year, all students are expected to contribute their time and service to charitable causes within the local community. By performing God's corporal works of mercy, they gain a deeper understanding of the human community and a greater respect for every member of God's kingdom on Earth.



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Academics and Enrichment

St. Dominic School is committed to providing a quality academic program that fosters critical thinking and competency in verbal and nonverbal skills in a Christ-centered environment. It is the school's goal to meet the individual needs of each student through a variety of learning experiences, and to facilitate the development of the student's knowledge and organizational skills in order to achieve an integrated and structured understanding of information.

The curriculum at St. Dominic School is implemented according to standards set forth by the Diocese of Sacramento, which meet or exceed California State Standards. We maintain a tradition of academic excellence by offering a comprehensive and challenging curriculum that includes the traditional subjects of Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies, Science, as well as classes in Religion, Spanish, Physical Education, and Technology. Our educational approach engages children in a positive and interactive way, ensuring that they think critically, collaborate cooperatively, to seek long-term solutions, and to exercise creativity as a tool for innovative problem solving.

ROOTED IN EXCELLENCE

Students at St. Dominic are provided opportunities to develop effective study habits, a positive work ethic, and a thirst for knowledge; traits that lay the foundation for successful scholarship

An education at St. Dominic School is unique because it focuses on the needs of the whole child as a valued and respected unique member of God's family. A truly effective and impactful education program focuses on more than just academic knowledge. Children are encouraged to develop and enhance their individual talents through a variety of academic and specialized programs offered at St. Dominic School. Students are happiest and perform at their highest potentials when they are given the freedom to play, create, and explore. We honor these necessities by offering a wide variety of enrichment opportunities in volleyball, basketball, football, cheerleading, California Junior Scholarship Federation, Student Council, choir and orchestra.



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MEANINGFUL LEARNING

Our teachers create an educational experience that is relevant & meaningful, inspiring children to be active and enthusiastic participants in a competitive academic environment

"We spent so much time deliberating between St. Dominic's and Matthew Turner, until finally we realized it isn't apples to apples. One offers a reputation for strong academics but St. Dominic's offers a reputation for partnering with parents to develop a highly successful, well rounded child: academically, physically, and spiritually. These are skills that will serve our child her whole life. Now in 1st Grade her reading and math skills are exceeding our expectations, and she is thriving socially in the service-based curriculum."

~ Erin Jacobs, SDS Parent Since 2013



HIGH SCHOOL PREP

A well-rounded St. Dominic education equips students with the academic aptitude, moral awareness, and strength of character for the rigors of high school, college and career

The Faculty, Staff, and Students at St. Dominic School are a community that recognizes the unique and independent qualities of each child. St. Dominic school is awesome because it provides a nurturing, respectful, and diverse campus that encourages each student to thrive and reach their full potential to enhance their sociabilities, academics, and spiritual path. Our family is proud to be apart of the SDS Family. ~The Houston Family



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"My wife and I were hesitant to make the switch from Joe Henderson Elementary School to St. Dominic School for a few different reasons, but after talking to friends and the administration at SDS, we decided to take a leap of faith and make the change for our preschool daughter and kindergarten son.

We, and our children, could not be happier with the decision and are thrilled with what SDS has to offer. It has met and even exceeded our expectations in all categories: academics, religion, community, support, and much more. The teachers and staff have been very caring, involved, and have a vested interest in the lives of the students. We highly recommend SDS!"

~Tony and Jean Maskell



CULTURE OF CARE

Recognizing that children have unique learning styles, St. Dominic faculty exercise a differentiated instructional approach in which they communicate concepts using a variety of different images and explanations in order to enhance understanding and comprehension of subject matter



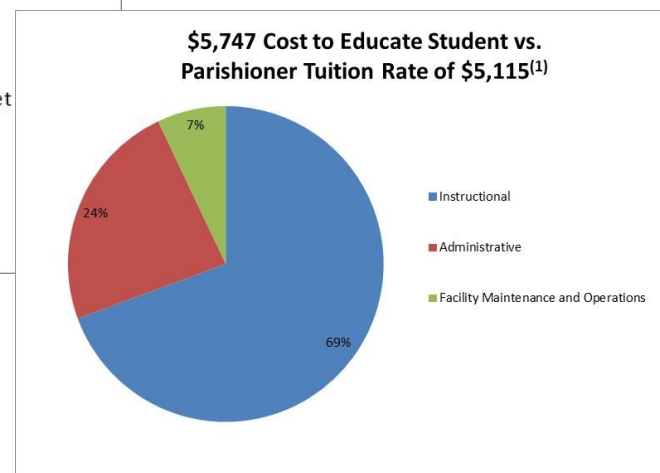
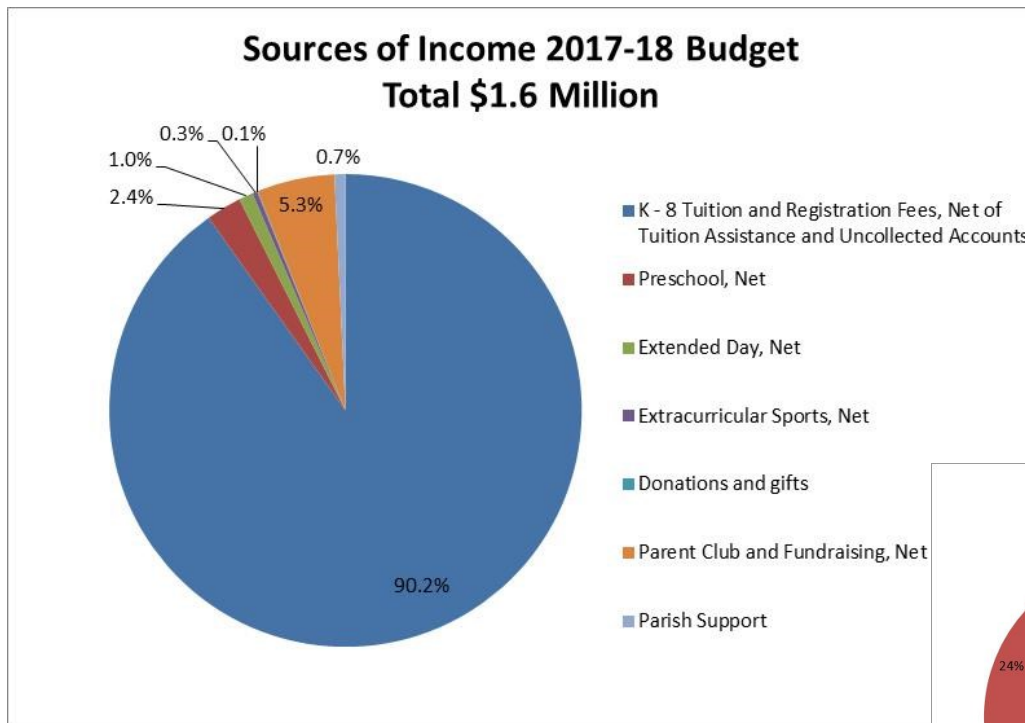
"Our 3rd Grader has blossomed largely due to the interaction with upperclassmen. SDS does an amazing job of integrating younger students with older mentors. Her confidence and poise continues to grow. And also, we love knowing our children are in a safe learning environment from 6:30 am to 6 pm every day! SDS provides surprisingly affordable (on-site) before and after school care. It's a great feeling when my children don't want to leave because they enjoy Extended Care so much."

~ Janet Roberson, SDS Parent



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Fundraising at St. Dominic School



Community Involvement and Fundraising

Because St. Dominic School tuition is less than the cost to educate, we count on your continued fundraising support to provide the best learning experience for our children. Our most popular event is our Fall Auction. We look forward to this every year, as it is a wonderful opportunity for the community to fundraise while celebrating fellowship and supporting the mission of St. Dominic to educate minds and inspire spirits. Proceeds from our fall auction, and all other fundraising opportunities, help pay for expenses that tuition does not cover.

It is also expected that families will be involved on a voluntary basis to provide services that benefit the school. Family participation in our Scrip and volunteer programs is invaluable because it helps us lower operating costs and enhance the educational experience for our children. St. Dominic extends families the option of need-based financial aid. On average, our families received approximately \$35,000 in tuition assistance each year. We appreciate and honor the sacrifices of all families who believe in the value of a Catholic School experience, and trust St. Dominic as their partner in education. Your ongoing support demonstrates a strong sense of community; and that is what separates St. Dominic from other educational environments.



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Financial Assistance

In addition to discounted tuition offered to multi-child families, financial aid is determined for those in need through FACTS, a third party administrator which confidentially handles financial aid for all Catholic schools in the Diocese of Sacramento. Families apply directly to FACTS on-line, and the company notifies the Principal of St. Dominic School as to a suggested amount of assistance for which each family is eligible. St. Dominic School has awarded \$35,000 in tuition aid to families for the 2017-18 school year.

Families who have a student NEW to St. Dominic School are also eligible for funding through a local foundation, The BASIC Fund. Applications are available in the school office, and are based on financial need demonstrated by placement on an annual income scale. Families apply directly to The BASIC Fund and the foundation will notify the Principal as to the amount of assistance (up to \$2,000 per student) for which a student may be eligible.

Extension/After Care Programs

St. Dominic School Extension Program offers quality and affordable before and after school care for students currently enrolled in Grades Kindergarten through Eighth. The before-school program is available from 6:30-7:50 a.m., and the after-school program runs from the end of the school day until 6:00 p.m. This program offers activities and services in a Christian environment, complementary to the mission and philosophy of our school and families.

There are several options available to serve the needs of our families. Students may utilize this program before-school only, after-school only, both before and after school, or on a drop-in basis.

Afterschool Programs offered through Extension include:

- STEM
- Lego Club
- Chess Wizards
- Art for Fun
- American Heritage Girls

Important Dates

February 10th ~ SDS Crab Feed

February 21st ~ New Student Testing

March 10th ~ Mother/ Son Dance *

April 20th ~ Bingo Night

April 25 ~ 27th ~ Book Fair*

April 27th ~ 28th ~ “Little Mermaid” Play at SPSV



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Closing Remarks

We endeavor to foster and provide for the growth of the whole person based on Christian values. Each child is valued and respected as a unique individual and member of God's family. Aware of the diversity of God's gifts, children are encouraged to develop and enhance their unique talents. We continually strive to strengthen our relationships and interactions with parents and students by fostering a climate of genuine concern, trust, and caring.

As teachers and staff, we acknowledge that we have an obligation to model Christian values in every aspect of our lives. We provide opportunities for students to learn and practice tolerance and respect for others. We direct our efforts to provide them with the proper atmosphere and opportunity to become well-rounded individuals.

Our goal is for students to graduate from St. Dominic School with a sincere respect for themselves and others, a lifelong commitment to community, and the moral and academic foundations necessary to succeed in secondary education. We are grateful for the love and support you continue to show our St. Dominic community. Your active involvement in school and parish events helps keep St. Dominic School a sanctuary of faith and learning where we help students illuminate their paths to salvation by encouraging them to become their best selves.

Student applicants from St. Dominic earned a **100% acceptance rate** to the following:

Saint Patrick-Saint Vincent High School, Vallejo;
Justin-Siena High School, Napa;
De La Salle High School, Concord;
and Carondelet High School, Concord



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