



St. Edward School and Preschool

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Developing students for a faith filled and academically successful future since 1960

Be it known to all who enter here that Christ is the reason for this school. He is the unseen but ever present teacher in its classes. He is the model of its faculty and the inspiration of its students.

April 2016 Newsletter

2016 – 2017 All School Calendar will be published May 13.

Enrollment is now open in all grades for the fall of 2016 - 2017.

St. Edward Catholic School & Preschool Tuition 2016 – 2017

Tuition Incentives

1. Base tuition without incentives is \$3,692.00. **Tuition at St. Edward Catholic School & Preschool is based on a 'Sliding Scale'(Ability to Pay) format.** Tuition levels may be negotiated with the Pastor and/or Principal. Students do not have to be Catholic to enroll. Information is available upon request.
2. Kindergarten Tuition will match the St. Edward 3 day Preschool tuition rate of \$1035.00
3. 1st time students enrolling at St. Edward Catholic School in grades 1 through 8 receive tuition at 1/2 price.
4. Financial Aide may be available through the Diocese of Peoria. Information is available upon request.

Facts to consider in choosing St. Edward Catholic School & Preschool

The student to teacher ratio is 10:1.

Due to our class size students benefit from individualized instruction in every classroom.

Students in all grades score on the average of 2 to 3 grades ahead on the ITBS national tests.

Our teaching staff averages nearly 20 years of experience.

St. Edward students have the opportunity to participate in all extra curricular activities and a well rounded 'Fine Arts' program. Spanish is also included in our curriculum.

Mutual respect between teacher and student is reflected and observed in high standards of behavior.

St. Edward Catholic School & Preschool takes pride in a clean, safe, nurturing and family environment.

Students graduating from St. Edward Catholic School consistently place in the top 10% in their high school of choice.

U. S. High School graduation rates for Catholic Schools is 99%.

85.7% of 12th grade graduates attend a 4 year college

**In considering St. Edward Catholic School & Preschool, we strongly recommend visiting and taking a tour with us.
The experience will make the difference.**

An Open House is scheduled for Wednesday April 6th at 6:30 p. m. in the Parish Hall for incoming Preschool, Kindergarten and new families considering St. Edward Catholic School.

Financial Information Night & Registration is scheduled for Wednesday April 13th at 6:30 p. m. in the Parish Hall for all present and new families. This meeting will be used to review our tuition policies, FACTS application, introduce several new programs and outline programs for the upcoming

Emergency Drills

As a matter of procedure, we will be scheduling tornado, fire, and lockdown drills within the next several weeks.

Faith In Our Future Strategic Plan Report

As part of our Strategic Plan we are in the process of securing bids to address roofing needs. We are also involved in preparing for a visit from the Office of Catholic Schools on May 11th. The purpose of that meeting is to keep Dr. Sharon Weiss, Superintendent of Schools and her administration, up to date on the work and progress St. Edward has been making.

General Updates

Registration: Registration for the 2016 – 2017 school year is now open. We continue to give tours of our school and have made contact with a number of new families.

Marketing: We have expanded our marketing efforts to include newspaper advertisements, mass mailings, signs and letters.

CALENDAR REMINDERS

Wednesday, April 6 – Open House – 6:30 p. m. – Parish Hall
Friday, April 8 – All School Mass, Blessed Buddy Day – Theme TBA
Saturday, April 9 – 2nd Grade 1st Holy Communion 1:00 p.m. Mass
Sunday, April 10 – Confirmation – 3:00 p.m. Information will be sent home with 8th grade students
Wednesday, April 13 – Financial Information night/Registration – 6:30 p. m. Parish Hall
Saturday, April 16 – St. Edward Auction
Wednesday, April 20 – Education Commission Meeting – 6:00 p. m. Library
Thursday, April 21 – Science Day
Friday, April 22 – No School – Faculty In Service at the Spalding Center
Saturday, April 23 – St. Edward Paint Party Fundraiser
Tuesday, April 26 – T Shirt and Popcorn Day
Wednesday, April 27 – No PM bus service

HANDBOOK REMINDERS FOR APRIL

Please check our student handbook for uniform reminders. Students may wear shorts beginning in April, weather permitting.

Absence - Regular attendance at school is a sign of interest in your child's future. A pattern of regular attendance will assist your child in developing a positive attitude about their capabilities as a productive Catholic student and citizen.

Excused absences with make-up privileges are defined as, but not limited to: **Personal illness**

- 2 Personal injury
- 3 Verified doctor's (or dentist's) appointment
- 4 Death in the Family -*Attendance at a funeral

*When possible, these excused absences must be approved through the office prior to the day of the absence.

Excused absences without make-up privileges are defined as, but not limited to:

- 1 parental request to work at home
- 2 parental request to go on a vacation or trip

If advance clearance is filed with the principal the week prior to his/her leaving on a family trip or vacation, the student will be allowed excused school days. Students and parents should be aware that permission might not be granted during standardized testing time. No work will be provided prior to the trip/vacation. The student will receive their work when they return, and have the number of days absent as the number of days to make up their work.

An unexcused absence without make-up privileges will be issued for any other type of absence, which includes:

- 1 shopping
- 2 beauty appointments
- 3 working
- 4 babysitting
- 5 truancy
- 6 personal business that is determined unimportant by the Principal.

If a student is absent from school because of sickness or unexcused absence, for more than half of the day, the student is ineligible to participate or attend any school sponsored activities that occur on the same day.

St. Edward School has the right to drop from attendance, any student who reaches thirty (30) days of unexcused absences during the school year.

If a student will not be present in school for any reason, parents are asked to call the school office by 8:00 a.m. to inform the office of the child's whereabouts (274.2994). If you do not call us, you will be contacted by the school. We consider this a safety factor for the child.

If you are requesting homework for your child, for the day they are absent, please inform the office. The work will be available for you to pick up from the office anytime after 2:25 p.m. Work may also be sent home with a sibling if you request.

“Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you’ve tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do.”

Pope St. John XXIII

Have a Blessed Week!

Mr. Domico