



Dear Friends,

For many years, we considered our school to be the “**Best Kept Secret in Lockport.**” However, the secret is out! As a four time nationally award winning school, we have found that we are the only school in our diocese, area, and state to receive these honors. We would love for your family to join our award winning educational program dedicated to academic and spiritual excellence this year.

It's such a great time to be a part of St. Joseph School! The **2010 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Award** was the first of four national awarded to our school and parish. In the past two years, we have also earned the **NCEA Distinguished Pastor Award, the NCEA Distinguished Principal Award, and the NAESP Principal of the Year Award.** Fr. Greg Rothfuchs, St. Joseph Pastor, has been an excellent partner in education to help continue the bond between the exceptional academics we offer and our always vital Catholic faith. It is because of Fr. Greg and the staff at St. Joseph School that I was honored with the two principal awards that I received. I have been honored to have a career surrounded by the most faith-filled, compassionate, and remarkable teachers I have ever encountered. They are what make St. Joseph School the desirable place to send your children.

At St. Joseph School, we are so very proud of the quality education that is provided in our faith filled environment. The largest indicator of our quality education program is demonstrated by our alumni success as shown by their honor roll status at the local high schools. (Benet, Joliet Catholic Academy, Illinois Math & Science Academy, Providence, and Lockport High School). The students that leave the doors of St. Joseph School are prepared for future success at both the secondary and eventually post-education level. **When St. Joseph School received the National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Award (the highest honor an American school can achieve), we demonstrated to the nation that our school ranked in the top 10% of reading and math scores.** We continue to demonstrate our student success rates year after year, and we couldn't be prouder of our students.

While we take great pride in our academic achievements and national recognition, we are most proud of our spiritual excellence and the development of faith and values in our students. If there was a way to measure the Christianity, kindness, and compassion of our students, surely SJS students would be off the charts! This is the promise that St. Joseph School has honored since the late 1880's when the doors of St. Joseph School first opened. This is the promise that we offer to your child and family today. Recognizing Jesus in every student and staff member, the experience at St. Joseph is grace-filled. Our excellence in academic achievement and our faith filled environment is directly correlated to our staff, community, and families. We are truly blessed by a staff that exemplifies the spirit of Catholic educators. Our teachers exemplify academic excellence, exceptional creativity, and dedication. ***Our teachers are truly changing the world...one student at a time.*** Unlike the public school system, ***we choose to change the world...eternally.***

We are also blessed with a wonderful community. Our students and families distinguish our school from all others. Our families are actively involved in the educational process and committed to modeling the Gospel message. I speak from experience when I say that this is truly a welcoming and caring community. At St. Joseph School, we are truly a **FAMILY** that is committed to each other. **WE ARE A FAMILY FOUNDED IN FAITH, JOINED IN LOVE, AND KEPT BY GOD.** Today, we welcome you to be a part of our family.

As a parent, choosing a school is one of the most emotional and important decisions for you and your child. As you visit other schools throughout your decision making process, I am confident that the qualities that St. Joseph School represents will make a lasting impression on your family. It would be my honor to assist your family in this decision making process. If I can be of any assistance in your decision process, please do not hesitate to call or e-mail directly blueribbonprincipal@stjoeschool.com.

Many Blessing To You and Yours,

Miss Lynne Scheffler
Proud Principal of St. Joseph School