

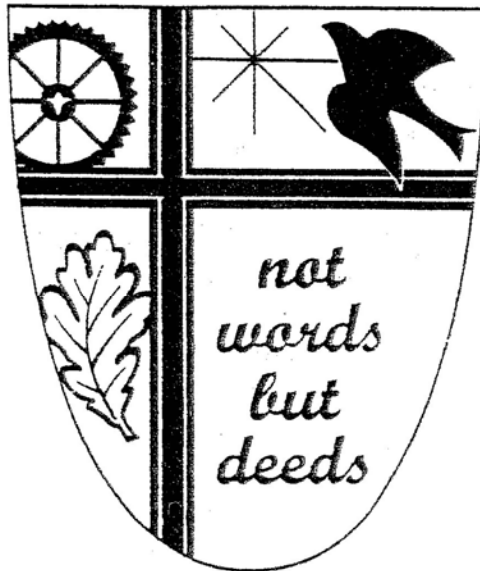
ST. CATHERINE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**17500 Peak Avenue
Morgan Hill, CA 95037**

APPLICATION PACKET

GRADES 1 - 8

2012-2013



MISSION STATEMENT

St. Catherine Catholic School, an educational ministry of St. Catherine Parish, provides a quality Catholic education grounded in Gospel values. Our curriculum encourages students to achieve their spiritual, academic, social, moral, and physical potential. Enriched by the St. Catherine community of parents, staff, and parishioners, the school prepares all students to live the Catholic faith and respond in a personal way to God and others.

Application information for **2012-2013**

Dear Prospective Parent,

Thank you for your interest in St. Catherine Catholic School. We hope the enclosed information will be of value to you in your application process.

Important dates for prospective families:

- October 1, 2011 Application period opens
- November 8, 2011 6:00 Information Night and 6:30 Open House
- December 15, 2011 Kindergarten Application Period Closes
- January 17-20, 2012 Kindergarten Readiness Screening (You will be mailed your appointment time.)
- January 23-31, 2012 Kindergarten Parent Interviews
- January 31, 2012 Classroom Tours Available for Parents of Prospective Students in Grades 1-8
- February 10, 2012 Notification of acceptance will be mailed for Kindergarten.
- February 24, 2012 Application Period Closes for Grades 1-8
- March 7, 2012 1:30 Entrance tests for grades 1-8
- March 12 - 21, 2012 Student/Parent Interviews for Grades 1-8 -Specific day and time will be mailed
- April 5, 2012 Notification of acceptance will be mailed for grades 1-8.

Again, thank you for considering St. Catherine Catholic School for your child. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or our Administrative Secretary, Jeanne Thompson, at (408) 779-9950.

Warmest regards,

Ms. Fabienne M. Esparza
Principal

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION
2012-2013

The Application and Registration Process for new students who wish to enter St. Catherine Catholic School in the fall of 2012 will take place between October 1, 2011 and March 30, 2012. Application forms may be downloaded from our website www.stcatherinemh.org or picked up at the school office and returned there between 8:00 and 3:30 p.m. on school days during the application/registration period. You may also return your application form by mail to the above address.

Policy for Admission

Applicants who demonstrate acceptable achievement on the entrance exam will be considered in the following priority:

1. Siblings of Catholic families already enrolled in St. Catherine School and whose families are active, registered members of St. Catherine Parish, attending Sunday Liturgy regularly, active in parish life & financially supporting the parish, in a recognizable meaningful manner.
2. Catholic children whose families have been active, registered members of St. Catherine Parish, attending Sunday liturgy regularly, active in parish life, and financially supporting the parish in a recognizable (checks/envelopes) and meaningful manner.
3. Catholic children who do not belong to St. Catherine Parish but whose families are active, registered members of other Catholic parishes.
4. Non-Catholics who are willing to participate in the school's religious education program.

Final decisions of acceptance will be based on evaluation of results of the entrance/readiness test, previous standardized testing, the child's report cards, the student assessment form, parent's involvement in the parish, and a family interview.

The California Schools in the Diocese of San Jose, mindful of their mission to be witnesses to the love of Christ for all, admit students of any race, color, and national and/or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the schools. The Catholic Schools in the Diocese of San Jose do not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and/or ethnic origin, age, sex or disability in administration of educational policies, scholarship and loan programs, athletic and other school-administered programs.

The following must be presented with the application when it is returned:

No application will be processed unless all of the information required is submitted.

1. Parish Affiliation Form
2. Sacramental Records (All originals will be returned upon verification)
 - Original Baptism certificate
 - Original Birth certificate
 - First Eucharist certificate (Grades 3-8)
 - Verification of Reconciliation (Grades 3-8)
 - Verification of Confirmation, if applicable
 - Verification of regular attendance in parish religion program (Grades 2-8)
3. Academic History
 - Copy of this year's report card and last year's report card (Grades 1-8)
 - Standardized achievement test scores
 - Student Assessment Form (Current Teacher)
 - School records request (Grades 1-8); sign and submit with application
 - Kindergarten Readiness/Parent
 - Kindergarten Readiness/Teacher

4. Application Fee: a non-refundable application fee of \$50.00 is due when the application is submitted.

Age Requirement for Kindergarten: Must be 5 years of age by September 1, 2012

Testing: The school testing program includes the following:
Readiness tests for all potential incoming Kindergarten
Basic skills tests for students grades 1-8

Screening for Kindergartners will be January 17-20 (you will be given a specific screening time at a later date). Testing for grades 1-8 will be on Wednesday, March 7, at 1:30 for all students.

Health Records are required to be on file with the school before the student starts class.

- Immunization records: polio, measles, mumps and rubella, DPT or DT, Hepatitis B, Varicella and Mantoux TB (both dates recorded) and Tdap as required.

PARENT/GUARDIAN

CHECK OFF LIST

(Parents Retain This Copy)

Applications will not be processed until all the following items are attached.

1. Application _____
2. Parish Affiliation _____
3. Baptism certificate (**original - verification only**) _____
4. Birth certificate (**original - verification only**) _____
5. First Eucharist certificate (gr.3-8) _____
6. Reconciliation verification (gr.3-8) _____
7. Confirmation verification (if applicable) _____
8. Verification of parish religious program (gr.2-8) _____
9. Report card - this year (gr. 1-8) _____
10. Report card - last year (gr.1-8) _____
11. Standard Achievement test scores-current year _____
12. Student Assessment Form (**given to current teacher gr. 1-8**) _____
13. \$50.00 Non-refundable Application fee _____

All originals will be returned upon verification.

Student Assessment Form may be mailed by current school/teacher to St. Catherine School.

A release for student records from the previous school and immunization records will be required at the time of registration.

PARENT INFORMATION:

<u>FATHER</u>			<u>MOTHER</u>		
_____ Last Name	_____ First	_____ Initial	_____ Maiden Name	_____ First	_____ Initial
_____ Place of Birth	Yes___ No___ U.S.Citizen	Yes___ No___ Living	_____ Place of Birth	Yes___ No___ U.S. Citizen	Yes___ No___ Living
_____ Street Address			_____ Street Address		
_____ City	_____ State	_____ Zip	_____ City	_____ State	_____ Zip
_____ Religion		_____ Occupation	_____ Religion		_____ Occupation
_____ Employer		_____ Phone #	_____ Employer		_____ Phone #
_____ Email address		_____ Cell #	_____ Email address		_____ Cell #

The student is presently living with:

- Both natural parents
 Single parent mother
 Single parent father
 Mother and Stepfather
 Father and Stepmother
 Other (please explain)

Is your child presently enrolled in a parish religious education program? Yes___ No___ Place_____

Has your child ever been identified or tested for special education needs?

Speech___ Hearing___ Learning___ Other___ Comment: _____

Is either parent a graduate of St. Catherine School? _____ Year of graduation _____

Please indicate your reasons for wanting your child to attend St. Catherine Catholic School.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

PARISH AFFILIATION
2012-2013

Please complete this form if you are a Catholic who is actively participating in a parish. This verification is used to determine your rate of tuition.

FAMILY NAME: _____

ST. CATHERINE PARISH

Are you registered at St. Catherine Parish and regularly use the Sunday envelopes? ___YES ___NO

What is your envelope number? _____

Does your family attend Mass regularly? _____

How have you been active in this parish?

**IF YOU ARE A MEMBER OF ANOTHER CATHOLIC PARISH
PLEASE FILL OUT THE INFORMATION BELOW.**

Parish of attendance

Address

Please ask your pastor, associate priest or authorized parish personnel to complete the following information and stamp with the parish seal. Please return this form with your registration papers.

The _____ family is registered and active in this parish. ___YES ___NO

Additional comments

Signature

PARISH STAMP/SEAL

Position

Dear Teachers,

_____ has applied for admission to grade _____ at St. Catherine School. Our admission policy requires an assessment from the current and/or previous teacher. All assessments are confidential and will be used solely to determine suitability for admission and placement. Please return this assessment to St. Catherine Catholic School at your earliest convenience. Please check the appropriate column. Many thanks for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Ms. Fabienne M. Esparza
Principal

Student Assessment Form - Grades 1 – 8 For Admissions in 2012-2013

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Outstanding</u>	<u>Successful</u>	<u>Needs Improvement</u>
Religion	_____	_____	_____
English	_____	_____	_____
Mathematics	_____	_____	_____
Reading	_____	_____	_____
Social Studies	_____	_____	_____
Science	_____	_____	_____
		<u>Study Skills</u>	
Homework	_____	_____	_____
Use of class time	_____	_____	_____
Independent work	_____	_____	_____
Group Work	_____	_____	_____
		<u>Social Skills</u>	
Interaction with peers	_____	_____	_____
Interaction with adults	_____	_____	_____
Behavior	_____	_____	_____

Parental Support (comments)

Has the student been retained at any time? If “yes”, what grade _____
Has this student received any service in the areas of speech, or special education? If “yes”,
Please comment. Does this student have an IEP report on file? _____

Signature

Position

School

Address