

Special Programs

- ❖ St. Bonaventure School offers a comprehensive sports program for students in grades 5 through 8. Members of sports teams compete against teams from other Catholic schools.
- ❖ Before and after school care are provided for all students at an additional charge.
- ❖ The school offers a variety of after school clubs and activities.
- ❖ The school has a full-time resource teacher who provides supplemental remedial and enrichment classes in reading, math, and study skills.
- ❖ The school has a full-time counselor.

Statistics

- ❖ Class limits:
 - PK3–20 students max per class
 - PK4 – 25 students max per class
 - K - 8 – 30 students max per class

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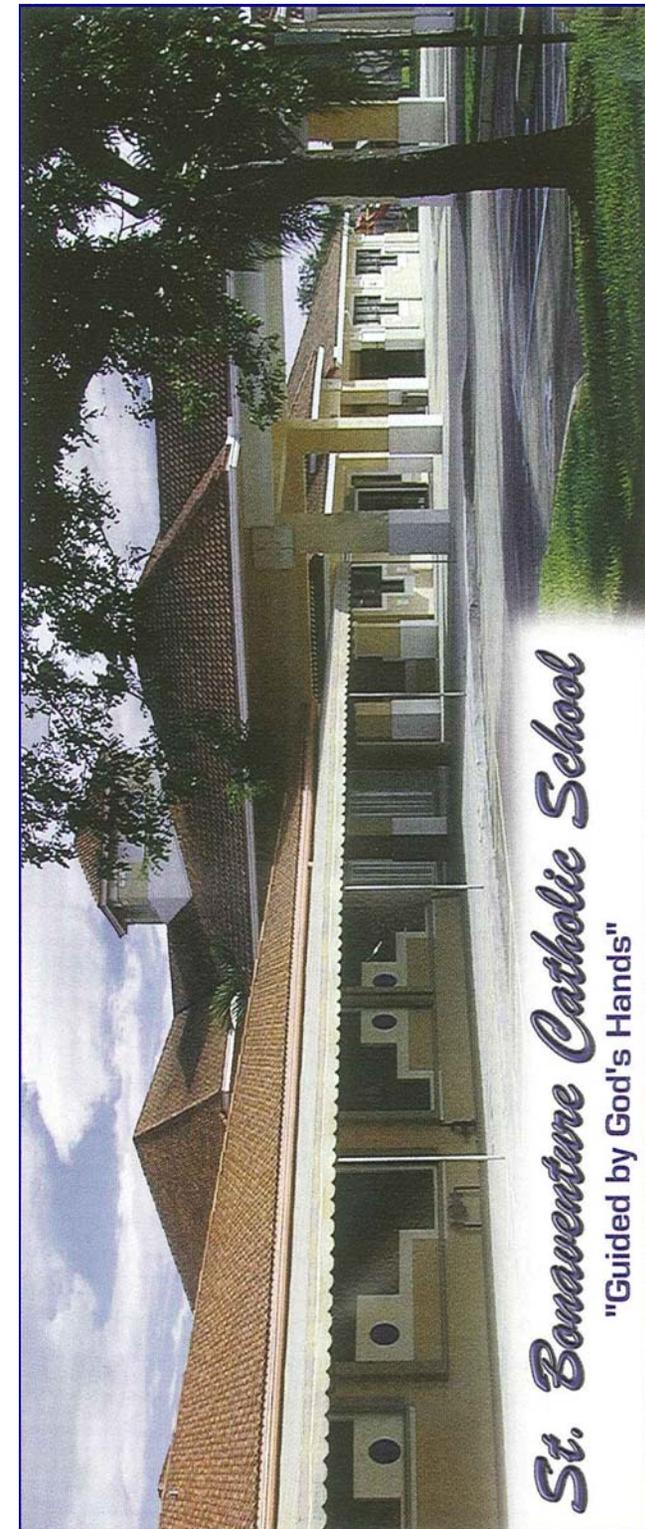
- ❖ Teacher Assistants:
 - PK3 through 3rd grade have a full-time teacher assistant, 4th and 5th grade have a part-time teacher assistant.
- ❖ Average years of teaching experience for teachers: 12 years

Religious Formation

Saint Bonaventure School is a Catholic School first and foremost. We are not a private academy or preparatory school. Our mission stems from and fully embraces our Catholicity. While the Catholic Catechism is certainly taught as an academic subject, it is our philosophy that Christian faith, values, and morals are best taught through example. Since God is a part of everything we do, our beliefs as Christians are incorporated into all of our academic subjects. Religion, thus, is taught all day long and in all subject areas.

Sacramental Programs

As part of the religious formation, students in grade 2 are prepared for and receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion. Students in grade 8 are prepared for and receive the sacrament of Confirmation.



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"Guided by God's Hands"

Mission

St. Bonaventure School is a Christ-centered community that fosters Christ's Gospel message of peace, love, service to others, and fellowship. We strive to cultivate and maximize each child's spiritual, academic, social, and physical potential.

Beliefs

We believe that:

- ❖ St. Bonaventure School welcomes families of diverse classes, ethnicities, racial backgrounds, and abilities.
- ❖ It is our Christian duty to assist the parents in their responsibility to develop each child's faith.
- ❖ We are charged to educate each child to his or her fullest potential.
- ❖ We are called to teach Catholic faith and values through example and through the joyful celebration of the liturgy.
- ❖ We are motivated by the Word of Scripture to prepare each child for the Kingdom of God.

Application Procedures

Given the mission of the school as an agent of Catholic Christian formation, the school will accept only those children whose parents demonstrate an understanding of the specifically Christian nature of the school and a desire to

participate in that mission. Specifically, the criteria for entrance and continued enrollment at St. Bonaventure Catholic School are as follows:

- ❖ The family should be registered in the parish. (While we do not exclude families from other parishes, priority is given to St. Bonaventure parishioners.)
- ❖ The family members should be practicing Catholics. (While we do not exclude non-Catholic families, priority is given to Catholic families.)
- ❖ The family should be involved in the parish ministries and activities.
- ❖ The family should regularly support St. Bonaventure Church in proportion to their means. (This is determined through donations and involvement in pledge programs.)
- ❖ If the family has school-age children who are not attending St. Bonaventure School or another Catholic school, they should be enrolled in the parish Religious Education program (CCD).

Other items that are considered prior to admission into the school are: the length of time the family has been registered in the parish, whether or not the family already has children registered in the school, and whether or not the school can meet the instructional needs of the child. In matters of admission and registration, the decision of the pastor and principal is final. Students entering the early childhood program must be potty trained

and meet the following age requirements:

- Entering PK3 – Must be 3 years old on or before September 1st.
- Entering PK4 – Must be 4 years old on or before September 1st.
- Entering Kindergarten – Must be 5 years old on or before September 1st.
- Entering 1st – Must be 6 years old on or before September 1st.

Admission Procedures

Families who wish to be considered for admission at St. Bonaventure Catholic School must follow the procedures listed below:

- ❖ Fill out an application for each child. (Applications are available in the school office.)
- ❖ Provide the school with a copy of the child's most recent report card.
- ❖ Provide the school with a copy of the child's most recent standardized test results (FCAT, SAT, ITBS, etc.)
- ❖ The child's teacher and one other school official (principal, counselor, other teacher) must submit letters of recommendation directly to St. Bonaventure School using the recommendation forms provided together with your application package.

