

EST. 1896 • TAMPA, FLORIDA

St. Joseph Catholic School

A Legacy in Motion: 130 Years & Beyond



St. Joseph's Identity & Purpose

MISSION

Our mission is to lead students on the path to College and Heaven by doing the right thing at the right time for the love of God.

St. Joseph Catholic School has served the Tampa community since 1896. Our parish school seeks to provide academic excellence in a quality Catholic setting to children of varied backgrounds from EC4/VPK through 8th grade.



ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

- ◆ Provides holistic education based on the Gospel and Tradition of the Roman Catholic Church.
- ◆ Commits to developing the spiritual and intellectual needs of each student.
- ◆ Models and teaches the message of Christ by fostering the establishment of life-long values and growth in the spirit of worship.

St. Joseph serves an ethnically diverse community creating a safe, loving, and disciplined environment that allows its students to feel accepted and valued. In this family spirit, we welcome and encourage all to live in true Catholic unity.

WHAT WE STAND ON

Three Root Beliefs



I

God is in all things

II

We are called to offer our best to God

III

Every moment matters

Five Core Values

SEEK

PERSIST

EXCEL

LOVE

SERVE



What makes St. Joseph a special place to learn, grow, serve, and belong?

Faith in everyday life

Our school day is grounded in prayer, Catholic formation, and the belief that every moment matters. In 2025–26, 25 students received First Communion and 21 received Confirmation.

Strong academics

Our students consistently outperform national readiness averages, with especially strong results in middle school mathematics. We are working toward 60%+ readiness across all subjects.

A school where service matters

Students begin serving as early as Kindergarten, with a goal of 8 service hours each year. Service is part of the culture — not just an activity.

Opportunities beyond the classroom

Students are active in the arts, athletics, and community partnerships. Our Junior Thespian Troupe competed at the state level and earned 9 “Superior” and 2 “Excellent.”

Wrap-around support

A team of 22 full-time professional staff members provides additional academic and safety-net support, and a partnership with the YMCA brings after-school care on-site.



WHO OUR STUDENTS ARE

Student Body Demographics

Our student body reflects a diverse racial and ethnic population. Hispanic/Latino students represent the largest demographic group, with 210 students, while 38 students are White, 21 identify as two or more races, 12 are Black/African American, and 3 are Asian. Overall, 248 students are Hispanic/Latino or Hispanic/Latino and another race.



66%

Speak Spanish as their first language

86%

of students are eligible for Free/Reduced Lunch

179

students receive Title I services and support

255

students access funding through parental choice programs

AFFORDABLE PRIVATE CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Offsetting the tuition gap for families

The tuition rate for the '26-'27 school year is **\$9,590**. Step Up scholarships cover \$8,429 for K-3 and \$7,837 for grades 4-8, with families responsible for the remaining out-of-pocket costs. Financial support and philanthropy help bridge the gap and keep the school accessible to families.

"Let the little children come to me, ... for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

MATTHEW 19:14

2027 GOALS

What is next for St. Joseph?

Goals include raising academic readiness, deepening Catholic virtue formation, increasing student services, and engaging alumni and community supporters. The goal is simple: build on 130 years of history while preparing today's students for the next chapter.



FUTURE INITIATIVES

Federal Tax Credit Program

Capital Campaign for Multi-Purpose / Arts Building

School-wide Technology Upgrades

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

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Helping St. Joseph students thrive

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