# 2027-2028 Academic Year

Dear Prospective Family,

Thank you for choosing St. Bernardine of Siena School. For over sixty years, St. Bernardine of Siena School has provided outstanding academic education for children in the west San Fernando Valley.

Most importantly, St. Bernardine School is about developing the whole child. Your child benefits from dynamic, daily faith formation through religious education. Prayer and retreat experiences help our children develop a personal relationship with Jesus. Our rich Catholic tradition permeates all aspects of school life. Our service program teaches students to reach out to others. Like our patron saint, Bernardine of Siena, our students are prepared to share the Good News of Jesus in word and action.

St. Bernardine offers weekly opportunities to attend Mass and other liturgical celebrations that are intended to support the faith that you have built at home. We recognize and respect that parents are the primary educators of their child. Realizing that our efforts form a partnership, I ask you to join us in our work to make your child's school experience rewarding and successful.

Our academic program includes:

- committed teachers who participate in regular professional development
- strong emphasis in Language Arts and Math
- small group instruction
- opportunities for advanced math in junior high
- technology integration
- dedication to fine arts
- foreign language instruction, from Kindergarten through 8th grade

St. Bernardine School offers access to a variety of activities that address the needs of the whole child. An extensive athletic program is available to students in Grades K-8 including flag football, volleyball, basketball, swimming, track and field, and cheer. Student Council provides students in Junior High opportunities to practice leadership, public speaking skills, and develop organizational abilities, along with opportunities to join Mock Trial, and national honor societies CJSF and NJHS. Choir, musical theatre, and art give students an opportunity to showcase their many talents. Additionally, we have a wide variety of co-curricular and extra-curricular opportunities through our after-school programs available to students, such as chess, piano, musical theatre, and many rolling classes such as cooking, marine biology and Lego robotics, to name a few.

Our rigorous program challenges students while addressing each student's learning needs. 100% of our graduates are accepted into area Catholic and private high schools of their choice, with many receiving scholarships, and our alumni continue on to prestigious colleges and universities.

This legacy of academic excellence continues with our strong curriculum and dynamic teaching faculty. Our dedicated faculty and staff are committed to providing the highest quality Catholic education to all students. Our close community of students, alumni, parents, parishioners, faculty, staff and friends work tirelessly to ensure that our students reach their potential in a caring environment. Your child will be surrounded at St. Bernardine School by a caring and loving community of students, faculty, staff and volunteers who value each other, and most importantly, your child.

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The most important facet of education at St. Bernardine of Siena School is the palpable and welcoming family feeling that permeates school, parish, and family life. Becoming a member in the St. Bernardine family offers you and your child an extended faith based family. We are fortunate to have alumni who recognize the gift of St. Bernardine School who have returned to teach or send their own children to our school.

I welcome you to visit St. Bernardine of Siena School to learn more about the excellent educational and spiritual opportunities available. We welcome your phone call to the school office at (818) 340-2130 or you can e-mail me personally at kkruska@stbernardine.org.

We are so very privileged to partner with you in this journey of shaping young lives! Thank you for your support of this important mission as we form faith-filled leaders for life.

In God's Love,

Mrs. Katy Kruska
Principal

**We are Spiritual, Servant, Academic, and Visionary Leaders.**

# ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA SCHOOL
# Application Information

The application process for the 2027-2028 school year begins in November 2026. The following are important dates in our application process. While the following timeline represents our formal application period, St. Bernardine of Siena School does accept applications and admits students year-round, depending upon availability in each class.

**ADMISSIONS CALENDAR:**

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| November 2026 | Begin accepting completed applications |
| Sunday, January 31, 2027 | School Mass at 8:30 a.m. / Open House from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. |
| Monday, February 1, 2027 | Priority Application Deadline (for first round of assessments) |
| Fridays in February 2027 | Kindergarten Screenings (time for assessments will be scheduled and emailed to you) |
| Weekdays in February 2027 | Entrance Assessments Grades 1-8 (time for assessments will be scheduled and emailed to you) |
| Mid-March 2027 | Acceptance Letters will be emailed |
| Thursday, May 13, 2027 | Open House / Spring Concert / STEM Expo |

**APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:**

- ✓ Complete the Application for Admission.
- ✓ Give Evaluation Form to current teacher. Form is to be received from student's current school.
- ✓ Attach required documents to application. **Applications will not be considered complete until all documents have been received.**
  - Copy of Official Birth Certificate
  - Baptismal Certificate (if applicable)
  - Reconciliation Certificate (Grades 3-8) (if applicable)
  - First Eucharist Certificate (Grades 3-8) (if applicable)
  - Current Immunization Record
  - Last Report Card
  - Last Standardized Test Scores
- ✓ Submit your completed application with a non-refundable $100 application fee.

**GUIDELINES FOR ADMISSION**

- Preferences are given to active members of the parish.
- St. Bernardine of Siena School requires Kindergarten students to be 5 years old by September 1.
- St. Bernardine of Siena School requires first grade students to be 6 by September 1.
- All students must comply with current California immunization and health requirements prior to enrollment.
- The parish school will strive to have Catholic education accessible to as many students as possible, both with its educational programs and financial considerations; however, it may have insufficient resources to serve the educational and financial needs of all students.
- The pastor and principal will annually review a students' continued eligibility for enrollment in the parish school.
- St. Bernardine of Siena School establishes its own procedures for admission and enrollment.

**Non-Discrimination Policy**

The school, mindful of its mission to be a witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students regardless of race, color, national origin, and/or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school.

The school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, disability, medical condition, sex, or national and/or ethnic origin in the administration of educational policies and practices, scholarship programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs, although certain athletic leagues and other programs may limit participation and some archdiocesan schools operate as single-sex schools.

While the school does not discriminate against students with special needs, a full range of services may not always be available to them. Decisions concerning the admission and continued enrollment of a student in the school are based upon the student's emotional, academic, and physical abilities and the resources available to the school in meeting the student's needs.

# ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA SCHOOL
## Application for Admission

**School Year:** 2027-2028

Grade Entering: _____ Today's Date: _____

Family Name of Student _____ First Name _____ Middle Name _____ Gender _____

Home Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone Number _____ Birthdate (Month, Day, Year) _____ Birth City and State _____

Are other children in family applying at this time? Name/Grade _____ Name/Grade _____

**PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION**

### FATHER/STEPFATHER/GUARDIAN

Family Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Name _____

Place of Birth _____

Occupation _____ Work Phone # _____

Employer _____

Cell Phone # _____

Email Address _____

Religion _____ Parish _____

Marital Status _____

Elementary School (Name, City, State) _____

High School (Name, City, State) _____

College (Name, City, State) _____

### MOTHER/STEPMOTHER/GUARDIAN

Maiden Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Name _____

Place of Birth _____

Occupation _____ Work Phone # _____

Employer _____

Cell Phone # _____

Email Address _____

Religion _____ Parish _____

Marital Status _____

Elementary School (Name, City, State) _____

High School (Name, City, State) _____

College (Name, City, State) _____

**School presently attending:**

Name of School _____ Address _____

Date Withdrawn _____ Reason for Withdrawal _____

With whom does the student live? _____

Please list name, age, and current school of any siblings: _____

## SACRAMENT INFORMATION

Is your child baptized Catholic? Yes / No If not, what religion is your child? _____

**BAPTISM**

Parish: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Country: _____

Date: _____

**FIRST COMMUNION**

Parish: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Country: _____

Date: _____

## PARISH INFORMATION

Are you a member of St. Bernardine Parish? Yes / No Envelope # _____

If no, please list regular place of worship _____

Has your child regularly attended Religious Education/Pre-School classes? _____

In what Parish programs/ministries are you involved? (Please include length of involvement in program.) _____

## PARENT/GUARDIAN QUESTIONNAIRE

Why do you want your child to attend St. Bernardine of Siena School? _____

Where do you plan to apply if your child is not accepted at St. Bernardine? _____

What are your child's talents? _____

I understand that St. Bernardine of Siena School offers a Catholic education through its general education program. The school is committed to supporting students with identified learning needs and, to the best of its ability, providing minor adjustments, strategies, and interventions within the resources and services available to the school. I understand that, while the school makes every effort to support each student's individual needs, it is a general education program and does not provide specialized services beyond the scope of its program and available resources. The level and type of support the school is able to provide will depend upon the student's individual needs and the resources and personnel available to the school. I also understand that enrollment at St. Bernardine of Siena School does not guarantee that the school will be able to provide all services or supports that may be recommended or needed to meet my child's individual learning needs.

Please add any information that might be pertinent in helping us evaluate this application. _____

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How do you plan to contribute your time and talent to the St. Bernardine School Community? _____

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How did you hear about St. Bernardine of Siena School? _____

We were referred by the _____ Family.

**Applications will not be processed without copies of the following attached:**

_____ Copy of Official Birth Certificate
_____ Baptismal Certificate (if applicable)
_____ Reconciliation Certificate (Grades 3-8) (if applicable)
_____ First Eucharist Certificate (Grades 3-8) (if applicable)
_____ Current Immunization Record
_____ Last Report Card
_____ Last Standardized Test Scores
_____ $100 Application Fee (non-refundable)

_____ Teacher Evaluation Form (to be received directly from the student's current school)

**Please return your completed application to the School Office Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Applications may also be mailed to:**

St. Bernardine of Siena School
6061 Valley Circle Blvd.
Woodland Hills, CA 91367

_____ _____
Parent Signature Parent Signature

**Thank you for your interest in St. Bernardine of Siena School. We look forward to meeting your family soon! May God bless you always.**

**OFFICE USE ONLY:**

_____ Birth Certificate
_____ Baptismal Certificate
_____ Reconciliation Certificate
_____ Communion Certificate
_____ Current Immunization Record
_____ Academic Record
_____ Standardized Test Scores
_____ Teacher Evaluation Form

Application Fee ($100): Cash / Check Check #: _____ Date: _____ Received By: _____

Registered in Parish: Yes / No

Assessment Date: _____

_____ Accepted
_____ Wait List
_____ Not Accepted

_____ Cumulative Record
_____ Gradelink
_____ Added to Class Roster

# ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA SCHOOL
## Evaluation Form –
## Entering Kindergarten or Grade 1

**TO THE PARENT:** *As part of the admissions process at St. Bernardine School, we must receive a candid assessment of the applicant. This form is to be sent in by your child's current school in an officially sealed envelope. Thank you.*

Name of Applicant: _____ Grade Entering: _____

Current School: _____ Length of Time at this School: _____

Address: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

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**TO THE STUDENT'S CURRENT TEACHER:** *Your remarks will be held in strict confidence and will be most appreciated as we begin our review of the student's personal characteristics and academic readiness.* ***Please return this form, along with the applicant's most recent report card*** *to St. Bernardine of Siena School.*
*Thank you very much for your assistance.*

**Please indicate current student progress by using the following scale:**
M = Mastered
E = Emerging Skill
N = Does not display expected level of mastery

**ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS**

_____ Knows the alphabet
_____ Recognizes upper and lower case letters
_____ Can write upper and lower case letters
_____ Knows phonetic sounds
_____ Can identify main ideas in a simple story
_____ Can listen to a story and draw conclusions
_____ Speaks clearly
_____ Can print name
_____ Knows colors
_____ Can sequence events

_____ Can draw pictures that display understanding and growing complexity
_____ Can identify the initial sound of a word
_____ Is reading basic sight words
_____ Can identify rhyming words
_____ Can generate original rhyming words
_____ Is reading sentences
_____ Is reading paragraphs
_____ Can read independently
_____ Can write sight words
_____ Can write a sentence



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**MATH**

_____ Counts up to _____
_____ Can draw geometric shapes
_____ Can count objects correctly
_____ Can repeat four digits in succession
_____ Knows simple addition
_____ Knows simple subtraction
_____ Can recognize patterns
_____ Can assemble puzzles

**SOCIAL GROWTH**

_____ Works independently
_____ Demonstrates effort
_____ Follows two-step directions
_____ Listens well
_____ Shares
_____ Is attentive toward others
_____ Takes turns
_____ Follows directions
_____ Reacts to correction appropriately
_____ Separates from parents appropriately
_____ Can focus on instruction and activities
_____ Exhibits self-control
_____ Plays well with others

**PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT**

_____ Holds a pencil correctly
_____ Cuts with scissors
_____ Ties shoes
_____ Demonstrates fine motor skills

Please describe the student's area of strength: _____

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Please describe the student's areas for growth: _____

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Please check the following, if applicable:

_____ Parents/Guardians meet financial obligations.
_____ Parents/Guardians have difficulty meeting financial obligations.
_____ Parents/Guardians fail to meet financial obligations.

_____ Parents/Guardians support school-sponsored activities.
_____ Parents/Guardians do not support school-sponsored activities.

_____ Parents/Guardians are an asset to the school environment and/or morale.
_____ Parents/Guardians are a detriment to the school environment and/or morale.

Form Completed by: _____ Title: _____

Signature: _____ Phone Number: _____

# ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA SCHOOL
## Grades 2-7 Evaluation Form

**TO THE PARENT:** *As part of the admissions process at St. Bernardine School, we must receive a candid assessment of the applicant. This form is to be sent in by your child's current school in an officially sealed envelope. Thank you.*

Name of Applicant: _____ Grade Entering: _____

Current School: _____ Length of Time at this School: _____

Address: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

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**TO THE STUDENT'S CURRENT TEACHER:** *Your remarks will be held in strict confidence and will be most appreciated as we begin our review of the student's personal characteristics and academic readiness.* ***Please return this form, along with the applicant's most recent report card*** *to St. Bernardine of Siena School. Thank you very much for your assistance.*

| ACADEMIC ASSESSMENT | Excellent | Good | Fair | Below Average |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Motivation | | | | |
| Creative Qualities | | | | |
| Self-Discipline | | | | |
| Growth Potential | | | | |
| Achievement | | | | |
| Ability in Relation to Achievement | | | | |
| Attendance at School | | | | |

| CHARACTER ASSESSMENT | Excellent | Good | Fair | Below Average |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Leadership | | | | |
| Self-Confidence | | | | |
| Personality | | | | |
| Sense of Humor | | | | |
| Concern for Others | | | | |
| Emotional Maturity | | | | |
| Personal Initiative | | | | |
| Reaction to Setbacks | | | | |
| Respectful Attitude Toward Adults | | | | |
| Ability to Work with Others | | | | |
| General Conduct | | | | |

Please write a short recommendation for this student. Please include information about the student's learning style, relationship with teachers, staff, and peers, classroom conduct, effort, and general attitude toward school.

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Have you any reason to doubt the applicant's integrity? _____

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How has the applicant's home environment been a positive force in his/her development? _____

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If the student were to reapply to your school, would you grant acceptance? _____

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Form Completed by: _____

Title: _____

Phone Number: _____

Signature: _____