

SPBS = EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION



1 SUPERB ACADEMIC ENVIRONMENT

We build for success now and in the future

- 100% annual acceptance rate by SPBS graduates into ALL Catholic and private high schools
- SPBS students go on to excel in all areas in Catholic and public High Schools
- Top accreditation awarded to SPBS by WASC (Western Association of Schools & Colleges)
- Consistently high ITBS scores (Iowa Test of Basic Skills) in all grades tested annually
- Students consistently perform above California State core academic standards
- SPBS often receives double the applicants we can accept into our Kindergarten program
- Consistent enrollment of over 335 students despite excellent Conejo Valley public schools, which are free to attend
- Study Hall provided free after school to students

Programs for diverse student needs

- Administration/Faculty/Staff are advocates for each of their student's best interests
- "Accelerated" Honors Program, as well as a Resource Program, and individual Inclusion Plans to help meet diverse student needs
- Spanish classes provided for all grade levels
- Free Math Peer Tutoring for grades 5-8
- Music, plays, concerts, field trips, and Science Camp provided through basic tuition cost

2 EXCELLENT SCHOOL STAFF

We train for and reward staff excellence

- Consistent and strong leadership provided by the principal, vice-principal, and pastor
- Professional growth required of all teachers annually and paid in full by the school
- High expectations for faculty and staff are consistently communicated/enforced
- Principal has served for 15+ years providing consistent stability, vision, and experience
- Pastor teaches an 8th grade Trimester Morality Class every year
- There is a publicly stated vision for the school and written plan to help achieve it
- Annual faculty/staff retreats and social activities

Continual teacher monitoring & evaluations

- Formal written evaluations of all teachers completed 2 times each year
- Weekly Lesson Plans required by all teachers
- Annual Long-Term Curriculum Goals required
- Regular classroom observations by principal
- Classroom Teacher Aides provided for K-8 grades
- Textbooks up to date and aligned with CA State Standards in all academic subjects
- Consistent, rigorous discipline reinforced with "Referral System" and in-class programs
- Large staff of 34 personnel enables programs only found in more expensive private schools

3 STRONG FAITH FORMATION

Morally strong in every area of life

- 100% of our students are Catholic and are current in their Sacraments
- All administration/faculty/staff are Catholics, who model our faith daily
- 100% Catholic student body assures common priorities and values for everyone
- Students learn to "Make Good Choices"
- Excellent Religion Coordinator with support and prep time provided by the Principal

Traditional devotions and celebrations

- Weekly Mass coordinated by a class each week
- Holy Day Services, May Crowning, Daily Prayer
- Stations of the Cross, Weekly Family Rosaries
- Junior High Retreats, Family Prayer Services
- Veteran's Day Assembly, Student Confessions

4 LARGE SPORTS PROGRAM

Sports is a character-building program

- Our opportunity to teach teamwork, rules of the game, sportsmanship, personal effort, and the joy of victory from hard work
- Program offers Football, Basketball, Volleyball, Softball, Cross Country, Cheer, and Swim
- Lower grades (5 & 6) emphasize sports education/encourages all students to participate
- Upper grades (7 & 8) emphasize competition and places the best athletes to compete
- All grades teach *sportsmanship* and fair play

5 EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION

School/family/students together for success

- Parent/Student Handbook clearly explains school expectations, protocols, and requirements
- Overall class expectations for parents/students outlined in Syllabi at Back to School Night
- Weekly Family Envelopes & Principal's weekly newsletter, "The Bear Paw", provide data
- Mid-Trimester Academic Evaluations
- Annual detailed SPBS Calendar; Directory
- Parish Bulletin; SPBS Faculty & Staff Handbook
- Maintenance Forms for facility needs/repairs
- Weekly Faculty Meetings/Trimester Aide Mtgs.
- Grades posted on Web via Gradelink: Grs. 4-8
- Junior High provided weekly "Cover Sheets"

6 CONNECTION WITH PARISH

Parish promotes all school programs

- Strong Pastor support of our school (Pastor is alumni of class of 1966!)
- Annual multi-parish "University" Adult Ed Program provided for faculty/staff
- Annual "Catholic Schools Week" celebration
- Annual Men's Club/Parish/School collaboration with major Festival Fundraiser project
- Annual parish Mass collection for the school

7 GREAT SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

Parents, faculty, and students collaborate

- Administration/Faculty/Staff are advocates for every student's best interests
- Constant parental involvement and leadership throughout both school and parish
- Active, well-run Faculty-led Student Council
- Active PTO, (Parent Teacher Organization) coordinates volunteers, social events, fundraising events, hospitality
- Successful SPBS Development Committee
- Extensive enrichment and after-school student extra-curricular programs
- On-campus accredited Counseling Program provided during school hours
- Affordable Extended Care daily until 6 p.m.
- Consistent age-appropriate discipline in all grades oriented to *teaching appropriate behavior* rather than *punishment*
- Hot Lunch Program four days each week

8 WELL-MAINTAINED CAMPUS

Consistently upgraded facilities

- Fully Automated Library with over 10,000 volumes and "Accelerated Reader" Program
- Updated iMAC Computer Lab/wireless PC laptops for student use in all classrooms
- Networked faculty computers/digital projectors and classroom SMARTBOARDS
- iPrism security on student internet networks

Safe student environment

- Campus video surveillance throughout facility
- Strict safety procedures for outside visitors, contractors, and volunteers on campus
- Trained and paid yard duty staff supervise student recess areas effectively
- Safeguard the Children Guidelines: all staff are VIRTUS-trained; *Teaching Touching Safety* taught to all students in all grades

9 WELL-MANAGED FINANCES

Resources make good things happen

- High level bookkeeping with full transparency and full accountability
- Monthly meetings with school bookkeeper and parish Finance Council
- Successful Fundraising events support SPBS
 - GALA dinner/dance/auction
 - Wrapping Paper Sale, Magazine Drive
 - Library Book Fairs, Scrip, Mega Raffle
 - Jog-A-Thon, Wish List, Online Auction

10 COMMUNITY REPUTATION

Outreach to communities

- Help for disadvantaged Catholic "sister school"
- Outreach to help SPBS families in need
- Good connection to pre-schools & high schools
- SPBS Outreach Ministry supports parish/global ministries; Ryan's Well Program in Africa