

# 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 Catholic high schools
- SPBS students go on to excel in all areas in Catholic and public High Schools
- Maximum term of accreditation granted by WCEA/WASC (Western Catholic Educators Association/Western Association of Schools & Colleges)
- Consistently high standardized test scores in Core Subjects achieved annually by students in all grades
- Students consistently perform above California State recommended academic standards
- Consistent enrollment of approximately 325 students despite good Conejo Valley public schools, which are *free* to attend
- Study Hall provided after school every school day

### *Programs for diverse student needs*

- Administration/Faculty/Staff are *advocates* for their students' 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
- School-wide Art Program for all grades
- iPads used in all grades to enhance curriculum

## 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 school
- High expectations for faculty and staff are consistently communicated/enforced
- Principal has served SPBS for 19+ years providing consistent stability and experience
- Teachers participate in required Catechetical Certification program through Archdiocese
- There is a publicly stated vision for the school, and written plan to help achieve it
- Yearly staff retreats and social activities

### *Continual teacher monitoring & evaluations*

- Formal written evaluations of all teachers and aides completed 1- 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 and CCSS in academic subjects
- Consistent, rigorous discipline reinforced with “Referral System” and in-class programs
- Large staff of 33 personnel enables programs only found in more expensive private schools
- Weekly Faculty and Departmental Meetings held

## **3** STRONG FAITH FORMATION

### **Morally strong in every area of life**

- 100% of the students are Baptized Catholics
- All administration and faculty are Catholics, who model our faith for the students
- 100% Catholic student body assures common priorities and values for everyone
- 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 Liturgy, May Crowning, Daily Prayer
- Stations of the Cross, Advent Prayer Services
- Junior High Retreats, Family Prayer Services
- Veteran's Day Assembly, Student Confessions

## LARGE SPORTS PROGRAM

### **4** **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
- SPBS offers Flag Football, Basketball, Volleyball, Softball, Cheer, Cross Country, Golf, and Swim Team through the VCSL
- Lower grades emphasize sports education and encourage all students to participate
- Upper grades emphasize competition and place the best athletes to compete
- All grades teach sportsmanship and fair play

## EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION

### **5** **School/families/students work for success**

- Parent/Student Handbook explains school expectations and requirements
- Clear expectations for parents/students outlined in Syllabi at Back to School Night
- Weekly Family Envelopes and Principal's weekly newsletter, "The Bear Paw"
- Weekly Junior High Cover Sheets
- Mid-Trimester Academic Evaluations
- SPBS Calendar and SPBS Family Directory
- Faculty & Staff Handbook; Teacher Voicemail
- Current SPBS website with forms and data
- SPB Bulletin Notices/Calendar from the school
- Gradelink (Grades 4-8) online grade access

## CONNECTION WITH PARISH

### **6** **Parish promotes all school programs**

- Strong Pastor support of our school
- Pastor says Friday school Masses
- Annual "Catholic Schools Week" celebration
- 50% of funds provided from parish Fall Fest proceeds to SPBS each year
- Annual Mass Collection donated to school
- Parish Men's Club collaborates with school
- School supports Parish Ministries/Events

## **7** GREAT SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

### **Parents, faculty, and students collaborate**

- Administration/Faculty/Staff are advocates for every student's best interests and success
- Constant parental involvement and leadership in both school and parish
- Active, well-run Faculty-led Student Council
- Active PTO, (Parent Teacher Organization) coordinates volunteers, social events, and fundraising events
- Successful SPBS Development Committee
- Extensive enrichment /after-school programs
- On-campus accredited Counseling Program provided during school hours
- Extended Care provided 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

## WELL-MAINTAINED CAMPUS

### **8** **Consistently upgraded facilities**

- Fully Automated Library with 10,000 volumes and "Accelerated Reader"
- Updated Computer Lab with iMacs
- Networked and wireless classroom computers/digital projectors/Smartboards/iPads

### **Safe student environment**

- Campus video surveillance throughout facility
- Strict safety procedures for outside visitors, contractors, and volunteers on campus
- Alarm system with trained armed responders
- 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

## WELL-MANAGED FINANCES

### **9** **Resources make good things happen**

- High level accounting practices with full transparency and full accountability
- Monthly meetings with school Accounts Manager or Principal and Finance Council
- Successful Fundraising Events:
  - Christmas Boutique/Luncheon
  - Magazine Drive; Online Auction
  - Library Book Fairs; SCRIP/Gift Cards
  - Jog-A-Thon; Wish List; Fashion Show

## COMMUNITY REPUTATION

### **10** **Outreach to communities**

- Help for disadvantaged Catholic "sister school"
- Financial Aid to help SPBS families in need
- Financial support of global Catholic Missions
- Good connection to pre-schools & high schools
- Outreach Ministry supports parish ministries