



St. Isidore Catholic School

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An Educational Ministry of St. Isidore Parish
Serving the Yuba-Sutter Area



At St. Isidore

we work,



we play,



and we

hard each day!

Words from the Principal



Dear Parents, Alumni, and Friends:

At St. Isidore Catholic School we believe work, play, and prayer are the three components of a successful life. As our students grow, they develop a strong work ethic and the ability to manage their time. We instill a balance in every child so that they may become successful, healthy, and most importantly, happy adults.

Our rigorous academic curriculum challenges all students to reach their full potential through hard work. The core subjects of Math, English, Science, and Social Studies are supplemented by instruction in music and art. Students develop good study habits, working to transition smoothly between subjects, learning how to study for each discrete discipline. They discover the wonders of knowledge.

Our integrated Physical Education Program introduces students to the power and benefits of play. An emphasis is put on the importance of physical health as well as teamwork and sportsmanship. They discover the joys of play.

Most important is the student's spiritual life through prayer. Each day the children live the reverence for God. They give Him thanks for the positives in their lives and they learn how to turn to Him in times of trouble. Through the grace of God they discover the power of prayer.

The philosophy of "Work Hard, Play Hard, Pray Hard", three distinct and essential aspects of life, is woven into one tapestry at St. Isidore Catholic School.

God bless.

Edna Renzullo
Principal

Our Mission

St. Isidore's School, an integral part of the educational ministry of St. Isidore's Parish, serves students from Kindergarten through 8th grade. Our school's purpose is to provide those in our parish and surrounding communities, who embrace our philosophy of education, with a program of Catholic religious instruction along with the highest quality academic curriculum. This educational process aims to integrate the Christian truths and values of our Catholic faith into the total life of the student. The culmination of this educational process is a well-rounded person who is capable of becoming a responsible and contributing member of the faith and civic communities.



7th Grade

Spotlight on our Teachers

Sean Schneider

He came to learn but returned to serve!



Today

You've seen him on the fields, in the classroom, encouraging, correcting, and engaging his students. That dynamo of energy is our Athletic Director and Physical Education teacher, Sean Schneider.

Mr. Schneider grew up in Marysville, attending St. Isidore Catholic School, Yuba City High School, and Lindhurst High School. In high school he was a three sport athlete; in college he played only football. He received his A.A. in Liberal Studies from Butte College and then continued his education, earning a B.A. in kinesiology with an option in teacher education at California State University-Chico.

Locally, he has worked with the Extended Opportunity Program and Services at Yuba College as well as taught at both Notre Dame and St. Isidore Catholic Schools. Teaching is a family affair—his mother, Zenobia Brown-Brokenbrough is a former St.

Isidore third grade teacher.

What is the best part about teaching at St. Isidore? "At St. Isidore religion is the foundation of every student's educational experience. The children who graduate from this school have an elevated sense of accountability and discipline."

Mr. Schneider's goals for Physical Education are lofty—creating a better self-image through goal-setting and achievement in a variety of physical activities combined with positive social interaction. The one thing not allowed in his class? The statement "I can't!" As Mr. Schneider puts it, "After students realize that they can always try, then the sky's the limit!"



3rd and 4th Grade PE Class

Alumni Notes

The Work Continues

The next phase of the Father McElwee Memorial Rose Garden is to raise funds for completion of the project. That is to purchase a five foot statue of our patron saint, St. Isidore. The statue will be located in the back of the rose garden with a plaque honoring Father McElwee as well as the statue and patron sponsors. Father McElwee, under the direction of the Diocese of Sacramento, was our Parish's master gardener.

We are continuing to sell bricks as well as take donations for the completion of this project. Once the project is complete, all the proceeds raised through this program will go directly to help support the school.

If you get the chance please go by and visit the memorial that has grown from the seeds Father McElwee had planted so long



ago. If you are interested in making a donation or purchasing a brick please contact the school office at 530-673-2217.

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Returning teacher 1995-2000
Parent of future graduates: 2009, 2011