

## **We Picked the Right School**

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To any parent considering Bishop Kelley,

By the 2012-2013 academic year, our family will have invested 37 "student-years" at Bishop Kelley Catholic School. Our four children attended Bishop Kelley from Kindergarten through Eighth Grade, and one of them went to Preschool. It wasn't free, so the obvious question is whether it was worth it.

When we began shopping for the school where our first-born would start kindergarten we toured Bishop Kelley. Among other things, we were struck by the words written on a sign over the entrance to the school, which read

*"Be it known to all who enter here that Christ is the reason for this school. He is the unseen but ever-present teacher in its classes. He is the model of its faculty and the inspiration of its students."*

Since we were shopping for a school that taught Christian values this was a good sign. We hoped we picked the right school.

After we had been at the school for a year we were taking part in the school's annual Walk-a-Thon and picnic at nearby Crampton park. One of our toddlers was lightly bumped to the ground by a group of older students as the mob raced to the swings. Now, as far as the students knew, the parents were nowhere in sight. Still, a Bishop Kelley Eighth-Grader turned around, ran back, and stood our son back up, made sure he was okay, then dashed off. He lost the race to the swings - by a mile. We were beginning to think that we probably picked the right school.

Recently, one of our high-schoolers, a BKS Alumnus, was elected by his peers to represent their class at the Homecoming Halftime ceremony. The announcer introduced each student, their favorite this or that, and their favorite quote. Imagine our surprise when the announcer quoted scripture as our high schooler was introduced! "The Lord is my light and my salvation of whom shall I be afraid." I heard a kid in the marching band yell "amen!" We knew we picked the right school.

So, after next year when our youngest graduates from BKS we will miss the annual events at the school: First Communions, fund-raisers, Confirmation, Parent-Teacher conferences, all of the things that made BKS a part of our family. But there is a tremendous satisfaction that comes with knowing we have started our kids off with the best chance for success. By the way, our first-born is in college on an academic scholarship and the toddler is three years into a 4.0 grade point average in high school.

We feel strongly that we made the right choice. It was worth every dollar to send our children to BKS. In fact, it was an unbelievable deal!

Very truly yours,  
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