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**WELLSPRING**  
CATHOLIC ACADEMY  
OF ST. BERNADETTE

 Education

# Imagine More For Your Child's Education.

Discover Colorado's Newest **Catholic EL (Expeditionary Learning) School**



## Small School, Big Impact

Preschool (Age 3) – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Wellspring Catholic Academy of St. Bernadette, named for the healing spring of water in Lourdes, France where Our Lady appeared to St. Bernadette, is brimming with communal spirit, dynamic learning, & spiritual vitality! As Colorado's newest Catholic EL school, we're reimagining what school can be with extraordinary results, and we're just getting started...



**+200%**  
Reading Growth



**+300%**  
Mathematics Growth



**< 8:1**  
Student:Teacher Ratio



**7 years**  
Median Teacher Exp.



**+75%**  
Kinship & Compassion



**100%**  
Staff Love Wellspring

### Meteoritic Academic Gains

The Catholic EL School model works for our students, who are more than doubling the growth rates of their peers in public & charter schools in Reading & Math.

### Small School Environment

Deep learning happens in schools like ours, with strong, experienced teachers & small classes, with a student to teacher ratio below 8:1 and average class sizes below 12.

### Joyful Inclusive Culture

Connection inspires learning, and at Wellspring, over ¾ of students feel a strong sense of belonging & care deeply for their crew, & ALL our staff love working here!



As a Catholic EL school, EL Education is both our model of learning & partner organization, supporting high achievement and student impact through the implementation of EL's high-leverage, research-backed instructional practices.

Having its origins in Outward Bound, the famed outdoor experiential learning program founded by Kurt Hahn in the early 1900's, EL (Expeditionary Learning) schools are focused not simply on the mastery of knowledge and skills, but on forming inspired, ethical people who create great work and contribute to a better world. We believe that these great people aren't born, but formed through profound experiences of real challenge, radical compassion, necessary collaboration, awe-inducing adventure, and meaningful service. This kind of learning doesn't happen just sitting in desks, but through thoughtfully-designed learning experiences, like Crew & Learning Expeditions, that situate students as leaders of their own learning. As a Catholic EL School, our students become "Be doers of the word, not hearers only." - James 1:22. We are redefining what Catholic education can be, forming young people to become the servant-leaders, the change-agents, the justice-seekers, and the mission-oriented disciples our world so greatly needs.

# A Refreshingly different kind of school...



Where **joy and excellence** live in each classroom.

Where young people study community-relevant issues, engage in meaningful academic pursuits and projects, & create beautiful work that **contributes to a better world.**



Where **small, diverse classroom communities** foster healthy social-emotional growth & deep learning.

Where we **learn beyond the classroom**, conducting field work, gathering authentic data, working with experts, & undertaking impactful service-learning, to become like the leaders, experts, servants, & saints who inspire us most.



Where young people don't merely memorize prayers, but are taught the **dispositions of the heart** that enable them to love, to focus, to pray, and to know God with their whole being.



Where **whole-child flourishing, rooted in spirituality, discovery, & the arts**, takes precedence over a narrow definition of achievement that considers only standardized assessments.

Where **adventures & excursions into nature** strengthen our community, forge our resilience, & awaken a sense of wonder & awe at the greatness of God & the magnificence of creation.



Where **kids & adults love to be!**



We toured several private schools, and within 5 minutes of visiting Wellspring, we knew this is where we wanted to be. There was a difference when we came in. The atmosphere was so positive, so uplifting. The staff, the students, the teachers seemed so engaged, so happy to be here... I know that my daughter is being supported academically, socially, spiritually, emotionally - My daughter loves school, and she definitely is thriving!

Annie, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent

I want my son to go to college, be a professional, and serve the community. But more than that, I want him to grow up to be a good man. I want him to go out into the world and make a difference... be kind and show up. That's something I'm constantly talking to him about... and having a school that is also able to have those conversations and build on them is just fantastic! This is an investment we are making in my son's future, I'm hoping that I'll raise, we'll raise, a good man who will do good things in the world.

Monica, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Parent

# Apply Now

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Applications are accepted throughout the year on a rolling basis, so apply now!

Call or email our office or visit us online at **GoWellspring.org** to schedule your tour, get an application, and learn more about our income-based sliding-scale tuition estimator - making a great Catholic EL education within reach for all who seek it.

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The mosaic pictured here, found behind the altar in our church here at St. Bernadette, depicts the healing waters of the wellspring in Lourdes, France, flowing forth from the feet of Our Lady.

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