

St. Patrick School Mission Statement

St. Patrick School, a Roman Catholic community, rich in faith and family traditions, believes in preparing the whole child, spiritually, intellectually, socially and culturally for his or her life journey: living a Christ-centered life through service to God and community.

St. Patrick School Vision Statement

We, the members of St. Patrick School, recognize that we are a Catholic family of faith, committed to ongoing learning and growth. We seek to remain open to the movement of the Holy Spirit within our community. In order to build an atmosphere for better discerning the Holy Spirit's presence and action, we practice our faith daily – praying together, caring for one another, and sharing our individual God-given gifts with those in need. As a parish school, we also participate in the full life of our parish, celebrating its joys, mourning its losses, and sharing in the lives and resources of its members.

We seek to remain rooted in the many social and religious traditions that build up and bring life to our community. We also seek to reach out beyond ourselves to welcome the newcomer and invite them to share their gifts and needs with us. We understand that such outreach and welcome is essential to our continued life and existence. We seek to share the full diversity of gifts that current and new members possess.

We acknowledge and respect parents' rights and responsibilities for serving as the primary educators of their children. We envision a vibrant and active partnership in the education of our children, which includes: parents, teachers, administrative and pastoral staffs, non-school family parishioners, and even other Catholic entities and Diocesan organizations. We understand that such a partnership is essential for helping us meet the individual and unique needs of each student.

We will develop into a community of great communicators. Students, teachers, administrative staff, parents, all of us will learn to stretch and grow as readers, writers, speakers and listeners. We will constantly evaluate and improve the way we communicate, seeking more effective ways to impart our values, knowledge and feelings to others. We will assist one another in growing as communicators, by listening attentively to each other, by clarifying what we hear and read, and by responding in dialogue with an attitude of openness and candor.

We will grow into a community that teaches and challenges *all students*, no matter what their various abilities and levels of learning. In caring for one another, we will work together in partnership to develop creative solutions for meeting the needs of both the learning disabled student as well as the gifted ability student. We will offer attractive learning opportunities, for broadening our students' base of knowledge and preparing them for success in their follow on education.

Finally, we will improve the ways we steward our human and financial resources. We will strive to better identify and utilize the gifts and talents of all our parishioners, incorporating greater school volunteerism from non-school family parishioners. We will ask for and reach outside the school to increase private and corporate donations to our school, and we will pursue new outside funding sources and grants.