

Congratulations to US!

Dear Parents and Parishioners,

On April 17, 2020, I received written confirmation that Saint Anselm School has been reaccredited Pre-K through Grade 8 through the Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools for another seven years!!

Saint Anselm School has been accredited through this commission since the early 1970's. In our early days, reaccreditation occurred every ten years until 1999 when the reaccreditation protocol was changed to every seven years. As a result, this is my third experience of reaccreditation in Saint Anselm School, first in 2006, then 2013 & 2020. This process would certainly have not occurred on any of these occasions without the dedicated and knowledgeable faculty and staff who worked diligently on these self-studies through the years. I would like to acknowledge our co-facilitators for this year's process, Mrs. Joanne Smith and Mrs. Freda Tait, whose untiring work along with the entire faculty and staff brought us to this joyful occasion. Our teachers worked on this self-study beginning in September 2018, through the summer months, and into September 2019, until it was prepared for publication for the commission.

From November 3 to 6, 2019, there was a team of four professional educators--one teacher and three administrators from schools outside the Archdiocese of Philadelphia—who visited our school to compare our written self-study to our daily work and actions. Thus, they would be able to validate our self-study. At the end of the visit, the team gave the faculty, staff, and me an oral report of their findings. In all aspects of our work, our school “exceeded expectations.” Therefore, the team recommended our school be reaccredited. While the recommendation was given, we needed to wait for the spring meeting of the commission to read our self-study, read the visiting team's report and recommendation, and decide as to reaccreditation. With gratitude to Our Lord, we have received that approval.

Middle States accreditation is a multifaceted process that schools and school systems voluntarily use to demonstrate they are meeting a defined set of research-based performance standards. The twelve Middle States Standards for Accreditation are mission; governance and leadership; school improvement planning; finances; facilities; school organization and staff; health and safety; educational program; assessment and evidence of student learning; student services; student life and activities; and information resources.

I appreciate the support of our parishioners through their prayers and financial support for our school. I recognize how often you are asked to help us. That help does not go unnoticed. Your financial gifts help us to educate students in an environment permeated with the Gospel message of Jesus Christ.

I am grateful to our parents who put their trust into our school faculty, staff, and administration to help them in their awesome responsibility of educating their children in a Catholic school environment where Jesus is the Central Figure of our existence and ministry. Please know how much we honor and respect your trust in us as we minister to your children daily.

In God's peace,
Mrs. Geraldine Murphy
Principal
Saint Anselm Catholic School