



**St. Cecilia School
Middle States Re-Accreditation
from April 30 – May 3**

April 25, 2023

+ Dear St. Cecilia School Community,

Every seven years, St. Cecilia School conducts a self-study and review as part of our re-accreditation by the Middle States Association Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools (MSA-CES). This process helps us to reflect on our mission and our core values and beliefs. The self-study also assists us to identify our strengths and the areas in which we need to improve. We have designed a plan for growth and improvement for the next seven years. Since our self-study and plan for growth and improvement are complete, we are now ready to host a team of peer evaluators.

Our Middle States Team will arrive on Sunday, April 30 and spend the next three days, May 1, 2, and 3, in our school. They will spend these days visiting classrooms, interviewing faculty, staff, parents, students and other stakeholders, and studying our documents. After receiving instructions and guidance from the Middle States Team, we invited parents and students to meet with the team. We are grateful to our families and students to those who are able to do so. We are also grateful for your input last summer when you completed the surveys. After all their work is finished, we hope that our Middle States Team will recommend that the Middle States Association confirm our Accreditation.

Our Mission Statement and Core Values are part of our Foundational Documents. They should give us the focus and direction for all we do. I shared them with you in January and early February. I have included them in this Weekly Word. I also included the Profile of a Graduate. It is our hope and goal that when the students complete their education here at St. Cecilia School, that they will possess the qualities, gifts and strengths that are listed here.

We ask for your prayers and support of our faculty and staff as they make their final preparations for the visit from the Middle States Association. Let us pray for all of our children and families.

Thank you!
God bless you,
Sister Catherine Irene, IHM



Saint Cecilia School Mission Statement

Saint Cecilia Parish School is a Christ-centered community committed to our Catholic identity and academic excellence. Our administrators, faculty, staff, families, and students collaborate in an environment of shared values. Inspired by the spirit of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, we empower our students to explore and develop their individual God-given talents. Animated by faith, hope, and love, we live Gospel values and respond to the needs of the global society.

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Belief Statements/Core Values

We believe...

A Christ-centered community embodies the ideals inherent in the Gospel.

The family is the primary educator of the faith.

The integration of Catholic values, ethics and morals defines our mission as Catholic educators.

We instill Christian values by nurturing an environment of mutual respect and understanding of all people.

Each child is a unique individual with God-given talents.

Daily dedication to the prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi strengthens our commitment to being instruments of peace.

All students have a right to a safe, positive, and engaging learning environment.

Self-esteem fosters positive character development, academic achievement and leadership qualities.

The collaboration among administrators, faculty, staff and families is vital to the faith formation and academic achievement of students.

A rigorous and relevant curriculum integrated with technology prepares students to be a productive member of our global society.

Ongoing professional development for faculty and staff facilitates best learning practices.

Tuition assistance, financial aid and scholarships provide families access to an affordable Catholic education.

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PROFILE OF A GRADUATE

A graduate of St. Cecilia School will...

Deepen his/her faith in a nurturing religious environment.
Appreciate his/her God-given talents and use them in a respectful manner.
Possess an ability to deal with real-life situations as a person of faith, with character and integrity demonstrating Christ-like love for everyone.
Demonstrate proficiency in the current Archdiocesan Standards for Mathematics and English Language Arts.
Communicate and express ideas using academic vocabulary in all content areas.
Adapt to various situations and various teaching styles.
Continue to develop study skills and work habits that prepare him/her to be a member of the global community.
Demonstrate the effective use of technology in all content areas.
Know his/her intellectual, artistic, and athletic gifts and use them for the good of his/her faith and community.

A graduate of Saint Cecilia School will demonstrate Christian values in everyday life through...

An ongoing commitment to his/her faith through participation in Mass, and the development of a respectful prayer life.
Living the gospel values in his/her interaction with all people.
Active involvement in service-related activities in the community.
Spreading the Mission of St. Cecilia School through jovial and positive repartee.

A graduate of Saint Cecilia School will apply his/her education to his/her future as a student and an adult by...

Having confidence in facing the challenges of the future.
Developing critical thinking and problem-solving skills necessary for the 21st century learner.
Using technology in an appropriate manner aligned with Christian ideals to enhance their education.

A graduate of Saint Cecilia School will demonstrate the key qualities of...

Respect for self and others, which is the heart of the legacy of Jesus and our Catholic faith.
Assurance in facing the challenges awaiting them in their future lives.
Compassion for all people regardless of creed, gender, race/ethnicity, or socioeconomic status.
A desire to work for peace and justice in their school, community, and the world in accordance with Catholic Social Teaching.
Problem-solving skills needed to make informed, ethical, moral, and social decisions.
A positive self-image by remembering who one is and what school one attended in all their future endeavors.
Leadership skills necessary for success in the global society.
Individuality to appreciate his/her God-given gifts.