



**Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools**  
**Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools**

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**OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION OF ACCREDITATION**

April 15, 2021

Michael Killmeyer  
Head of School System  
Diocese of Pittsburgh North Hills Regional Catholic Elementary Schools  
Blessed Francis Seelos Academy  
Blessed Trinity Academy  
Christ the Divine Teacher Catholic Academy  
Holy Cross Academy  
Saint James School  
800 Avila Court  
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Dear Mr. Killmeyer:

It is my pleasure to inform you that at its April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting the Commission on Elementary Schools of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools voted to award the following to **Diocese of Pittsburgh North Hills Regional Catholic Elementary Schools (Systems)**, grades PK3-8:

**ACCREDITATION**

The term of accreditation is for seven years, effective **April 7, 2022** and expiring on **July 1, 2029**.

An "Accredited" institution is an educational organization that meets all MSA Standards for Accreditation, adheres to applicable MSA policies, and meets the requirements of the self-study protocol used. The institution agrees to adhere to all requirements for maintenance of accreditation.

At the beginning of the third year in your school's accreditation term, you are required to submit a Mid-Term Report in which you provide evidence that you are implementing your Plan for Growth and Improvement and of progress being made toward achieving your objectives. The Report will be reviewed by the Middle States staff, which will determine whether an on-site visit must be conducted to examine any areas of concern.

In the sixth year of the accreditation term, you will be notified to begin a new self-study to prepare for the next accreditation visit.

Please accept our sincere congratulations on the recognition of your school as an accredited member of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. Enclosed please find your Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools accreditation certificate and other materials you can use to make this achievement known to your community of stakeholders. We are pleased that you continue to be among the schools throughout the world that meet the internationally recognized standards of quality

of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. The staff of the Commissions will be happy to be of service to you and your school at any time.

Sincerely,



Henry G. Cram, Ed.D  
Interim President  
Middle States Association  
Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools

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<u>Next Activities Due</u>
Mid-Term Report: <b>5/1/2025</b>
Team Visit: <b>Fall 2028</b>
Accreditation Expires: <b>7/1/2029</b>
MSA Internal School Code: <b>SYSDPITTNHRCES</b>