

Beyond the Classroom

Athletics

Both the school and CYO field an array of sport programs designed to both challenge our young people physically and teach important life lessons such as teamwork, discipline and sportsmanship.

Activities include:

- Field Hockey
- Boys Varsity Basketball
- Boys JV Basketball
- Girls Varsity Basketball
- Girls JV Basketball
- Girls Volleyball
- Cross-Country
- Track
- Baseball
- Softball
- Soccer



The Arts

Formal art lessons are provided on a weekly basis for students in grades 5-8. Students have the option for piano, violin, chorus and instrumental band lessons. Band concerts, the school show and the annual Passion Play provide opportunities to participate in the performing arts.



Other programs and activities include:

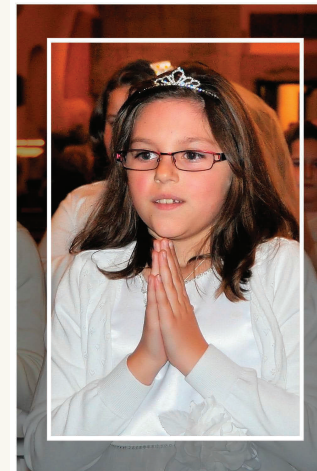
- Vacation Bible School
- Rosetta Stone K-12 Language Program
- Altar Servers
- Annual CYO Ski Trip
- Class Trips
- Mystery Readers
- IBC: Healthy Futures Initiative
- Science Fair / Guest Scientists
- Fitness Club (4th -8th grades)
- Student Assemblies
- Future City Competition®
- Internet Safety Program
- Mercy Vocational/ Drexel University Partnership: Social Media Project
- PA Mathematics League Contest
- Young Illustrator's Day
- National Geography Challenge
- National Science Challenge
- Annual 5K Spirit Run



Our Commitment to Excellence



We are committed to assisting parents in preparing the next generation of practicing Catholics who are well educated in the Catholic faith and capable of leadership in creating a culture of life and a civilization of love.

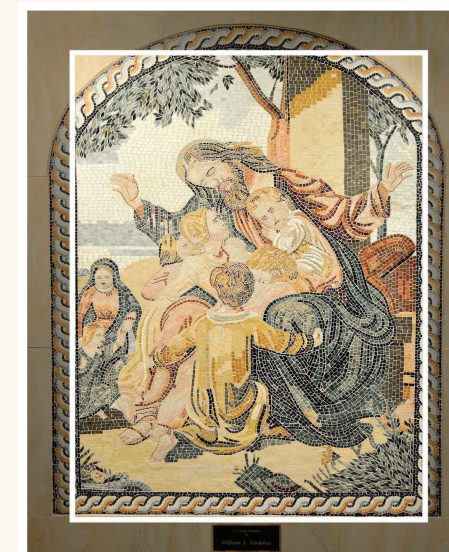


We are committed to providing a rigorous curriculum presented in a learning environment that supports high levels of student engagement where ever-evolving technologies and 21st century skills are integrated with information relevant to the present as well as the future. In 2014, we introduced the Rosetta Stone K-12 Language Program for grades K-8. Students in K-4 will learn Spanish while students in 5-8 are free to select from over two dozen language options including Latin.



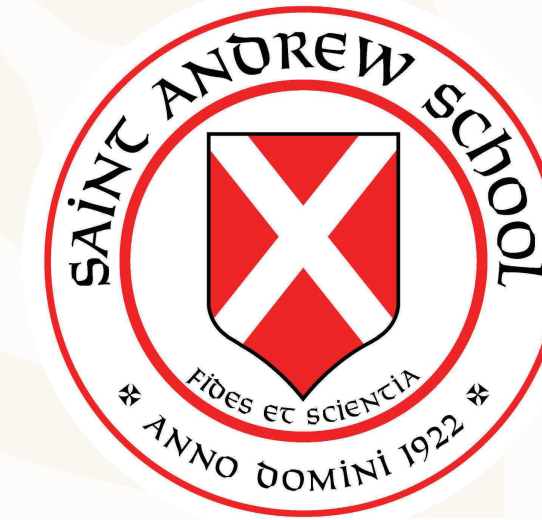
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SAINT ANDREW school

Providing a Quality Roman Catholic Education



BUILDING A CULTURE OF LIFE & A CIVILIZATION
OF LOVE THROUGH FAITH & KNOWLEDGE

FAITH



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VALUES



Saint Andrew School

Our Mission

- Guide students in the understanding that they were created by God to provide loving service throughout their lives by sharing their innate gifts and talents with others in accordance with the Gospel message.
- Strive to create successful learners by building positive collaborative relationships among students, educators and families in a Christ-centered community.
- Develop well-rounded learners who accept everyday challenges and embrace life's opportunities.

History

Saint Andrew School began operations in 1922, six years after the founding of St. Andrew Parish (1916) and six years before the dedication of our current Church building (1928). Consistently throughout the ensuing decades, we have demonstrated our commitment to our children through faith formation and academic excellence. We continue to be ever grateful for the financial sacrifices of generations past and present, for the unwavering support of our parish priests, and the exceptional dedication of the Sisters of St. Joseph. Strengthened by our noble past founded on faith, love and sacrifice and looking forward to our future with clear purpose and steadfast resolve, we are firmly committed to our pursuit of excellence and to building a culture of life and a civilization of love through faith and knowledge.

Admissions

Saint Andrew School is fully accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. (For a complete description - go to **msa-cess.org**) No child will be denied admission on the basis of color, race or ethnic origin. Please refer to the *Admission Page* of the school's website - for age requirements, and other essential certificates, records, documents, forms and fees. (**saintandrewschool.com**)



Facts & Figures

Staff:

- Principal, Vice Principal, Administrative Assistant, Administrative Aide & Receptionist
- Faculty - 21 full time and 5 part-time
- Ten (10) Masters Degrees
- Seven faculty specialists – Advanced Math, Reading Specialist, Music, Art, Technology, Physical Education & Library
- Instructional Support Team - 5 specially trained teachers, the Principal, Vice Principal and DCIU Counselor serve to intervene with children having difficulty with their studies

School Day / Times

- Pre-K 3 year olds – 8:05 – 11:00 am – Tuesday & Thursday
- Pre-K 4 year olds – 8:05 – 11:30 am – Monday, Wednesday & Friday
- 'Lunch Bunch' opportunities for Pre-K students
- Kindergarten – 8th grade – 8:05 am – 2:45 pm – Monday through Friday

CARES Extended Day Program (Kindergarten through 8th grade) 7:30 – 8:00 am; Kindergarten through 6th grade - 2:45 – 6:00 pm

Faith & Service

Saint Andrew School collaborates with parents in raising and forming their children as families struggle with the challenging secular culture in which we live. We provide our students with sound Church teaching through a broad-based curriculum, where faith and culture are intertwined in all areas of school life. By equipping our children with a solid Catholic education, rooted in the Gospel message, we provide a strong foundation to live morally and uprightly in our complex modern world and make available the tools to build a culture of life and a civilization of love.

Passing on Our Faith

Through:

- Daily Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance and Peace Prayer
- Religion Class
- School Liturgies
- Frequent Reconciliation Opportunities
- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- Student Retreats
- Stations of the Cross
- May Procession
- Annual Passion Play
- Live Nativity Production
- Prayer Services
- Forty Hours Devotion
- Ash Wednesday Service



Called to Serve

Our Faith tells us that God, the Creator, is the maker of heaven and earth, and of all things seen and unseen. Accordingly, everything we have is a gift from God. We are called, as Disciples of Jesus, to be good stewards of these gifts – serving Our Lord and our neighbor. At Saint Andrew School, we nurture and cultivate our children's intellectual, physical, emotional and spiritual gifts in the many ways outlined in this brochure. In turn, our children joyfully share their gifts in a wide variety of service projects and activities including:



- Christmas Caroling
- Letter Writing to the Homebound
- St. Vincent de Paul Society
- Nickels for Neighbors Program
- Altar Servers
- Mother's Home
- Student Safeties
- Student Council
- Service Program
- Annual Pasta Dinner for Parish Community
- Operation Santa Claus

Challenging Curriculum

Exceeding Expectations

In addition to a strong spiritual foundation described in the adjoining panel, Saint Andrew School provides a solid academic program to develop each student's full potential. We provide a safe learning environment in an atmosphere supportive of family life and values, where order and discipline are valued as worthwhile habits to develop.

An important benchmark to gauge our academic performance and progress is the standardized ***Terra Nova Test*** administered throughout the parochial school system in the Archdiocese. Our scores consistently show that the majority of our students achieve mastery level of the grade objectives and over 80% of them score above the national average!

Excelling in standardized tests has not been achieved at the expense of providing a well-rounded educational experience for our students. It is no surprise that their outstanding performance in the sciences, arts and technology mirror their accomplishments in the more traditional core curriculum. We continue to have 25% of our graduates receive scholarships to Private & Diocesan High Schools and are well represented in Advance Placement courses, particularly in the math and science fields.

Technology – Our state of the art computer lab is equipped with 30 Dell computers with flat screen monitors, an overhead LCD projector, and Smart Board. Every classroom has Internet access and Interactive SMART Boards. Each school building is equipped with 60 iPads / Netbooks for student use in addition to the computer lab. As a courtesy to our parents, grades and homework are available online. Our graduates are proficient in the use of Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Google Docs.

Science – SAS has joined an elite group of parochial schools in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to install the LabLearner Program - the innovative computer-based science curriculum. LabLearner (**lablearner.com**) is a 100% hands-on system of Pre-K through 8th grade science education that includes a fully equipped in-school laboratory, complete curriculum including all assessments, and teacher professional development. Everything students learn about science with LabLearner, they learn through hands-on experiences - everything!

Learning Support Services — A strong and active Instructional Support Team exists to help teachers and parents support the child who may be dealing with academic or behavioral issues. In addition, speech therapy, hearing therapy, remedial reading or math classes, and counseling services are available on site through the Intermediate Unit.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Program - is the result of a long period of careful observation of children by Sofia Cavalletti and her Montessori collaborator, Gianna Gobbi. She saw a way of being in the presence of God that is both unique to the child and a gift to the adult who stops long enough to notice. Perhaps it is because Sofia went before the child with no preconceived ideas of what should happen that the child responded with such joy. This program assists the involvement of children and adults in a common religious experience in which the religious values of childhood, primarily those values of contemplation and enjoyment of God, are predominant.

Reading Specialist - To ensure that essential literacy skills are developed in all students, reading support is provided to students in need in grades 1-5.

Health & Physical Education –All students learn about healthy lifestyles in weekly Physical Education and Wellness Program, in partnership with IBC & Mercy Vocational / Drexel University Programs. Activities include Fitness Club and the Presidential Fitness Challenge. Health classes are taught weekly to Gr. 7-8

Advanced Math –Qualified students in grades 5-8 are challenged to broaden mathematical skills, especially problem solving. After 4 years, students will have completed an Algebra I course. Students are also introduced to Geometry and Trigonometry.