

School Goals

2011-12

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

1. To have each classroom dedicate a bulletin board to a current Catholic lay person as a way of modeling a religious vocation.
2. To have classes write a weekly Wednesday morning prayer.
3. To prepare the students for the liturgical changes that will take place as of Advent.
4. To have our older students regularly visit the Adoration Chapel.
5. To update our Religion Handbook.
6. To participate in the diocesan Adopt-a-Seminarian program.

ACADEMICS

1. To increase the number of accelerated classes in the Jr. High.
 - a. By offering a Writer's Workshop course to qualified students in grades 7 & 8
 - b. By expanding Literature Plus to include qualified 7th graders
2. To modify the Project Explore curriculum to feature more advanced Science.
3. To update our curriculum guides.
4. To enhance our Reading program:
 - a. By adopting a new Reading text for the elementary students.
 - b. By expanding our Reading enrichment program, R.E.A.L. Time, to include fifth grade.
 - c. By adopting new literature titles for our jr. high.
 - d. By creating a summer reading list for incoming jr. high students.
 - e. To replace Accelerated Readers with Tumblebooks, a multi-media enrichment assessment tool.
5. To provide parents with an online virtual tour of jr. high curriculum.
6. To have teachers make presentations at School Board meetings.
7. To increase Math computation scores.
 - a. By incorporating Math into the R.E.A.L. Time program
 - b. To investigate ALEKS as an online supplemental website
8. To create a Math Competition with other Catholic schools.
9. To gauge the level of interest for consideration of a longer school year.

COMMUNICATION

1. To have our counselor offer hold a coffee for parents, and a class for students, to help both better understand the rationale and expectations of our discipline policy.
2. To have our counselor focus jr. high students on the issue of exclusion as a way to build community amongst their classmates.
3. To have all of our support staff present at Orientation Nights.
4. To update our Kindergarten Handbook.
5. To purchase a software program that allows parents to schedule their own Parent-Teacher conferences.
6. To continue to provide parents with reading materials, such as ***NO, Why Children Need to Hear It and Ways Parents Can Say It***, as well as ***The Price of Privilege***, that can assist parents in raising their children.
7. To list something in the assignment section of Edline that will show up on progress reports instead of ***

TECHNOLOGY

1. To acquire Kindles and I-Pads for students to use for E-Reading and interactive activities.
2. To introduce Dragon Naturally Speaking software in upper grade Language Arts classes.
3. To make the practice of Skyping more common in order to reach a global community of experts and collaborative opportunities.
4. To utilize internet resources such as Google Docs and web 2.0 tools to take advantage of Cloud computing.