

Sts. Philip & James School

MISSION AND BELIEF STATEMENTS

REFLECT THE FUNDAMENTAL CONVICTIONS, VALUES AND CHARACTER OF STS. PHILIP & JAMES SCHOOL

MISSION STATEMENT

Saints Philip & James School is dedicated to providing a Catholic education which nourishes the respect for individual diversity, fosters cooperative learning and promotes global awareness. Our primary commitment is to integrate the Gospel message into the development of the spiritual, intellectual, emotional, social and physical growth of our students.

BELIEF STATEMENTS

For our RELIGIOUS IDENTITY:

We believe. . .

- * God's gift of life blesses all people with intrinsic worth and the capacity for good.
- * Because we are created in the image of God, the capacity of individuals to learn, feel, dream, visualize and achieve is limitless.
- * The learning atmosphere should reflect and teach Catholic values, ethics and morals, which serve as a foundation for continued faith development.
- * Teaching in a Catholic educational environment is a true vocation, which should be recognized, developed and honored.
- * Celebrating the Eucharist together with Christian Service teaches our students to live the Gospel commandment, "Love one another."

For our ACADEMIC ENVIRONMENT:

We believe. . .

- * Learning is a life-long process and is the most important process that can be taught and nurtured.
- * All children should be provided the opportunity for spiritual, academic and intellectual growth.
- * All students have the right to a safe, nurturing and comfortable environment.
- * Positive self-esteem is vital for the growth of our students.
- * In a learning process which encourages students to risk failure and demonstrate resiliency and perseverance in the pursuit of meaningful growth.
- * All students are entitled to an academic environment that fosters cooperative learning.
- * All students will be empowered with skills needed for the Twenty-First Century.

For the GROWTH OF OUR COMMUNITY:

We believe. . .

- * Expression and consideration of all ideals is vital to any successful collaborative effort.
- * Respecting individuality and diversity promotes understanding, compassion and cooperation.
- * A shared decision-making process provides for successful implementation of our mission goals.
- * An effective education requires ongoing cooperative relationships between the school, home, parish and community.

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