

St. Ann School
Middle States 2021 Midterm Summary
for the SAS Community

Accomplishments:

1. The school building adheres to all Covid safety standards for our children and staff including air purifiers, temperature monitoring stations, safety stickers, hand sanitizing stations, biotech technology, and desks arranged in each classroom for social distancing.
2. The campus has been improved through many major undertakings. The roof was replaced in the Social Hall, the stage floor was redone, the stage was made handicapped accessible, a one-way mirror door was installed as a security measure to shield a view inside of the school from the street, the roof of church was replaced and the Divine Mercy Chapel, a favorite with parishioners and students alike, received new paint and carpet. The church parking lot was fenced off to enable the space to be used by students for outdoor gym classes and recess. A new sound system was installed in the Social Hall.
3. Increases in technology: Since March of 2020, the following technology purchases were made and further transformed the learning environment.
 1. Purchased document cameras for teachers to use for teaching remotely from home as needed in the spring of 2020.
 2. Purchased webcams for each classroom (Pre-K 3 to Grade 8) to enable live remote instruction for the 2020-21 school year.
 3. Purchased new laptops for teachers so they have reliable and consistent hardware to teach from any location
 4. Purchased new Chromebooks for grades 3 and 4 so we can now offer one-to-one Chromebooks in Grade 3-8 and one-to-one iPads for students in grades K-2.
 5. Purchased and enrolled K-8 students in ClassLink Single Sign On application to make online learning easier and more convenient for students and families.
 6. Expanding access to our broadband capacity to improve internet reliability and speed in school over Easter break.

Benchmarks:

Reading Goal: We are actively working on improving students' reading comprehension.

1. Renaissance STAR 360 program offers real time data for teachers to offer individualized instruction and whole group targets for improvement.
2. Accelerated Reader programs are offered at each grade level to encourage sustained silent reading.
3. Professional development for teachers is continuously offered to improve reading instruction.

4. Resources are being used and new resources evaluated to offer streamlined opportunities for online learners to optimize hybrid learning.

Religion Goal: We are actively working on student engagement in faith.

1. Each class attends Mass in person in the church on an eight-week rotating schedule. These Masses are for students only and not open to the public due to Covid precautions.

2. Online Masses are available each week for classroom use. Special Masses and religious devotions are recorded in the church for the St. Ann students to view.

3. Service opportunities are provided for students to participate in helping others. The school has a detailed list of the activities that we have participated in throughout the three years evaluated. It is a pleasure to see the students working together on a goal for someone else in the community.

Student Accomplishments:

1. **Scholastic Writing Competitions:** Students have won in several areas in the Scholastic Writing Competition including a prized Gold Key and Silver Key Awards.
2. **National Junior Honor Society:** We have incorporated the NJHS into our programs at St. Ann. Students who meet academic and conduct requirements are invited to attend.
 - a. The NJHS has implemented a book transfer program to relocate grade-appropriate books closer to students to make them more accessible and encourage reading. Book carts will be available for most grades.
3. **Science Olympiad:** Our grade 6-8 Team has been 3rd in the State for 3 consecutive years; awaiting this year's results. Our grade 4-5 team has been invited to participate at the State level for the first time this year.
4. **Math League:** St. Ann's made the "Elite Eight" top teams in the State.
5. **Service Opportunities:** Students have been engaged in food drives for the hungry, collecting school supplies for students in underprivileged schools, supplying hygiene items for the homeless, and making cards for those in need.