



Parental Involvement Plan

St. Ann Catholic School

2018-2019

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Mission Statement

“Our mission is to provide a Catholic education through faith, service, and love.” (revised July 2018)

Vision Statement

“We envision a thriving school for all children that will provide a premier education in the Catholic tradition.” (revised July 2018)

Beliefs:

Educators who have been called to this mission believe:

1. Students need to develop a deep understanding of essential knowledge and skills, but also need to develop the capacity to apply their learning and reason, solve problems, and produce quality work.
2. Each student is a valued individual with unique spiritual, physical, social, emotional and intellectual needs.
3. A safe, supportive and nurturing learning environment promotes student achievement.
4. A chief priority of our Catholic system is education in the Catholic faith and the faith development of our students.
5. Achievement of high academic standards is expected of all students.
6. Worship, the sacraments and prayer are essential components of the Catholic schools.
7. The success of our school system depends upon the commitment of all personnel (administration, teachers, and support staff) to high quality standards, expectations and performances.
8. Effective collaboration and communication with families as partners in the education of their children is essential to the success of our school system.
9. Catholic schools recognize parents and families as the primary educators of their children.
10. The development of curriculum, design of instructional activities and the use of assessment measures are focused on learning opportunities and feedback to assist student achievement.

Unity

Author Unknown

I dreamed I stood in a studio
and watched two sculptors there,
The clay they used was a young child's mind
and they fashioned it with care.

One was a teacher;
The tools she used were books and music and
art.
One was a parent with a guiding hand and gentle
loving heart.

And when at last their work was done,
they were proud of what they had wrought.
For the things they had worked into the child
could never be sold or bought!

And each agreed that the child had thrived
Because they had not worked alone.
For behind the parent stood the school,
and behind the teacher stood the home!

Parent Involvement

(from The Parent Institute)

- Parent involvement is all about the children.
- Parent involvement boosts student achievement.
- Communication with parents must be carefully planned and two-way.
- It is important to treat parents as partners instead of as clients.
- Parent trust in your school is required for student achievement.
- Parent involvement barriers are real- and must be addressed.
- School staff makes all the difference in parent involvement.
- It is important to make sure you don't have a parent involvement disconnect.
- It is important to know why parents say they are not more involved.

School Plan

It is important that each school has a plan, which organizes and outlines parental involvement strategies and activities each year. Research shows that children whose parents are involved in their school perform better academically. Parents are children's first educators and it is imperative that schools and parents work together to support student learning. This goes beyond merely informing parents of what is happening at the school or communicating about grades and homework. It goes beyond getting parents to participate in school fundraisers or volunteering at class parties. According to the work of Joyce Epstein, there are "six types of involvement" schools should implement to support student learning. These areas are communicating, helping parents promote children, volunteering, student learning, decision making, and collaborating with community. In addition to these six, we have added faith formation to encompass the spiritual foundation of our school.

Below we have listed each area and included strategies and activities that we will employ to engage our families.

Communicating

There are many ways the school can communicate with parents about progress of students, school events, school progress, etc.

- Parent Plus Web Portal <https://www.plusportals.com/StAnn>
- Weekly school newsletter – Monday Notes
- IRIS messages
- Progress reports
- Quarterly report cards
- Email updates
- Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/StAnnCatholicSchoolBartlettTN/>
- Twitter <https://twitter.com/stannschool>
- Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/st.anncatholicschoolbartlett/>
- Colt Parent <https://www.facebook.com/groups/StAnnParents/?ref=bookmarks>
- Teacher websites/blogs
- Principal’s weekly blog <https://didieraur.blogspot.com/>

Helping Parents Promote Children

Schools and families can work together, assisting each other with child rearing skills.

Activity	Person(s) Responsible	Timeline
Parent Meetings	Homeroom teachers	August 2018
Home and School Meetings	Home and School Organization	Quarterly
Parent Teacher Conferences	All teachers	Fall 2018

Student Learning

There are many ways parents can help their children learn at home.

Activity	Person(s) Responsible	Date	Website
S.T.R.E.A.M. Night	All teachers	December 2018	NA
IXL	All teachers	Daily	https://www.ixl.com/signin/stannes
ReadWorks	All teachers	Daily	https://www.readworks.org
Khan Academy	All teachers	Daily	https://www.khanacademy.org
ReadnQuiz	All teachers	Daily	https://readnquiz.com/home.aspx?id=7800

Volunteering

There are many ways parents can be involved as volunteers with the school.

Examples include:

- Home and School Organization
- Room parents
- Field trip chaperones
- Lunchroom monitors
- Library volunteers
- LIFE reading volunteers
- Athletic coaches

Decision Making

Schools can engage parents in the decision making process of the school. Interested individuals who would like to make a difference in the school may join one of the following school board committees:

- Athletic Committee
- Advancement Committee
 - Alumni Committee
- Development/Advancement Committee
- Finance Committee
- AdvancED School Improvement Team

Collaborating with Community

There are many community resources available, including businesses, community agencies, government agencies, church groups, etc. that can provide services to the school and the families within the school.

Faith Formation

As a Catholic school, it is our mission to work with students and families in the faith formation of each student. This includes faith formation of Catholic students within the Catholic Church and encouraging non-Catholic students to participate in faith formation within their family's religious context.

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2018-2019

August 1, 2018.....	Orientation Day 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. (Youth Gym)
August 7, 2018.....	First Day of School (1/2 day) 11:30 Dismissal
August 15, 2018.....	School Closed - Feast of the Assumption
September 3, 2018.....	School Closed - Labor Day
October 5, 2018.....	School Closed - Prof. Day
October 8 & 9, 2018.....	School Closed - Fall Break
October 25, 2018.....	1/2 Day of School – Parent/Teacher Conference
October 26, 2018.....	School Closed – Staff Religious Retreat Day
November 1, 2018.....	School Closed – All Saints Day
November 19-23, 2018.....	School Closed – Thanksgiving Break
December 21, 2018.....	1/2 Day-Christmas Break Starts 11:30 dismissal
December 24—January 4, 2019.....	School Closed - Christmas Break
January 7, 2019.....	Classes Resume
January 21, 2019.....	School Closed—Martin Luther King Holiday
February 18, 2019.....	School Closed—President’s Day
March 11-15, 2019.....	School Closed for Spring Break
April 18, 2019.....	1/2 Day School – Holy Thursday
April 19, 2018.....	School Closed – Good Friday
April 22, 2019.....	School Closed – Easter Monday
May 24, 2018.....	1/2 Day Last Day of School 11:30 Dismissal

Website calendar is updated on a daily basis.

<http://www.saintannbartlettschool.org/calendar/>

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