

# Student/Parent Handbook

## Introduction

### Mission Statement

St. Anne's Parish School, a nonpublic accredited school, believes Catholic values empower our students to live out their faith guided by the Holy Spirit. St. Anne's community is committed to fulfilling the needs of each child by providing a safe, nurturing environment to equip students for life-long learning.

### Philosophy

- We believe that a nurturing environment consists of a faith-filled community that shows respect and compassion for themselves and others.
- We acknowledge the uniqueness of each child making them feel safe spiritually, academically, socially and physically.
- We celebrate and model the teachings of Christ to create life-long learning.
- Christ is our foundation.

### Belief Statements

- I We believe in assisting the child in his/her growing relationship with God and proclaiming the Gospel message through:
- A. Knowledge and understanding of the Gospel and Catholic beliefs
  - B. Providing opportunities to plan and participate in various types of worship/prayer styles, art, music, drama, etc.)
  - C. Development of personal responsibility to the Liturgy of Word and Eucharist (Mass), Sacramental reception and living the Christian life.
  - D. Fostering a concern of the universal church in accepting responsibility to the communities locally, nationally and internationally.
- I We believe in providing the child an opportunity to strengthen the following qualities for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.
- A. Applying of knowledge in all academic areas.
  - B. Experiencing of music, art, literature, drama through active participation.
  - C. Developing fundamentals of speaking, reading, listening, thinking and writing throughout the entire curriculum and in family activities.
  - D. Recognizing and valuing their strengths and challenges.
  - E. Ability to adapt and grow through change.
  - F. Encourage the development of an inquiring mind through a nurturing environment.
  - G. Growing in life skills for daily living and interaction with others.
  - H. Creating an awareness and involvement in stewardship of the earth through rethinking, reducing, reusing and recycling.
  - I. Incorporating technology and provide hands on experience to improve learning and quality of life.
  - J. Becoming knowledgeable and respectful of cultures, religions, genders and disability diversity.
  - K. Promoting decision making about choices of a healthy lifestyle including: nutrition, lifetime activities, chemical awareness and physical fitness.
- III We believe in helping each child to grow in becoming a viable community member by:
- A. Reaching out to others and working together to build community.
  - B. Accepting social responsibility to local, national and international happenings.
  - C. Respecting self, others and property.
  - D. Recognizing and valuing their strengths and challenges.
  - E. Realizing and understanding that learning is an ongoing process.
  - F. Using social and academic skills toward service of self and others.

### School Accreditation

St. Anne's is accredited by the Minnesota Non-public School Accrediting Association and annual reports are submitted to this agency in order to meet Association standards.

Curriculum evaluation is an on-going process at our school. Programs are selected after careful study and consultation of the part of the staff.

### **School History**

St. Anne's School was started in September of 1882. The dreams and labors of Father Wurst, the first pastor at St. Anne's, became a reality with approximately twenty-five families who were determined to give their children a Catholic education.

The present St. Anne's facility opened its doors on September 3, 1957 to 271 students in grades one through eight. St. Anne's continues to remain a viable part of St. Anne's Parish and the community of Le Sueur.