

Executive Summary of the Findings of the Visiting Committee

This page documents the many strengths of the school and the school's critical areas of growth affirmed by the Visiting Committee. This summary is designed to be shared with the broader school community.

Schoolwide Areas of Strength as Identified by the Visiting Committee

Domain 1: Mission and Catholic Identity

- St. Patrick Catholic School is an excellent school that is guided by a clearly communicated mission that embraces a Catholic Identity rooted in Gospel values and committed to faith formation and academic excellence
- St. Patrick's Catholic faith is prominent in visuals, teaching and practice.
- Students pray before meals and at the end of the day with their classroom teacher. Each Tuesday, a "faith community" is led by students.

Domain 2: Governance and Leadership

- The school has benefited from a close and supportive relationship with the Diocesan Office of Education.
- Both school and pastoral leadership are collaborating toward school sustainability.
- The decision to focus on an English-Spanish dual language program demonstrates that St. Patrick's leadership is responsive to the needs and desires of the parish and surrounding community.

Domain 3: Academic Excellence

- Students are the center of classroom instruction.
- The school and classroom community see the pupil as key, their social and emotional needs are taken into consideration in lesson development and instruction.
- Faculty and staff collaborate to support students in academics and spirituality

Domain 4: Operational Vitality

- The St. Patrick's team is committed to developing a comprehensive strategic plan encompassing finances, enrollment, personnel, technology, facilities, advancement and development to ensure school sustainability.
- Tuition assistance and scholarship opportunities are well published to offer opportunities for student enrollment.
- The Parish leadership is very supportive of St. Patrick's School.

Critical Growth Areas as Identified by the School Self-Study

- Create a faith community centered on the new school mission by enriching the spiritual formation of faculty, parents and students.

- Maintain school leadership at the School Advisory Council level by developing and implementing a program of recruitment to serve on the SAC, and council formation opportunities.
- Ensure the achievement of mission goals of academics, faith, and community by focusing on school-home communication, faith formation for staff and collaboration amongst teachers.
- Develop a comprehensive five-year plan that includes budget projection, enrollment projections, marketing goals and development plans.

Final Comments by the Visiting Committee:

St. Patrick's faith filled community and sense of family with its staff, students and parents is evident. This cornerstone will allow St. Patrick Catholic School to flourish and grow. As Fr. Lourdu referenced many times during the visit, "Put God first" and everything else will follow.