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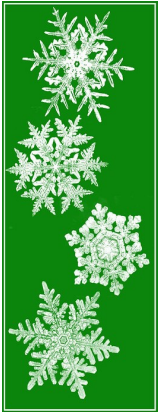
Monthly newsletter for the diocesan-wide Middle States Accreditation

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DID YOU KNOW?

The Middle States Standards for Accreditation are qualitative statements that reflect research-based best practices for schools. Because they are based on research and reflect best practices, they serve as a qualitative guide to expectations for an accredited school.



Foundational Standards: Standards addressing best practices in the components of a school that provide the foundations for quality in the education program, services, and results in terms of student learning.

Standard 1: Mission

Standard 2: Governance and Leadership

Standard 3: Planning for Growth and Improvement

Standard 4: Finances

Standard 5: Facilities

Standard 6: System Organization and Staff

Operational Standards: Standards addressing best practices in delivering the education program, services, and activities to the students.

Standard 7: Health and Safety

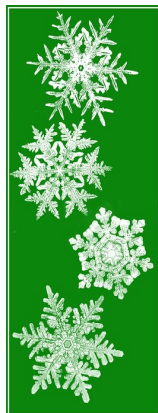
Standard 8: Educational Program

Standard 9: Assessment and Evidence of Student Learning

Standard 10: Student Services

Standard 11: Student Life and Student Activities

Standard 12: Information Resources



Questions that should have a “YES” answer –

1. Is the diocesan-wide mission statement, profile of the graduate and the belief statements on your school’s website?
2. Is the diocesan-wide mission statement, profile of the graduate and the belief statements on display in your school?
3. Is your team working on the review and edit of the school-level self-study?
4. Will your school-level self-study be ready by the January 8th deadline?



5 months and counting!

Visiting Teams will arrive in the Diocese of Erie on April 27th and depart on April 30th.

There will be a total of ten people coming to visit.

Most teams will consist of two people and will spend approximately half a day at each school.

Tentative Visiting Schedule

Early visit the week of April 20th

SS. Cosmas & Damian School, Punxsutawney
St. Francis School, Clearfield
DuBois Elementary / Middle / High School, DuBois

April 28th

Blessed Sacrament, Erie
Immaculate Conception, Clarion
Our Lady of Peace School, Erie
St. George School, Erie
St. Joseph School, Lucinda
St. Jude School, Erie
St. Marys Catholic Elementary School, St. Marys
St. Marys Catholic Middle/Elk County Catholic High School, St. Marys
St. Michael School, Greenville

April 29th

Kennedy Catholic Middle/High School, Hermitage
St. Boniface School, Kersey
St. Gregory School, North East
St. James School, Erie
St. John Paul II School, Hermitage
St. Joseph School, Warren
St. Leo School, Ridgway
St. Luke School, Erie
St. Patrick School, Franklin
St. Stephen School, Oil City
Venango Catholic High School, Oil City

Hearing from Parents, Staff and Students

Surveys were collected in November 2018 to gather input about the strengths and areas I need of improvement.

3,134 surveys were completed

1,802 by students

877 by parents

455 by staff

