

ST. ANN SCHOOL

CURRICULUM AT A GLANCE

Curriculum Overview

Our outstanding academic success, as evidenced by our standardized test scores, successful graduates, and satisfied parents, is simply the end result of some amazing teaching and learning going on around our campus. We use a variety of data and feedback to

orchestrate means of improving the education students receive at St. Ann. Surveys of every constituency, formal discussions with a variety of parent committees, informal sharing of ideas, test results, research into educational best practices, strategic planning;

all are used to ensure that the needs of our students are being met. We'd like to share some of the initiatives from our Strategic Plan that have been recently accomplished that are making a big difference in our students' experience.



Scheduling Enhancements

We've revised our schedule for this school year to include a clustering of our fine arts classes, including drama, music and art. The drama position was added so that students will have a more enriched performing arts' ex-

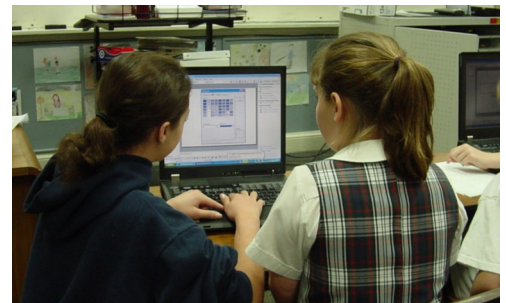
perience. With the new system, a class may have art class three times a week for a six-week cycle, and then move on to drama class three times per week for the next cycle. This allows for much greater continuity for students, and

interdisciplinary collaboration for teachers. Parent committees meet to discuss ways to continually improve and update the fine arts curriculum.

Spanish as a Core Subject

The redesigned schedule was necessary for another reason; we've decided to expand our Spanish program, offering classes for grades K-8 four times per week, rather than just two. This elevates foreign language study

at St. Ann to a core subject, and will give our children a distinct advantage when moving to high school, with our academic goal being students exhibiting proficiency in Spanish.



Integrated Technology

St. Ann faculty members are putting our technology resources to very good use. We have been able to put innovative educational technology at our teachers' and students' fingertips. Our school has a wireless environment, enabling students to make good use of our mobile laptop cart.

Students use the laptops both in class, and check them out to use in study hall. LCD projectors in all classrooms provide teachers with a wonderful way to seamlessly integrate technology into their everyday lessons. Our IP based video conferencing camera makes distance learning and experiences

such as visiting with a Holocaust survivor readily available. Recent professional development will bring about an even better web site for our families, and those who want to know more about us.