

GOALS & OBJECTIVES

St. James School has established goals and objectives in four main areas of school life: spiritual, academic, social/emotional, and organizational. Here are some of the major goals we constantly strive to achieve:

SPIRITUAL GOALS

Participate as a family in a full and active way in the sacramental life of the parish church

Teach children and families about the various kinds of prayer and celebration of Catholic traditions

Affirm the belief that each child is sacred and unique and loved unconditionally by God

Provide opportunities for children and their families to know, to witness, and to become disciples of Jesus Christ in all aspects of their lives

ACADEMIC GOALS

Enhance the existing academic program to ensure continued academic success in the following ways:

- Develop effective oral and written communication skills
- Develop enthusiastic, competent readers
- Provide students with math skills necessary to function effectively in the modern world
- Help students understand their role in the local, national and world communities
- Develop skills in speaking and understanding a foreign language at an elementary level
- Foster a respect and appreciation for the unique cultures of non-English speaking people
- Develop a sense of fair play, good sportsmanship and teamwork

Give children the opportunity to develop and enhance their appreciation of and participation in the fine arts

Provide children with the technological resources they need to meet the needs of a changing world

Make learning a challenging and exciting experience for children in all grades

SOCIAL GOALS

Promote within the home/school environment a prevailing atmosphere of compassion, truth and justice, which allows children to learn and grow in a safe, nurturing environment

Assist parents in realizing their responsibility as primary role models for their children

Heighten parent and faculty awareness of the tremendous pressures that children face in our modern society

Call forth children's gifts through cooperative interaction

ORGANIZATIONAL GOALS

Deepen the St. James School family's understanding of and commitment to the mission statement

Develop a sense of community among the five Stratford Catholic parishes to sustain a common commitment to Catholic education in Stratford

Provide new parents, students, and faculty the information they will need to understand the history, mission and philosophy of the school

OUR MISSION

The mission of St. James School, rooted in Jesus Christ, is to nurture the whole child by providing a quality academic education while living the Gospel message.