



St. Catherine of Siena Academy

Our Core Virtues



COMPASSION

Each person is focused on others and their needs and not just on themselves. We look for Christ in the other and comfort, teach and reach out to those in need. In this way, we serve one another in the community by treating others as we would like to be treated, being Christ-like. We are humble in not boasting of our abilities and instead honor the strengths and weaknesses of others. This means we do not unfairly judge others or ourselves, realizing that struggles are necessary for growth and recognizing the need to support one another.

FAITH

Each person has an openness to grow in faith, learn about Catholic teaching and Jesus. We understand that a lived faith is a relationship and an encounter with Jesus and not just an event. The traditions we participate in are to help us grow in this relationship with God.

INTEGRITY

Each person understands and accepts the consequences for their decisions and works to grow, learning from mistakes and moving forward. This means that we carry out our responsibilities with honesty, never claiming credit for someone else's work, taking ownership for our own work, and are willing to acknowledge wrongdoing. We are a school where the focus is on being redeemed and the sinner can be a saint. We will practice self-discipline by learning how to make good choices and grow in virtue.

UNITY

Each person responds to one another's differences with patience and forgiveness. We will watch our words and actions to see if we are spreading rumors, judging others or contributing to gossip. We do not favor or disregard certain people for differences or perceptions based on their grades or activities. We see others with the eyes of Christ and treat one another with love and respect, making sure everyone feels included and validated. We become advocates for all members of the community, cheering them on to do their best, celebrating failures as opportunities for growth and successes as the work of God's grace.

WONDER

Each person has a sense of intellectual curiosity and learning for learning's sake rather than for grades. This means that we accept our areas of weakness and learn to pose questions first, explore ideas and seek answers rather than be handed them. We are encouraged to overcome fear and are willing to try new things which will reveal more about us. As a school, we want to recognize true beauty and allow opportunities to show it.

"Upon Knowledge Follows Love" St. Catherine of Siena