

SAINTS & CITIZENS

Looking to the Future

State of the School Report for 2024 - 2025



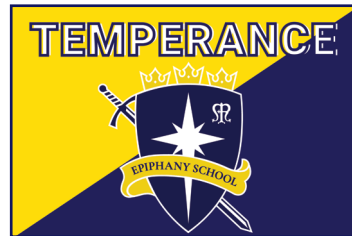
We are excited to announce that the theme for the 2025-2026 school year will be The Cardinal Virtues. These virtues will be the focus within our Virtue Families and will serve as the names for our new House System, launching immediately. Students will be assigned houses based on their Virtue Family and can earn virtue points for going above and beyond throughout the year. The house with the most points at year's end will win the House Cup!

Assessments

We will continue to administer the Classical Learning Tests (grades 3-8), Assessment of Religious Knowledge (ARK) (grades 2-8), and MAP Growth tests (K-2) throughout the year. These assessments provide insights to help us grow as a school and improve our students' academic achievement.

Virtue Houses and Their Saints

- Prudence — St. Thomas Aquinas
- Temperance — St. Therese of Lisieux
- Fortitude — St. Teresa of Avila
- Justice — St. John of the Cross



Our Middle School will attend Mass three times a year this year—once as a Middle School on Wednesdays, in addition to Tuesdays and Fridays with their Virtue Families. Additionally, Middle School students will be given more opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least once a month, integrated into their classroom schedules. We hope these opportunities help our older students deepen their relationship with Christ.

We will continue to set sail with our mission and vision in mind, forming your children in knowledge and virtue to become saints and citizens who love Christ and His Church. We look forward to another wonderful year with Christ at the center of all we do, flourishing spiritually, socially, and academically.

Top Reasons our Parents Choose our School

- *The truths of the Catholic faith are modeled, taught, lived, and present throughout the school.*
- *Students are blessed with a strong classical education rooted in Christian virtues.*
- *Epiphany faculty and staff are exceptional stewards of the mission of the school to form saints and citizens.*
- *The Parish and School are unified in the fundamental responsibility of handing down of faith to students, families and parishioners.*



Spiritual Formation

Our theme for the 2024-2025 school year was The Sacred Heart of Jesus. Once a month, students gathered in their Virtues Families to learn about each of the 12 promises of the Sacred Heart, deepening their faith together. We continued our tradition of attending Mass twice a week and provided opportunities for the sacraments of Reconciliation and Adoration. Our beautiful Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program also continued to nurture our PreK-4 students in their spiritual formation.

Financial Stability

Our school has been extremely blessed with generous subsidies from our parish budget to help offset school shortfalls over the past several years. We have made great strides in reducing these shortfalls over the past year. Going into next year, we will continue to make progress and look for more ways to increase our revenue and cut costs to offset our budget shortfalls.

Athletics and Extracurricular

Through athletics and extracurricular programming, students were fully engaged in experiences that challenged both their minds and hearts, including soccer, volleyball, cross-country, basketball, wrestling, softball, track, and chess club. Our Junior Stars program flourished, teaching many sports to our young athletes. Flag football was new this year and a huge hit! We extend heartfelt thanks to all volunteers who make these opportunities possible.



School Programs and Events

We had another successful year with our beloved Veterans Day and Grandparents Day programs. We continuously seek new ways to invite our community into the school and build relationships through events such as Fun and Field Day, Science Fair, Living Stations of the Cross, Camp Gray, Christmas Concerts, and many more. Our fine arts program continues to grow, highlighted by a spectacular middle school musical honoring the great musicals of our time. Viva Voce remains an elite and inspiring club for students gifted with beautiful voices.

Catholic School Study and Strategic Planning

We continued to follow our Roadmap to Success from our Catholic School study, focusing on Theology of the Body. This year, we look forward to growth in writing classes through professional development and greater integration of writing across the curriculum. In January 2025, we hosted the first Consortium for the Renewal of Catholic Education, bringing together over 100 faculty from 14 Catholic schools in the archdiocese dedicated to the classical, liberal arts renewal. Esteemed speakers such as Dr. Michael Naughton, Mr. Dale Ahlquist, and Mr. John Paul Thurau shared their knowledge and inspired us in renewing Catholic education.

Academic Achievement

Our curriculum is reviewed on a six-year cycle. During the 2024-2025 school year, we reviewed and implemented Eureka Math in grades 2-5, which offers deeper math understanding than our previous, similar curriculum. Looking ahead, we will review Theology and ELA in grades K-2 and focus on enhancing our writing curriculum with professional development and implementation to cultivate great writers.

