

ST. ANNE SCHOOL PHILOSOPHY

With a Christian education, the emphasis is not only on striving to foster in the human person the maturity needed in human society, but more importantly, to instill in the person, the Gospel message of hope and salvation fully proclaimed in the person of Jesus Christ. This aim is accomplished by gradually introducing the baptized person to the knowledge of the mystery of salvation so that he/she may grow more conscious of the gift of faith that he/she has received. This knowledge makes a human person aware of his role in society as a mature adult and more conscious of his/her responsibility to become a living witness to all he/she has learned.

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Anne School serves students from early education through 8th grade. Our program goal is to help students excel through sound academic preparation, commitment to prayer, service and respect for others. We strive to nurture our students' individual God given gifts, challenging them to lead and contribute to their community. St. Anne's faculty and administration work to provide a secure and safe setting in which students may celebrate the joy of learning.

Our program continues its long and rich tradition of academic excellence, partnering with families to lovingly teach students values and enthusiastically value every student.

At St. Anne School our goal is to educate each child:

SPIRITUALLY

St. Anne School develops in each child an active and living faith by making the child's spiritual growth our primary concern. The faculty endeavors to correlate moral and spiritual values with the day-to-day living of the child. Active participation in the Liturgy is the focal point of each student's life. This involvement awakens in the student such values as trust, beauty, wholeness, justice, and simplicity. With this set of values to guide their choosing, our students actively change toward spiritual peace and harmony, and toward the world in which they live.

SOCIALLY

Through constant encouragement on the part of each teacher, the child is made to feel an integral part of the school that is a vital organ in the total Christian community. At St. Anne School, each child is accepted as a responsible and trustworthy human being. The school emphasizes sharing and helping in an atmosphere of mutual trust where everyone can experience oneness. Various extracurricular activities help broaden social awareness in the child. As their world broadens and respect for others deepens, the children at St. Anne School will be equipped with the values and skills that will enable them to be future agents of change.

INTELLECTUALLY

At St. Anne School the intellectual development of a student is viewed as more than the acquisition of facts. Skills are merely a means to an end. We strive for the development of thinking, creative people. The teacher assists, facilitates, and encourages this process by using methods that create an atmosphere conducive to this goal. In all subject areas, students are encouraged to express themselves through music, art, writing, dramatizations, and discussion.

ACADEMICALLY

The St. Anne School community strives to produce curious, creative, and stimulated thinkers. The teaching of the basic skills in all subject areas is essential since this forms the foundation upon which other knowledge is acquired. It is the objective of the individual teacher to refine the academic skills and the personal gifts and talents of each child through the use of modern textbooks, contemporary methods of teaching, technology aids and equipment, along with other available resources, so that the child may effectively compete in today's society. The integration of our faith with culture and life underlies our academic curriculum.

EMOTIONALLY

Each child is acknowledged as a potentially mature member of the Christian community. At St. Anne School, the child's continuing development occurs in a community of faith. Each child is recognized as an expression of God, created in His image and likeness and called by God to reach his full human potential in the person Jesus Christ. Through constant guidance and genuine personal interest, the faculty strives to nurture in the child feelings of worth and adequacy.

PHYSICALLY

A total school community plays an active role in guiding the students in a deeper respect for life by acquainting them with those things that enhance, diminish, or destroy life. A well-balanced physical education program is used as a basis for the physical development of the child. In all aspects of the child's physical development, we aspire to have students who can live positive, joyful, and responsible lives.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE SCHOOL

St. Anne School is a parish sponsored K-8 school that operates under the auspices of the Diocese of Allentown. The guidelines, policies, and procedures of the Diocesan Department of Education govern the school. The pastor acts as the spiritual leader of the school and parish. As chief administrator, he allocates all funds needed to maintain the school. The principal has responsibility for maintaining the day-to-day functions of the school.

St. Anne School teaches each child how to become a contributing member of the community by wisely using his/her own special talents and gifts for the mutual benefit of society.