

SCHOOL PHILOSOPHY AND GOALS

Philosophy

North American Martyrs Parish School seeks to **fulfill** the mandate of Christ to teach the Gospel to all people. (Matthew 28:18-20)

As a religious institution, the school seeks to **assist** Catholic parents in their duty as the primary religious educators of their children by teaching ecclesial doctrine and building community through common prayer and Christ-like service.

As an academic institution, the school seeks to **work in partnership with parents** in the intellectual, emotional, social, and physical development and growth of their children in harmony with the specific and unique gifts God has given to each child.

Goals

The goals of North American Martyrs School are:

- to offer instruction in Catholic doctrine and morals.
- to provide an environment supportive of religious values.
- to form students in the practice of prayer.
- to form students in the practice of virtue.
- to provide opportunities to participate in the Church's liturgy and devotions.
- to foster the practice of spiritual and corporal works of mercy.
- to form structures and programs that unite parents, school, and Church in the work of Catholic education.
- to impart knowledge and skills, develop understanding, and cultivate appreciation for the basic academic subjects.
- to help students to learn to think logically, critically, and wisely.
- to promote character development, personal integrity, self-reliance, responsibility, perception of beauty, wholesome use of leisure, sound social attitudes and habits, and good physical and mental health.
- to lead students to hear and respond to God's call to holiness, a particular state in life, apostolic action and heaven.

Mission Statement

We, the Family of North American Martyrs School, build up the Kingdom of God, as we work together in faith, knowledge, and loving service.

POLICY CHANGES

This handbook is intended to be a guide in informing parents and students about the general policies and guidelines that will be followed in the operation of Martyrs School. It is not an exhaustive resource and may be changed at any time to better serve the families and students who are a part of the school community.