



Vision Statement

At St. James Catholic Elementary School, we promote responsibility, respect and academic excellence for all staff and students in a safe learning and teaching environment. We will strive to challenge our students to deepen their relationship with God and one another so that they will make a difference in the world.

ACHIEVING – Meeting the Needs of all Students

All students and staff will develop a shared knowledge of what Spatial Reasoning and Understanding looks like in the classroom; with a focus on problem solving which will lead to deeper understanding in math for all students

HOW WILL WE DO THIS?

- Math instruction will allow for flexibility in thinking so that students will generate, retain, retrieve and transform visual images
- Staff will incorporate purposeful and intentional multi-strand lessons throughout the year
- Instruction will be varied and differentiated to support all learners
- Staff and students will work together to implement effective assessment strategies
- Students will be able to draw upon prior experiences to help them solve new problems when problem solving

BELIEVING – Creating our Catholic Faith and Aspiring to be models of Christ

All staff will promote Catholic learning environments that are rooted in the Gospel values so that our Catholic faith is celebrated and students will demonstrate being models of Christ

HOW WILL WE DO THIS?

- Lessons will be embedded with Catholic Graduate Expectations and Focus on Faith themes to promote student inquiry
- Students will be given opportunities to consider issues in terms of the Catholic Social Teachings in order to determine solutions

BELONGING – Embracing Relationships and Sustaining Safe, Welcoming Schools

All staff will create learning environments where a sense of belonging and community are fostered, so that students will feel that their classrooms are safe places for them to meet with success when making mistakes and taking risks in learning

HOW WILL WE DO THIS?

- Create welcoming, safe and accepting Catholic learning communities
- Staff will use the language of Growth Mindset to teach self-regulation skills
- Promote positive mental health for all staff and students