



## St. Michael Catholic Elementary School

### Who We Are

As a community of faith, St. Michael Catholic School recognizes and treats each child as a unique and special gift from God with individual talents and abilities. We are committed to using language and conversation that reflects the gospel values of mutual respect, care, and value for the dignity of each person.

### Our Vision Is

In partnership with home and parish, our staff is dedicated to fostering responsible lifelong learners, respectful of themselves and others, who are caring, contributing members of society. We challenge all under our care to grow spiritually, socially and academically.



### Achieving: Meeting the Needs of All Learners

- 1) *Educators and Students will use strategies to 'make their thinking visible' allowing students to communicate their thinking more clearly and with greater confidence.*
- 2) *Students will develop a better understanding of the problem solving process to improve their abilities to estimate and judge the reasonableness of their answers.*
- 3) *Staff and Students will employ a growth mindset by encouraging students to take risks & learn that mistakes and misunderstandings are learning opportunities when they persevere.*

### Believing: Celebrating our Catholic Faith and Aspiring to Models of Christ

- 1) *Teachers use the "Planting the Seeds" document as a tool for guiding the understanding of the Learning Skills, with a focus on Self-Regulation and Independent Work, through a Catholic lens.*
- 2) *Teachers and Students will co-create the Success Criteria and use the criteria to regularly self assess the Learning Skills as it connects to everyday learning.*

### Belonging: Embracing Relationships and Sustaining Safe, Welcoming Schools

- 1) *Educators and Students will continue to promote empathy & compassion through community initiatives in order to strengthen positive relationships & a sense of belonging for all.*
- 2) *Educators will support students in deepening their understanding of the different types of conflict and appropriate strategies that can be used to resolve them.*

### Foundational Elements: Optimizing Organizational Elements

- 1) *Communication will be clear, transparent, and responsive.*
- 2) *We will promote the use of collaborative strategies.*