

## **Saint Catherine Labouré School Earns Middle States Re-Accreditation**

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November 2, 2016; HARRISBURG, PA: Saint Catherine Labouré School (SCLS) in Harrisburg, PA announced that it has earned re-accreditation by the Middle States Association Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools, a worldwide leader in accreditation and continuous school improvement.

“We are pleased to have earned re-accreditation by the Middle States Association and to share in our success with the greater school community, especially the teachers, parents, and students who worked so hard to make this possible,” said Sister Mary Anne Sweeney, IHM, Principal.

Accreditation is a multifaceted evaluation process that schools and school systems voluntarily use to demonstrate they are meeting a defined set of research-based performance standards. The 12 Standards for Accreditation are: mission, governance and leadership, school improvement planning, finances, facilities, school organization and staff, health and safety, educational programs, assessment and evidence of student learning, student services, student life and activities, and information resources.

The accreditation process begins with a self-study that is conducted by the school and requires input from school leaders, teachers, parents, and students. Following the self-study, a team of volunteer educators from Association member schools conducts an on-site peer review visit to observe school operations and interview various stakeholders.

The school has already begun to implement an Action Plan which is a direct result of the Self-Study. Those goals seek to strengthen Math fluency and Reading Comprehension through engaging and innovative ways, as well as to increase integration of technology throughout the curriculum. In summary, Sister Mary Anne also said: “We are so proud of our phenomenal faculty and staff who daily strive to live our mission statement of ***teaching minds, forming hearts, and growing disciples*** at SCLS.”

For more information on SCLS please visit [www.sclhbg.org](http://www.sclhbg.org).

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