



Since our Last Accreditation, Saint Jeanne de Lestonnac Catholic School

Has accomplished the Following Goals:

Spiritual development for faculty and staff

A number of Company of Mary formation days and retreats were developed to celebrate the charism of Saint Jeanne de Lestonnac. The sisters provided formation days in which the faculty and staff learned about the Educational Project of Saint Jeanne which explains the mission and the philosophy of a Company of Mary School. Teachers were also afforded the opportunity to attend the Religious Education Congress in Los Angeles to further their spiritual formation and development. Some, but not all strategies were fully realized, as the direction of this goal took a new path. Since the president of the school had a wealth of retreat and formation experience, the faculty and staff has benefitted from her continuous spiritual development opportunities for the past few years. In addition to addressing the spiritual development of faculty and staff, the school also expanded retreats and spiritual experiences for the students, parents and families. The newly renovated prayer garden devoted to Mary, as well as the addition of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel has also enhanced the spirituality of our school community. Since this is an ongoing area of development, it is a goal to create a campus ministry program which will continue to offer opportunities for outreach and service, retreats, mission trip experiences and spiritual formation for students, staff, and parents.

Highlights of the accomplishments in this area include:

- Company of Mary formation days every August and March since 2012 in which all sister schools attend
- The formal Study of the Educational Project of Saint Jeanne de Lestonnac
- On-going spiritual formation and retreats presented by the sisters
- Offering the opportunity for the teachers to attend the Religious Education Congress for staff development and spiritual formation
- Expansion of student retreats with the plan to continue development for all grades
- Addition and expansion of the Catholics in Action program which will now be called the “Magis Ministry” which provides a myriad of service and out-reach projects
- Newly renovated chapel which contains the Blessed Sacrament, which is now called our Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- Newly renovated prayer garden by the statue of Mary in front of the school

- Established a wonderful rapport with the three surrounding parishes which has also assisted with the spiritual formation of our community
- Development of the Family, Mission, Immersion trip to Peru which is available to staff and Saint Jeanne's families

A number of professional growth opportunities were extended to the faculty to further promote the high academic achievement in various areas which were determined as opportunities for further development. Title II funds were secured to provide training in specific areas of focus since our last accreditation which include:

- Differentiation of Instruction
- Math in Focus Training
- Bullying (Because Nice Matters)
- Singapore Math Training
- Singapore Math observations
- STAR Reading Training
- STAR Math Training
- Implementation of Common Core Standards
- Dyslexia
- Accelerated Math Training
- Integrating Catholicity into the Core Standards
- On Point Technology Training
- Reading Street Common Core Language Arts Training
- Master Teacher pamphlets on varied topics for faculty meetings
- Faculty read "Living Your Strengths" to discover their top strengths
- Step Up to Writing for the Core Standards Training
- Pre-school is currently undergoing the Early Childhood Quality Improvement Practices Process (ECQUIP)
- Teachers are also sent various webinars to enhance areas of interest

The school will continue to provide professional development opportunities as we look forward to enhancing the school's science program utilizing STEM activities, and also in the area of technology as we expand the training for lower grade faculty members. We accomplished a great deal in this area; however there were some strategies which were not feasible to implement, such as the early/late start schedule to provide additional time for collaboration. The strategy which outlined a formalized orientation program is an area for further development. Currently there are mentor teachers who assist new teachers, and we have since added staff in the area of human resources which helps tremendously especially with the influx of new teachers in the past few years.

Improving student achievement in the area of mathematics

Since the last Self Study, a great deal has been done to improve student achievement in the area of mathematics which would include;

- Study of core standards for mathematics
- Research of math programs of schools in the area
- Research of math programs which promote the high achievement of all learners
- Adoption of new math programs in kindergarten through eighth grade
- Observations of private school in San Diego to observe math program
- Professional development for Math in Focus
- Professional development for Singapore Math
- Professional development given by a math specialist from San Diego
- Math coach worked with a few of our middle school teachers
- After school math support was developed for grades 3-8
- After school tutoring is available for additional support
- Implementation of the IXL online Math Program
- After evaluation of the IXL program, the school once again adopted the Accelerated Math Program
- Professional development for Accelerated Math
- Adoption of STAR Math Assessments
- Professional development for STAR Math

The efforts seem to have been beneficial because student performance between 2010-2015 has increased overall from the 68 National Percentile Rank (NPR) to the 74 NPR in math. It was also very helpful to hear feedback from our alumni in the past few years who felt like they were well prepared in math as they entered high school. We look forward to analyzing the STAR Math assessments further to ensure the high achievement in mathematics.

Other identified goals in the Self Study were:

Expand and maintain enrichment program to include high and advanced level classes at all grade levels

The Enrichment Department has developed significantly in the past few years as the team continues to provide services for kindergarten through eighth grade which mainly focuses on reading and writing for the students who need extra support, and for the advanced students in kindergarten who are at a higher level of reading. The school also provides an advanced math program which accommodates third through eighth grades. It is the school's goal to expand the program as we open the high school. We hope to share resources with the high school in an effort to provide additional support for middle school, and overall math enrichment. The accelerated students have ample opportunities for advancement through the use of various programs such as the Accelerated Math, Accelerated Reading, Razz Kidz, and A-Z Reading.

Broadening the basis of support for the educational program by organizing an alumni group which includes alumni parents, researching foundations, and community resource centers

The school has implemented a series of Alumni gatherings to begin this process. As we develop our programs to include the high school, committees are currently formed to aid in the marketing and development for Saint Jeanne de Lestonnac Catholic School. The Sisters of the Company of Mary Our Lady are currently looking for candidates to hire as a Company of Mary Development Coordinator.

As previously mentioned, in addition to the above accomplishments of goals from our last accreditation, the school has also made significant improvements and advancements in the following areas:

- Shortly after the last accreditation visit, the Company of Mary implemented their own school improvement process which was quite similar to preparing for the WCEA/WASC accreditation with surveys, data, reports, and analysis.
- At the same time, significant improvements in the area of finance management and human resources were addressed and implemented including; tuition management, budgeting, payroll, and human resources related policies and practices communicated and implemented.
- Three years ago, the Sisters of the Company of Mary conducted a feasibility study for the possibility of building the first Catholic high school in the Temecula Valley. After a period of discernment, the sisters decided to answer the call and say, “Yes” to expanding into the high school. Since then, much work has been done to move forward. Various committees were formed which include; the Steering Committee, Curriculum Committee, Building Committee, and the Capital Campaign/Marketing Committee. These groups have met regularly to oversee the process and realize the long sought after dream of building a Catholic high school in the Temecula Valley area.

Major gains have been accomplished for the future of the school. Other areas of improvement include; the 1:1 technology plan, updated curricular programs and technology, numerous professional development opportunities, and significant maintenance and upgrades to the school plant.

Plant improvements include:

- Repairing the cracks and stucco and re-painting the exterior and interior of the main school buildings
- New tile and carpeting in most of the classrooms
- Updated collaborative style desks in middle school
- Updated collaborative style tables for pre-school and pre-kindergarten
- Renovation of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- Renovation of the Prayer Garden

- Addition of the school gardens
- Landscaping projects conducted by the school's Eagle Scouts
- Normal maintenance and upkeep/countless other projects to upkeep our beautiful campus

Updates in curriculum since the last accreditation include:

- Reading Street Curriculum for grades kindergarten through five
- Study Sync Curriculum for grades six through eight
- Step Up to Writing for grades kindergarten through eight
- Rosetta Stone for grades four through eight
- Math in Focus for grades kindergarten through eight
- Finding God for grades six through eight
- Pearson Common Core Algebra and Geometry for middle school
- TCI Science for grades kindergarten through five
- TCI Social Studies for grades kindergarten through five
- Razz Kidz for kindergarten and first grades
- STAR Reading and STAR Math assessments
- Early Literacy STAR assessments

In conclusion, the school has accomplished major goals and milestones since the last accreditation and will continue do so with the support of the Saint Jeanne de Lestonnac Catholic School Community.