

the spotlight

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Comparing carrots from the student garden

St. Ann: A Choice in Quality Education

Founded in 1955, Saint Ann Catholic School was established to provide a quality Catholic education for the children of families in Morgan County Alabama. Needing more space, the School and Parish relocated in 2003, from Johnston Street to their current facility located at 3910 Spring Avenue, Decatur, Alabama alongside Annunciation of the Lord Parish. Situated on 34 spacious acres, this private school has been built with growth in mind and ample space to expand upon its mission. The serene setting and convenient location appeals to families within the city of Decatur as well as other areas in Morgan County and offers parents a real choice in quality education.

Academic Excellence is not the exception at Saint Ann... it's the RULE. The faculty and staff strive to prepare students for lifelong achievement while building a foundation in faith and personal responsibility. Saint Ann School provides a quality education based on a curriculum developed under the guidance of the Diocese of Birmingham, and in a manner cognizant of the standards of the State of Alabama. Saint Ann's is accredited by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Saint Ann Catholic School Academic Programs begin at age three (3) and continue through the 5th grade. Each phase of their academic education is specifically designed to prepare students for the next level in their education as well emphasis on personal development for moral and social challenges in alliance with Catholic tradition.

"The academics at Saint Ann's are classical. This means that they look back, for their model, to the cath-

olic traditions of education that preceded the modern ones of today. Modern education, speaking broadly, was conceived as a project for the formation of workers for industry. Classical was, and is, a program of education for the formation of clear thinking, virtuous humans to know, to love, and to serve God and their fellow man."

"Catholic classical education leads students to Christ by immersing them in the riches of the civilization His gospel inspired, and by guiding them in the development of the theological, intellectual, and moral virtues. The classical liberal arts of grammar, logic, and rhetoric give students the interior tools to benefit from the best that has been said and written, to avoid being manipulated by the subtle use of words and images, and to lead others to love and live the truth. The classical approach integrates the curriculum and the life of the school, cultivating all that is truly human in each student and fostering a community of faith-filled learners." ICLE, "What about Classical Education?"

Saint Ann believes in a holistic approach to learning and development. It involves balancing learning with personal growth, fostering critical thinking and problem-solving, and cultivating emotional intelligence, empathy, and a connection to the community and the wider world. This integrated approach emphasizes hands-on, real-world experiences and supports a positive, supportive learning environment for lifelong success.

Saint Ann's vision for students is that they become people who think critically, communicate effectively, love wholeheartedly, thrive virtuously, walk closely with Christ, and achieve excellence for the greater glory of God.

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