

## THE LCSS COMMUNITY PLEDGE

The Lafayette Catholic School System is a community of faith and, in collaboration with parents and guardians as the primary educators, seeks to educate the whole person by providing an excellent education rooted in Gospel values and centered on Jesus Christ.

In order to foster a complete and open collaboration in this endeavor, as parents, guardians, students, teachers, coaches, administrators, volunteers, and the entire school community, we pledge:

To uphold, honor and promote the Mission of the Lafayette Catholic School System -

*The Lafayette Catholic School System, centered on Jesus Christ, educates the whole person in a culture that is:*

- *sustained by Gospel witness and service;*
- *imbued with a Catholic worldview;*
- *supported by a community of faith;*
- *distinguished by academic excellence; and*
- *committed to student success.*

In order to carry out this Mission, we further commit to practice and promote our Core Gospel Values, and we pledge:

1. **Commitment to Community:** To actively and regularly participate in our family's faith community and worship services (i.e., weekly Mass) and to pray daily for our students, parents, teachers, coaches, staff, and administrators; to provide a home and school environment that models Christian morals and virtues and to further work cooperatively and collaboratively with teachers, coaches, and parents to provide a supportive community and home environments that are safe, supervised, and free from underage alcohol use, drug use, or access to inappropriate content via computer, TV, internet, or social media; to attend and participate in parent teacher conferences and school meetings; and to volunteer at school games and events.
2. **Commitment to Servant Leadership:** To foster each child, student and each other's personal relationship with Jesus Christ; to prepare our children and students to become Disciples and leaders in mission to and in the world; and to demonstrate a commitment to Christian service in our local, faith, and school communities through our commitment of time, talent, and treasure. To foster a genuine desire in our students to enhance the quality of life and wellbeing of others in their communities..
3. **Commitment to Respect:** To respect the dignity of each human person regardless of the person's race, religion, social, economic, cultural, or personal status, and to further promote a welcoming community; and to work cooperatively and respectfully with each other on matters of academic responsibility and discipline issues, encouraging our child(ren), students, and each other to accept responsibility for our actions, restore any injustice, and own the consequences of our actions.

4. **Commitment to Gratitude:** To remind our child(ren), students, and each other that all of our gifts come from God, to foster gratefulness for those gifts, and encourage all to seek Greatness in our words and deeds.
5. **Commitment to Humility and Understanding:** To seek first to understand and humbly foster resolution of conflict directly with each other and directly with parents, teachers, coaches, and administrators.
6. **Commitment to Wellness:** To promote the wellbeing of the entire self - body, mind, heart and soul - through prayer, exercise, moderation, self-control, modesty, and purity.
7. **Commitment to Patience and Perseverance:** To help our child(ren), students, and each other have the courage to push beyond perceived limitations, and to have the patience and endurance to fight through the struggle.
8. **Commitment to Diligence:** To encourage our child(ren), students, and each other to work with careful, and planned persistence to ensure our God given talents will be fully discovered and maximized.
9. **Commitment to Integrity:** To seek the truth in our actions and words.

We believe that the challenges we face in this endeavor can only be met and overcome if we join together with Jesus Christ, put aside all that might potentially divide us, and seek to serve our common goal - of offering all of our students a high quality educational experience that provides them the faith foundation, knowledge and life skills to become productive members of their communities and the world.