



SHIPS are Sailing in 2011-2012



Discipleship—the spiritual capacity

I know them and they follow me. (John 10:27)

1. Participates in prayer and expressions of faith: Mass, liturgical traditions, prayer during announcements/in class.
2. Articulates the truths of the faith.
3. Makes sacrifices to do what is right, especially in the face of peer opposition.
4. Knows the Person of Jesus Christ as He is depicted in gospels and through personal prayer. Has read four gospels in their entirety.
5. Makes life decisions, which are rooted in the faith and in prayer.
6. Demonstrates a consistent, strong moral core.
7. Reflects on God's specific calling for their lives.
8. Leads prayer in class or in group meetings.
9. Prays daily in a personal way.

Scholarship—the intellectual capacity

Be transformed by the renewal of your mind. (Romans 12:2)

1. Demonstrates mastery of the communicative arts (listening, speaking, reading, writing).
2. Reads classic novels annually for class or for pleasure.
3. Possesses strong technology skills.
4. Thinks critically.
5. Uses time management skills.
6. Demonstrates strong work ethic.
7. Prepares for presentations and assessments.
8. Develops curiosity about the world around oneself.

Leadership—capacity to serve

The one who is greatest among you must be the servant of all. (Matthew 23:11)

1. Organizes and leads group activities annually.
2. Draws out non-participating members.
3. Serves the wider community.
4. Delivers impromptu and prepared oral presentations to peers and adults.
5. Consistently shows self-respect in dress and in demeanor.
6. Sets and achieves personal goals.
7. Obeys teachers, adults, and peer-leaders.
8. Reflects on Jesus' use of authority.
9. Reflects on own gifts and how they can be used for others.
10. Recognizes and develops gifts in others.

Relationship—the social capacity

They will know you are mine by the love you have for one another. (John 13:35)

1. Demonstrates social awareness and manners.
2. Shows deference for all adults and respect for self and for peers.
3. Supports peers in a positive way.
4. Looks for the good in others, especially those who differ in background, race, culture, family.
5. Develops the ability to see God in others.
6. Creates peace and unity in group settings.
7. Chooses friends who support their own goals.
8. Brings joy to others.
9. Listens to others' joys and sorrows with empathy.

Personal Stewardship—capacity for physical health and wellness

I discipline my body making it serve me. (1 Cor 9:27)

1. Respects the human body as a Temple of the Holy Spirit, a place where God chooses to live.
2. Improves posture.
3. Follows a balanced program of life including:
 - Developing family relationships
 - Physical activity
 - Healthy food choices
 - Friendship
 - Leisure
 - Rest

We believe that all people are created to be saints and citizens of the kingdom of God. Just as our Creator entrusted the entire world to the stewardship of man and woman, so also He endowed each person with gifts, which are to be cultivated for personal holiness and for service to others. The full cultivation of these gifts: intellectual, social, spiritual, and physical leads a person to human greatness. When these gifts are infused with divine grace, they lead a person to sainthood.

Through the *Created for Greatness* Program at Our Lady of Mount Carmel School, we provide opportunities for students to develop these gifts as individuals and within a community of peers, under the guidance of a mentor teacher. An array of academic and social activities, leadership opportunities, discussions, and reflections give students knowledge about greatness which empowers them to grow into the saints God made them to be.



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