

SAINT JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL RECEIVES MIDDLE STATES ACCREDITATION

The Middle States Association's Commission on Secondary Schools has announced that Saint Joseph High School has been re-accredited for the period ending May, 2017.

The decision to re-accredit Saint Joseph High School was made following a three and one-half day visit to the school in December, 2009 by a visiting team of educators from member schools of the Middle States Association appointed by the Commission on Secondary Schools.

During the visit, the Middle States team met with and interviewed representatives of all the school's stakeholders, including faculty, students, parents and administrators, as well as representatives of the Board of Trustees. Team members also toured the school's facilities, studied the school's strategic plan for school improvement and other documents related to the school's work, and observed teaching and learning in classrooms.

To be accredited by the Commission on Secondary Schools, a school must meet the Middle States Association's standards for each major area of a school's work and activity. These areas include the school's philosophy/mission/beliefs/objectives, governance and leadership, organizational design and staff, educational programs, learning media services and technology, student services, student life and activities, facilities, health and safety, finances, assessment of student learning, and planning.

"Saint Joseph High School is to be congratulated for having completed the rigorous and demanding accreditation review process successfully," said Dr. Henry G. Cram, Executive Director of the Commission on Secondary Schools. "By meeting the standards of the Association, and by having established a comprehensive and challenging strategic plan to improve targeted areas of student performance, Saint Joseph High School has joined a growing number of schools in the Middle States region that are committed to public accountability for their results. The Commission encourages the entire Saint Joseph High School community to join together in supporting the school as it seeks to achieve its objectives over the next seven years."