

January 18, 2012

Dear Parents:

St. John the Baptist School is presently undergoing the self study process of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges accreditation process. Founded in 1885, the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc. is the nation's oldest regional accrediting association whose mission is the establishment and maintenance of high standards for all levels of education, from pre-K to the doctoral level.

NEASC serves more than 2,000 public and independent schools, colleges and universities in the six states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont, and American/international schools in more than 65 nations worldwide.

NEASC accreditation is a system of accountability that is ongoing, voluntary, and comprehensive in scope. It respects differences in institutional populations, missions, and cultures, and fosters institutional change grounded in the judgment of practicing educators. It is based on standards which are developed and regularly reviewed by the members and which define the characteristics of good schools and colleges.

The self study process includes the participation of all stakeholders and constituencies. You should have received by separate email a link which will bring you to a survey that will be incorporated into the report. We ask for your cooperation in completing this anonymous survey. If you did not receive an email, please contact the school office at (978) 531-0444 and provide your email address for the link to be forwarded to you.

We thank you for your continued support of the mission of Catholic education and St. John the Baptist School.

Sincerely,

Maureen J Kelleher