

Press Release for St. Bernard Catholic School

The Minnesota Nonpublic School Accrediting Association (MNSAA) has renewed the accreditation of St. Bernard Catholic School in Thief River Falls for the eligibility period of 2015 to 2022. Accreditation is a voluntary method of quality assurance with a goal to evaluate, validate, and improve each school's quality.

MNSAA is a federally and state sanctioned nonprofit association for accrediting nonpublic schools in the State of Minnesota. The Association's mission is to be a catalyst for enhancing the quality of K-12 nonpublic education in Minnesota through a comprehensive process of accreditation. Our agency helps schools provide quality nonpublic education for the students of Minnesota for its member schools. MNSAA is governed by a member-elected Board of Directors that bases its accreditation on a school's evaluation through a self-study process.

Schools are accredited based on their compliance with a set of rigorous standards which identify essential personnel, instruction, facility, curriculum, governance, and marketing policies and practices that are considered necessary for an effective school. The accreditation process includes the creation of a visionary and focused strategic plan and an onsite visit by a team of educators from member schools. Accreditation with MNSAA relies heavily on how the individual school defines its mission and the way it seeks to accomplish that mission.

MNSAA salutes St. Bernard Catholic School's commitment to providing outstanding education to the children of this community. MNSAA will continue to provide guidance to the St. Bernard School through an annual review of its strategic plan.