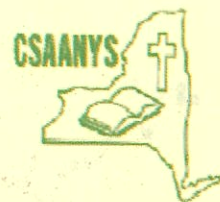


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A Prayer for a New School Year

Spirit of God, fill our hearts with a desire to seek truth and rejoice in beauty.

Help us to know what is pleasing to you and to understand what is right and good in your sight.

Give us the spirit of learning that we may please you by our thoughts and love you in your creation.

Give all teachers your constant encouragement and guide them in their good work.

Spirit of God, make us effective witnesses of your truth to all whose lives we touch.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

Amen.

The Association of the Miraculous Medal

<http://www.amm.org>

Welcome back....

- ✦ St. Clare of Assisi, Bronx
- ✦ St. Anthony's, Nanuet
- ✦ St. Agnes, Lake Placid
- ✦ Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, Depew
- ✦ Our Lady of Lourdes, Malverne
- ✦ Holy Cross, New York



ELEMENTS COMMON TO EFFECTIVE SCHOOLS

Environment

- ◆ Orderly school climate;
- ◆ Discipline -- clear, firm, consistent;
- ◆ Cooperative / family atmosphere;
- ◆ Few classroom interruptions;
- ◆ Parental involvement in student learning;
- ◆ Positive community relations;
- ◆ Adequate facilities and materials;
- ◆ Well-kept school plant.

Instructional Personnel

- ◆ High verbal and conceptual ability;
- ◆ Concern for upgrading professional skills;

- ◆ Knowledge of content taught;
- ◆ Understood principles of learning;
- ◆ Understood characteristics of students;



- ◆ Spent more time actively teaching;
- ◆ Assigned students less busywork;
- ◆ Generated more learning activities;

- ◆ Lower absenteeism.

Leadership

- ◆ Assertive instructional role;
- ◆ Goal and task oriented;
- ◆ Well organized;
- ◆ Conveyed high expectations for students and staff;
- ◆ Policies well defined and communicated;
- ◆ Frequent classroom visits;
- ◆ High visibility and availability to students and staff;
- ◆ Strong support to teaching staff;
- ◆ Adept parent and community relations.

CSAANYS Congrats to...

- ✧ Academy of Mt. St. Ursula, Bronx on 150 years of educating young women
- ✧ Sister Denise Marie for 25 years as principal at St. Joseph's School, Endicott. The school will celebrate their 150 year anniversary in 2006.
- ✧ Sister Harriet Hamilton, OSF - Principal of St. Mary's, Cortland on her 50th anniversary in religious life.