



Hoboken Catholic Academy awarded accreditation by the Middle States Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools

Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools are pleased to announce that Hoboken Catholic Academy has been awarded accreditation by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. The award was announced by Dr. Thomas L. Seidenberger, Chair of the Commission on Elementary Schools and Superintendent of the East Penn School District (Emmaus, PA), following the Commissions' October 2011 meetings. Hoboken Catholic Academy was one of approximately 200 schools so honored by the two Commissions.

MSCESS accreditation signifies the educational community of Hoboken Catholic Academy has engaged in a rigorous process of developing self-knowledge; has hosted an evaluation team of independently-appointed educators; and has created an on-going Strategic Plan to move school improvement forward. This 30 month process was governed by a Steering Committee, chaired by Mrs. Rose Perry, Principal of Hoboken Catholic Academy. The process involved many elements of the Hoboken Catholic Academy community, including faculty, parents, and students.

Accreditation also signifies that Hoboken Catholic Academy has met the Middle States Standards for a quality school. These Standards reflect current research and best practices from throughout the education profession. During the term of accreditation the school community will engage in a Commission-directed series of reports and/or site visits to maintain the vigor of the accreditation process.

MSCESS, which works with public and private schools from New York State to the District of Columbia, in the US Caribbean, and in various locations around the globe, represents two of the three accrediting Commissions of the over 100-year old Middle States Association. The Middle States Association is the second-oldest regional accreditor in the United States and is comprised of the Commission on Elementary Schools, the Commission on Secondary Schools and the Commission on Higher Education.

Accreditation by MSCESS is recognized around the world as an indication of trustworthiness, educational quality, and a commitment to on-going school improvement. Henry G. Cram, Jr., Ed. D., President of MSCESS, offered his congratulations to the entire Hoboken Catholic Academy community, adding: "Middle States accreditation is recognition of both prior achievements and a commitment to greater future accomplishments."