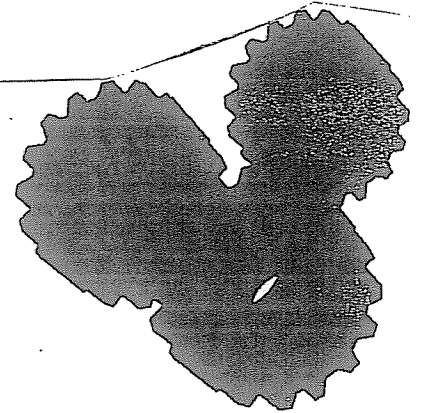


# Strategic Plan for St. Helena's School



Gear Up for the Future

St. Helena's School (SHS) opened its doors in 1968. Since that time our parish has been blessed with a marvelous educational asset that continues to be staffed by talented and dedicated people. These are volatile times. Technology, occupations, academic preparation and the global economy are changing quickly and constantly. We need your input to establish a three-year strategic plan to position our school for the future and to meet the changing needs of the St. Helena's community. The strategic plan will consist of goals and objectives related to the following categories:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Enrollment                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Governance | <input type="checkbox"/> Curriculum / Staffing   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing  | <input type="checkbox"/> School in the Community |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Catholic Identity | <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities |  |

Please consider participating in a focus group to generate ideas for the SHS Strategic Plan. You do not need to have children who attend or graduated from SHS to participate. All parishioners are welcome including those who have elected not to send their children to SHS.

Date: October 7, 2008

Time: 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Place: St. Helena's School Auditorium

If you are willing to attend this 2 hour focus group session, provide your name below:

Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone 1: \_\_\_\_\_ (Circle: home, work, cell)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone 2: \_\_\_\_\_ (Circle: home, work, cell)

Please indicate one or two focus groups in which you prefer to participate by checking a box above:

– Your SHS Advisory Council

**FIRST TIME**

## St. Helena School Strategic Plan

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If you can attend the meeting below, please provide your name, contact information and the  
discussion group in which you would like to participate.

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Meeting Time: 7:30 - approximately 8:30 p.m.  
Meeting Place: School Hall / Gymnasium

Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ (Circle: home, work, cell)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Discussion groups:
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Thank you from *Your School Advisory Council*

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**SECOND TIME**

Thank you from *Your School Advisory Council*

Announcement for the Masses of October 11 & 12, 2008

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am a member of the St. Helena's School Advisory Council.

St. Helena's parish has long been blessed with an outstanding school that has a talented and dedicated faculty. The Diocese of Metuchen has requested that Catholic grade schools prepare a three year strategic plan to ensure that our schools continue to provide students with a robust academic foundation in a faith based environment.

The Diocese of Metuchen has asked each school to establish a School Advisory Council to help develop this strategic plan, and we need your input. The plan will consist of goals and objectives that fall into eight categories. We are asking for about one hour of your time on Wed. October 22 to attend a meeting in the school hall. At this meeting we will divide into focus groups, each of which will discuss one of the eight categories listed on the flyer in your pew. If you are able to join us for an hour or so on October 22, please indicate the discussion group in which you would like to participate. All parishioners are welcome. Please deposit the flyer in the boxes at the front entrance or breezeway of the Church. I will be at a table in the breezeway to answer any questions.

You may recall that we solicited your participation in a strategic planning meeting at Sunday Mass a couple weeks ago, but there were very few responses. That is why we are asking again for an hour or so of your time on October 22.

Thank you in advance for sharing your ideas to position our school for the future.