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## Board of Directors Report

Dear Students, Parents, Teachers, Staff, Volunteers and Friends of St. Ann's Academy,

Welcome to St. Ann's Academy (SAA), new and returning students! The 2019-2020 school year promises to be a fun and memorable year.

Parents, each of our teachers is here to provide a nurturing environment for your child so he/she enjoys being in school. School should be a place where kids can find excitement in learning and satisfaction in acquiring new skills. We want to be that place. As they grow emotionally, socially and physically, our students are encouraged to learn by exploring, sharing, working with their hands, reading, and being creative thinkers. SAA kids are challenged intellectually at an appropriate pace for their age and personal abilities. At St. Ann's, teachers tailor the content and pace to the needs of each child, evaluating them regularly so that they are grouped with others of similar ability.

St. Ann's children have physical education at the local "Y", have a green space to play in when weather cooperates, enjoy occasional field trips, and are also offered art and music. Throughout the day, they learn respect, responsibility and appreciation for all we have in this country. Most important though, the children are taught to pray, develop their faith in God and to "love thy neighbor".

Since academic success is one desired outcome that is measurable, the Board of Directors administers standardized Terra Nova assessments each Spring. They do this as a means of quality assurance (QA) for its curriculum and its teaching strategies. Although the students are the ones who answer the assessment questions, the purpose is to measure how well the Board of Directors is doing at their job, which is to ensure academic excellence and to continuously improve.

Below is a summary of the 2019 assessment results. These were taken by *every* child in Grade 3 through Grade 6.

	SAA students at or above the national average	SAA students in the top 10% nationally
Reading	96%	35%
Language	91%	49%
Math	91%	52%
Science	91%	35%
Social Studies	100%	39%



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In a 2019 Parent Survey, 85% of responders **Strongly Agreed** with the statements “I am pleased with the academic progress I see in my child(ren)” and “My child(ren) loves St. Ann’s Academy!”.

We welcome all children, keeping tuition affordable and adhering to a strict non-discrimination policy.

St. Ann’s Academy is a non-profit organization run by volunteers. Parents pay tuition that covers 60% of the cost of running the school, the vast majority of which (78%) is for modest teacher salaries and payroll taxes. Donations and fundraisers are needed to balance the budget, so your financial support is needed and very much appreciated.

The Board of Directors’ mission is to provide a Catholic education in the Hornell area so that our children can learn in an environment that enables them to become well-grounded spiritually and exceptional academically. If you know of someone who shares that vision, please have them contact one of us about the possibility of serving on the Board.

A detailed Board of Directors Report can be found on our website **[www.SAAcademy.org](http://www.SAAcademy.org)**

If you have any questions or suggestions, please reach out to any of us.

Sincerely,

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