

School in the Community

Historical Background of the Community

Sayreville's socioeconomic profile has been based on blue-collar workers. This has changed with the advent of more middle-class people locating to the area. The school has a strong working relationship with the local public school district, the Middlesex County Educational Regional Commission, as well as the boro of Sayreville. The local public education system is considered the Local Education Association by the State. Our textbook loan and Title monies are administered by them. The Middlesex County Regional Commission provides us with part-time nursing services and a part-time teacher that works with children who have ISP's or have scored low on standardized tests. Right down the street from us another Catholic school, St. Stanislaus Kostka, is located. This has a significant impact on Our Lady of Victories School. Both schools are drawing from the same pool of families. This factor alone hampers an increase in our enrollment. The town also houses a new Upper Elementary School. It has the newest and latest technology and academic programs that are difficult for us to compete with.

As mentioned already we have a strong, positive working relationship with the local public school district and the Middlesex County Educational Regional Commission. Sayreville public school district invites the Principal to informative events regarding Crisis Management and provides assistance when needed. One local business periodically gives a financial donation to the school. Responses from the school/parish community to Legislative Action Alerts are minimal.

Our Lady of Victories School participates in the Knights of Columbus annual Spelling Bee; Veteran's of Foreign Wars essay contest; American Legion essay contest; Emergency Squad art contest; and the Shade Tree Commission's essay contest. The town's Fire Department visits the school during Fire Prevention Week and does a safety presentation. The school also participates in Sayreville Day. This provides an avenue that gives information regarding Our Lady of Victories School to the community. The Principal and HSA members facilitate this activity. The local library is a resource the students use as needed. A copy of our summer reading list is provided for them to keep on hand.

School in the Community

Areas of Concern

The main area of concern is the community may not be aware of what the school has to offer, and may not have the correct information regarding the school.

Goal

To ensure that the community has the correct and updated information regarding the school.

Objective

Refer to the Development/Marketing Section.

Action Steps

Refer to the Development/Marketing Section.