

PORTRAIT OF A 21ST CENTURY VISITATION LEARNER

The Portrait of the 21st Century Learner describes the skills, qualities, attributes, and virtues we hope each Visitation student embodies. Underpinning this Portrait are the school's mission and Salesian heritage. As educators, in partnership with parents, we work diligently to ensure that each student has the opportunity to develop each aspect of this Portrait to his or her fullest potential.

FAITH AND VALUES

Formed by the Scriptures, Catholic tradition and prayer, the Visitation Learner:

- understands and articulates the beliefs of the Catholic faith tradition
- participates in the life and worship of a faith community
- matures in an ability to make connections between knowledge of the faith and living the faith

SALESIAN SPIRITUALITY

Formed by a practical living of the Gospel-based Salesian spirituality and Visitation philosophy as expressed by our founders, St. Jane de Chantal and St. Francis de Sales, the Visitation Learner:

- experiences the meaning of faith-filled friendship by relating to others appropriately, confidently and honestly
- resolves conflicts respectfully
- is inspired to strive to reach their potential by developing and celebrating their unique God-given gifts
- values the Visitation Sisters' motto to "Live Jesus"
- is equipped with the skills of discernment to assist in making life-giving choices

EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Formed by the discipline of intellectual work, the Visitation Learner:

- is an inquisitive and curious learner
- speaks, writes and communicates knowledge with clarity and skill
- applies critical thinking when evaluating information
- analyzes and generates creative solutions to problems individually and in concert with others

ARTISTIC LITERACY

Formed by education in and exposure to the arts, the Visitation Learner:

- appreciates natural and created beauty in all its forms
- is confident in his/her personal artistic expression
- connects with the global community through the arts

GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

Formed by a multi-cultural program of studies and the principles of Salesian simplicity and environmental awareness the Visitation Learner:

- develops an understanding of a variety of languages, cultures, and religions
- appreciates multiple perspectives and recognizes the importance of diversity
- engages in meaningful service
- respects and fosters human rights and dignity

LEADERSHIP

Formed by a Salesian education that intentionally creates opportunities for leadership, the Visitation Learner:

- possesses an internal moral compass allowing for courageous decision-making
- has the confidence, determination and resilience to face life challenges
- promotes the common good through individual and group actions

PERSONAL WELLNESS AND ATHLETICS

Formed by strong health, physical education, athletic and activities programs, the Visitation Learner

- values personal fitness, wellness and an active lifestyle
- demonstrates self-respect and teamwork
- displays confidence and ethical character in competition
- practices life-balance

DIGITAL LITERACY

Formed by learning experiences transformed by technology integration, the Visitation Learner:

- Is able to locate, organize, evaluate, and analyze information using digital technology.
- understands online safety, ethics and risks/rewards of social media
- communicates effectively and appropriately through electronic media
- Is prepared for a highly technical world in which they can function with a deeply human touch