

Building Community & Repairing Relationships Through Restorative Practices

Our School strives to create a truly authentic Catholic culture animated by gospel values and rooted in a belief of the dignity of persons created in God's image. In our school, we proclaim a view of community that is church centered wherein all community members belong and play a vital role as a member of the Body of Christ.

Thus, our Christian mission challenges us to address student wrongdoing or conflict in creative ways to correct, guide and support its affected members and at the same time, protects the safety and integrity of all. We believe restorative practices supports this mission.

All staff and students have been introduced to restorative practices with its focus on building, maintaining and repairing relationships. Wrongdoing and conflict result in harm to people. Restorative practices seek to heal and right the wrongs, focussing on the needs of the harmed, those responsible for the harm and the community. While still providing limits and consequences for the wrongdoer restorative practices look for ways to repair damaged relationships.

Those who have been harmed have an opportunity to be heard and offer input into the resolution of the harm. Those who have caused harm, are held accountable to those they have harmed and they play an active role in deciding how to make amends to individuals and school community.

Community members help support those individuals involved in a harmful situation and reintegrate all as positive contributing members of the school community. By meeting face to face, the restorative process encourages healthy communication, accountability, healing and closure for all.

For more detailed information on restorative practices at our school, please contact the school principal or chaplain.