



ST. MARY CATHOLIC CENTRAL

ST. ANDRE BESSETTE OPEN DOORS INCLUSION PROGRAM

Program Information

- The St. Andre Bessette Open Doors Inclusion Program offers the SMCC experience to students of all abilities, including those with significant cognitive and learning challenges.
- Certificate based program launched in August 2018 with two students. We are actively seeking prospective students with the intention of growing the program.
- The St. Andre Bessette Open Doors Inclusion Program works closely with our Academic Support Department to meet the academic needs of each student.
- Students will be in the classroom with typical peers while receiving differentiated instruction and modified curriculum honoring the core values and mission of SMCC.
- Students will have access to all of SMCC's knowledgeable and experienced faculty whom have received training from the top experts in the field of inclusive education from the University of Notre Dame and Texas Christian University.
- Students will have the opportunity to participate in sports and extra curricular activities as offered to all SMCC students.
- The first program of it's kind at any Catholic high school in the state of Michigan!
- Utilizes varied means of instruction and the use of technology to accomplish learning goals.
- Course goals are designed to meet the strengths of the student while aiming to improve their academic weaknesses.
- The program will also include a focus on career and life skills that are designed to help the students prepare for success in life after high school.
- Provides consultation with families about local resources and programming.
- We have a "Peer Mentoring" component where students in the program are paired with Peer Mentors who help tutor them in class, modify the curriculum to meet the student's needs and communicate with parents on a daily basis.

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