

SUSTAINABILITY



FRAMEWORK FOR SUSTAINABILITY at Saint Francis High School

Resiliency Planning

VISION

Develop a robust, resilient, and inclusive system that can withstand change

Pillar I: Reduced Environmental Impact and Costs

VISION

Promote environmentally and economically sustainable projects that reduce the community's impact, conserve valuable resources, and reduce costs

WHAT IT MEANS

Resource Conservation; Materials Flow; Building and Grounds Energy use, Water use, and Waste; Transportation; Consumption and Purchasing; Food, Composting, and Waste

WHAT WE ARE DOING

Greenhouse Gas Audit; Three Stream Waste Program; Landscaping Irrigation Project; Smart HVAC Controls; Energy Monitoring Program; Recycled paper products in restrooms; E-Waste Disposal Program; etc.

Pillar II: Health, Wellness, and Safety

VISION

Ensure and promote access to a healthy and safe learning environment for all members of the community

WHAT IT MEANS

Environmental Health; Indoor Air Quality; Nutrition, Health & Fitness; SEL, Mental Health and Wellbeing

WHAT WE ARE DOING

MERV filter upgrading; Health and Fitness course; Advisory Program; Educator Affinity Groups; Student Affinity Groups; SEL Program; Nutrition education for athletes

Pillar III: Effective Environmental and Sustainability Education

VISION

Recognize our shared responsibility as stewards of God's creation and empower students to learn about real world issues, propose solutions, and engage in civic action through STEM and interdisciplinary opportunities

WHAT IT MEANS

Interdisciplinary Learning; STEM Content; Environmental Knowledge, Skills, and Literacy; Climate Change and Sustainability Learning Outcomes; Civic Knowledge, Skills, Engagement, and Action

WHAT WE ARE DOING

Science Department Sustainability & Social Justice Outcomes; Environmental Science Courses; Environmental Club; Spiritual Ecology Course Proposal

Foundation: Holy Cross Mission

VISION

Our students become Holy Cross men and women who are uniquely prepared for college, service and leadership. Holy Cross men and women are people of integrity who discover their God-given talents, respect the dignity of every person, celebrate family and bring hope to others.

WHAT IT MEANS

Holy Cross Charism; Our Patron, St. Francis; Spirituality and Sustainability; Spiritual Ecology; Community Relationships

WHAT WE ARE DOING

Everything we do is rooted in our Holy Cross Mission

"Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with coloured flowers and herbs"

- Saint Francis of Assisi