



Sts Peter & Paul Academy - Reading, OH

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In May of 2007, Saints Peter and Paul School in Reading, Ohio was closed by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Due to the tenacity and hard work of the parents, a new school called Saint Peter and Paul Academy, opened its doors in August of 2007 to serve the children who had been left without a neighborhood Catholic school. The school, which very appropriately adopted the mascot "Chargers", has stormed ahead and never looked back. It began its 8th year of operation in August, 2014 with 103 K-8 students distributed across a class per grade.

Prior to connecting with Ascend in late May of 2013 the school did not have an electronic grading system or the IT budget to procure and deploy this capability. With Ascend's corporate funding of the software eliminating the cost hurdle, Principal Glenda Donnelly set out with the Ascend team to enable the software for the start of school several months later in August of 2013. Recently, Ms. Donnelly was gracious enough to share her AscendSMS experiences with us:

OUR SCHOOL IS IN OPERATION DUE DIRECTLY TO THE GENEROSITY OF COMPANIES LIKE ASCEND WHO RECOGNIZE THE NEED FOR FAITH BASED EDUCATION

Efficient Implementation & Training

"AscendSMS is a valuable asset for our school and took very little time to set up and begin to use. We had an established student and parent information database that was easily imported into the system and we were up and running quickly. There was some initial hesitancy and concerns about learning a new tool but teachers were able to learn the program with one in-house training session and use of the online training tool built into the program. Even those like me with less technology experience found it easy to come up the learning curve."

More Communication With Less Effort

"It became clear right away that this tool would really help us as a communication tool. The bulk email became extremely valuable for our weekly newsletters. The grade book, attendance and e-classroom features are also used as our means of tracking and communicating student information allowing quick and instant access to this information. Parents have been delighted with the availability of the grades, homework, and teacher communication."

Streamlined Administrative Process

"What was nice for all of us was the improvement to the report card process at the end of the trimester. The teachers went into the system and the grades were all in the system and calculated. This eliminated many hours of work. Another major process that is much easier now is the tracking of Administrative Cost Reimbursement. We've had great results in this area with teacher information input and tracking and with end of year administrative reporting."

A Better Approach To School Management Software

AscendSMS is a next generation student performance management tool that is functionally rich, remarkably straightforward to use and available at no cost to schools. Our goal is to provide the best functional solution in the marketplace and enable it to be accessible to all schools. By expecting more and breaking through traditional thoughts about how things are done in the educational software world, together we can elevate the overall educational experience

Mission Statement

AscendSMS is committed to providing a sleek and simple alternative to the over-engineered and overpriced software packages that currently dominate the market.

- Cloud-Based Platform
- Completely Free Model
- Common Sense Design