

# *The Cardinal Way* **A PATHWAY TO PASSION & PURPOSE**

## **ANCHORED IN ACADEMICS**



Success means different things to different people. No matter how it is defined, academic and technical skills are essential to becoming successful. The student academic experience should be engaging with opportunities to explore, learn, and grow. This experience will allow students to identify and cultivate their interests and talents. Over time, students will identify their purpose and passion, leading to more fulfilling and successful lives.

## **PREPARED FOR PRACTICAL LIVING**



Success in life depends on practical life skills that should be gained throughout students' academic and extracurricular experiences. Students will develop life skills such as conflict resolution, time management, leadership, communication, and financial literacy & responsibility. Students will have multiple opportunities to develop and practice these skills across grades, classes, and extracurricular activities.

## **MOTIVATED BY MINDSETS**



Success in school and life depends largely on the individual's mindset. Mindsets are beliefs, attitudes, or a way of thinking about life. Positive mindsets will be developed as a result of positive student experiences. Students will develop confidence, personal responsibility, curiosity, and a growth mindset. These mindsets will motivate and inspire them for whatever path they take in life.

## **CONNECTED TO COMMUNITY**



Successful communities are built by individuals. Community is more than a place. It is also any group of people who share a common interest or goal. Classrooms are communities. So are schools, clubs, sports teams and extracurricular activities. Regular involvement in community based projects will provide a platform to develop character, leadership, teamwork, and communication skills. Students will understand what it means to be part of something bigger than themselves, and grow into young adults who are prepared to impact their local community, nation, and world.

## **INSPIRED TO INNOVATE**



Successful individuals have the knowledge, skills, and mindsets needed for innovation. Innovators think critically about important problems. They apply academic and technical knowledge to design and create new ideas, products, or processes to solve those problems or improve the quality of life. Their connection and commitment to improving their work, social, and home communities inspire them to innovate.