

Parkvalley Catholic School

Parkvalley is a K-6 Catholic school with roughly 310 students. Tom Zellmer, Principal, has seen generations of children pass through this school as many former students are now parents of current students.

Tom loves his job and the children love Tom.



By 2002, Parkvalley had a problem. In an increasingly technological world, Parkvalley had no significant computer infrastructure and parents and other stakeholders worried that students were falling behind. It was time for a bold step.

In spring 2003, after countless hours painting a vision and planning, Parkvalley decided to move forward with modernization projects to remodel the library and acquire information technology. Parkvalley would use the new computers to educate its students and streamline administrative processes.

Parkvalley asked the team of InfraSupport and Northland Systems to handle the job.

When school opened in fall, 2003, it had a brand new network, complete with file, email, and application servers, firewall, web filtering, and roughly 60 workstations. Northland Systems worked tirelessly to ensure proper server and workstation configurations, manage delivery schedules, and set up software licensing. InfraSupport designed and installed the network, including a system integrating the computer lab with the classrooms.

Today, teachers have the ability to set up assignments for students, who can work in the computer lab as needed. This provides a holistic educational experience where students use technology as a tool to accomplish academic tasks, instead of learning about technology for technology's sake. Teachers also have the ability to communicate with parents via email and send home copies of assignments with feedback. The system works so well that the Parish Office recently integrated its network and email system with the school and set up both the church and school websites on the new network.

“Greg Scott and Karry Knoll and the team from InfraSupport and Northland Systems delighted all of us the way they handled the installation, and ongoing support of our new network,” said Tom Zellmer. “Greg and Karry worked closely with our teachers and staff to make sure we were comfortable with the new technology and they continue to provide support and creative ideas as we make further use of our investment. We were looking for more than product and services vendors. We wanted a true partnership and we got all that and more. I feel great about where we are now and I’m eager to move forward with new projects. ”