

# Helping you get the most from parent-teacher conferences

2022-2023  
Middle School  
Upper School

Knowing each child as an individual is core to St. Andrew's mission and critical in helping each student realize their potential as a learner.

## 1. BEFORE YOUR CONFERENCES

Prior to conferences, take a moment to reflect on what you observe and know about your child that might inform the conversations you will have with their teachers. Ask your child these questions, too.

- ▶ What do you see are your child's current strengths?
- ▶ What are your child's current passions?
- ▶ What challenges your child?
- ▶ What would you like teachers to know about your child?
- ▶ What do you see emerging as potential strengths this year?
- ▶ How do you hope your child will grow as a student this year?

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### What does your child say? *Reflect or summarize in the space below.*

Have your student show you the Canvas Gradebook and To Do List. In addition, ask your child about each specific class. For example:

- What is your homework strategy?
- Where are you successful, and where are the current challenges for you?
- What do you think your teacher will tell me about you and how you're doing?
- How comfortable do you feel asking your teacher for help?
- Do you have a question for your teacher?

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## 2. DURING YOUR CONFERENCES

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Current observations:

Suggested strategies:

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**EMERGING TRENDS** Use this space to jot down notes on any trends you see emerging.

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### 3. AFTER YOUR CONFERENCES

Before deciding what to do next, try this thinking routine to help you unpack today:

#### 3,2,1, Challenge



Choose **three** words that best capture what you heard about your child today:



Write down **two** insights from teachers that connect with what you already know about your child.



Write down **one** new insight that you have made about your child.



What might be the **challenge** for your child moving forward this year?

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#### Complete the loop

What were the overarching themes from today?

What do you want to share with your child? What do you want your child to share with you?

What's next for your child? What's next for you?

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