

St. Luke School
318 11th Street
Columbus, Georgia 31901
Phone 706-256-1301
Fax 706-256-1307
<http://school.stlukeum.com/>

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

St. Luke School Earns SAIS Accreditation

Columbus, Georgia

April 6, 2017

St. Luke School is now an accredited member of SAIS (Southern Association of Independent Schools). To earn accreditation from SAIS, **St. Luke School** complied with quality standards, was evaluated by an outside group of peer professionals, and implemented a school plan focused on strategic improvement and student performance in accordance with the school's mission. ***St. Luke School was previously accredited by AdvancED and now holds joint accreditation from both SAIS and AdvancED.***

A team representing SAIS conducted an on-site visit to review St. Luke School's self-study and standards compliance and its adherence to its mission. The team was comprised of diverse educational leaders from some of the finest institutions in the southeast. The visiting team sought the answers to critical questions the school asked of itself.

"Independent schools are all unique in the delivery of their mission. SAIS recognizes this and through their process of accreditation, they honor, affirm and hold their schools accountable for the faithful execution of that mission. This is the highest possible level of accreditation available to an independent school and we are honored that St. Luke School is now an accredited member of SAIS." Bill Shelnett, Head of School

SAIS accredited member schools are part of an international network of accredited schools that have demonstrated success in educating children. As such, SAIS accreditation is recognized throughout the world as a symbol of quality in education for students and teachers.

About St. Luke School:

St. Luke School is an independent, Christian school that serves children from Junior-Kindergarten through eighth grade that includes: challenging academics, fine arts, competitive athletics, and servant leadership development. Situated in the heart of downtown Columbus, Georgia, St. Luke School is a ministry of St. Luke United Methodist Church.

At St. Luke School, **we believe that there are no standardized children** and as a result, our robust and flexible curriculum is tailored to create a student experience that is second to none. We operate on the core belief that **parents are the primary educators of their children, and it is our honor to partner with them.** Our **excellent faculty** and staff are focused on providing each student with the tools, the challenge, and the nurturing needed to succeed both

St. Luke School
318 11th Street
Columbus, Georgia 31901
Phone 706-256-1301
Fax 706-256-1307
<http://school.stlukeum.com/>

academically and spiritually. Students have opportunities to develop, participate, and contribute at every grade level through extra-curricular offerings, athletics, and fine arts. **St. Luke students are servant leaders** who are focused on giving back through supporting local missions and serving our neighbors.

St. Luke School currently serves 400 families and nearly 600 children each day.

For more information about St. Luke School or this announcement please contact:

Stephanie Alford
Director, Communications and Marketing
St. Luke School
(706) 256-1301
salford@stlukeum.com

