



St. Peter's School

Annual State of the School Report 2021



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MISSION STATEMENT

St. Peter Catholic School is committed to providing students opportunities to live out the Gospel of Jesus and gain courage to act on their Catholic beliefs in community, worship, and service. Catholic teaching and values are integrated into all areas of the curriculum to develop each child's body, mind, and soul.



THE REASON WE EXIST...



PHILOSOPHY

St. Peter's School believes that it is our duty as a Catholic school to educate the whole person—body, mind and soul. St. Peter's School is dedicated to providing a Christ-centered environment to instruct all areas of faith and academics. We believe that our students will be prepared to live as responsible Christians in today's world, while building on their Catholic foundation and striving for the ultimate goal of eternal life with God.





CATHOLIC IDENTITY

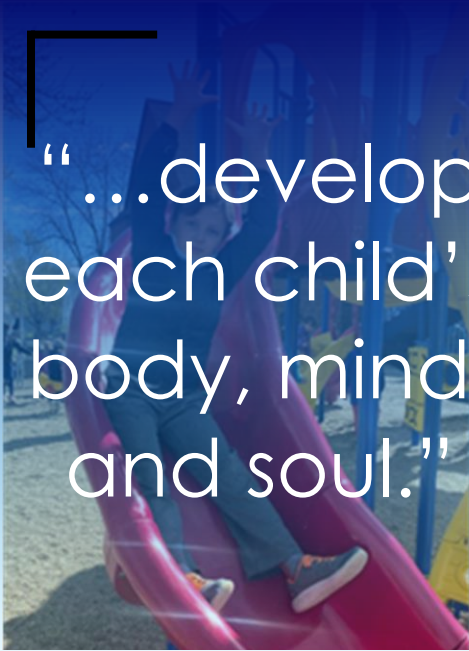


“...OPPORTUNITIES TO LIVE OUT THE GOSPEL OF JESUS...”

- † Daily Morning Prayer using Google Meets to gather as a school virtually each morning.
- † Daily morning, before lunch, after lunch, and end of day prayer in classrooms.
- † Celebrated School Mass weekly and on Holy Days of Obligation.
 - ☪ Classes took turns planning and doing ministries for School Mass.
- † Students went to Confessions during Lent.
- † Prayer Intentions were part of Marathon and displayed on the route for students, staff and volunteers to see and say a prayer as they walked by.
- † All Saint’s Day Celebration—Dressed like a Saint and gave a short report about their Saint to the class before playing BINGO as a school.
- † Stations of the Cross prayed during Lent led by one of the classrooms each week.
- † Celebrated First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion
 - ☪ 1st Reconciliation was held in Ivanhoe for all 2nd graders.
 - ☪ A First Communion Retreat was held prior to First Communion.
 - ☪ 1st Communion celebrated at St. Leo and St. Peter’s Churches
- † Assigned prayers for each grade to learn throughout the year.
- † Community Outreach Projects
 - ☪ Had students interview Veterans around Veteran’s Day—Students called or visited Veterans and learned about their service.
 - ☪ Collected food for the local Food Shelf along with Catholic Order of Foresters.
 - ☪ Nursing Home Art Pals—Canby Arts Council worked with the 3rd/4th grade classroom to have an Art Pal who exchanged Art projects and cards on a monthly basis.
 - ☪ 100 Hail Mary Prayer—A special poem and prayer said at Morning Prayer for those who need prayers due for health or other concerns. Collectively, over 100 Hail Mary prayers are said, and the paper with the poem on it is sent to the person or family prayed for.
 - ☪ Filled 16 “Boxes of Joy” to be shipped to Cross Catholic Outreach.
- † Faculty attended Diocesan Faith Formation Day Virtually.
- † Each teacher dedicated to weaving prayer and faith opportunities throughout the day in all curriculum.
- † Faith Formation opportunities integrated into classrooms with prayers displayed on bulletin boards, Rosaries available, Saint’s devotions, Mary Statue, Bibles & Sacred Spaces.



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SCHOOL ACTIVITIES & FUNDRAISERS

“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

- † Fall Kick-Off with families coming back into the building for the 1st time since the prior year ended!
- † Marathon goal was met with over \$49,000 raised! Students, staff & volunteers walked over 1,246 miles!
- † “Read for the Record” was done virtually with guest readers in Kindergarten through – 2nd grade.
- † Football Frenzy – A fun fundraiser following the NFL with cash prizes awarded to weekly winners.
- † KC Auction—Thank-you to the KCs for sponsoring a virtual auction this year. The bidding was simple and even a little competitive! Thank you for the drive-up meal as well!
- † School Christmas Program was presented with an in-person audience—Preschool performed songs with grades K-6 performing *Star of Wonder* for parents and guests.
- † Advent Angel Party—Students and Staff drew a name for their Advent Angel, wrote notes during Advent, and revealed who their Advent Angel was at our Advent Angel Party.
- † Birthday Party for Jesus—Mini stations were held for students to participate in to celebrate Jesus’ birthday!
 - ✿ Made tie blankets and donated to Nursing Home.
 - ✿ Made Christmas Cards for Nursing Home and Sylvan Place residents.
 - ✿ Completed a Navity Escape Room Acitivity
 - ✿ Created a Nativity Scene
 - ✿ Played Christmas BINGO

- † Catholic Schools Week—A week to celebrate our school!
 - ✿ Sunday—“Celebrate St. Peter’s Parish” at an All School Mass followed by a CCW Luncheon To-Go.
 - ✿ Monday—“Celebrate Community” with mini-stations for Thank-You cards, Rosary making for troops, and line dancing.
 - ✿ Tuesday—“Celebrate Students” with a to-go Alumni Breakfast and “Minute to Win It” games with students and staff.
 - ✿ Wednesday—“Celebrate the USA” by finishing rosaries for troops and had BINGO for the students with numbers called by Principal’s of the Day.
 - ✿ Thursday—“Celebrate Vocations” with a College Comfy dress up day and the Marathon reward movie at the Canby Theatre hosted by the late Mike Tesch.
 - ✿ Friday—“Celebrate Teachers, Staff & Volunteers” with an award winning talent show presented by the teachers and staff. Some highlights from the show included staff Synchronized Swimming, gymnastics, skits, songs, and dances. The students also had a chance to showcase their talent in groups with drumming, lip-sync singing, a fashion show, and skits.
 - ✿ Saturday—“Celebrate Families” with our annual Prime Rib Supper with to-gos and delivery this year. We sold 144 meals!

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES & FUNDRAISERS, CONT.

- † Catholic United Financial School Raffle—St. Peter’s students were able to sell raffle tickets with a chance to win a new car!
 - ✿ 100% of proceeds stays at the school!
 - ✿ The school raised \$15,840 ticket sales!
- † Mardi Gras held and money was donated to a local non-profit “With Angel Wings” and also to the Blakely Koenig family for medical expenses.
- † 2nd Graders were able to celebrate their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion with families in church with them.
- † Candy Bar sales were a hit in the community as a way to raise money for Spring Fling.
- † May Crowning was held with the 6th graders having a special role to process in with the Mary statue, crowning her as Queen of Heaven and Earth and playing special music with Mrs. Hintz. All students presented flowers to Mary as part of May Crowning. The 2nd graders also processed in with their 1st Communion dresses and clothes on to honor Mary.
- † Field Trips were events that happened in town or in school. The preschool through second grade went on a park tour and had a picnic lunch. The third through sixth graders had a Science Day at school with different science activities and a picnic lunch.

- † The Phil 4:13 Award for Physical Fitness was done this year with 20 students earning the “Work Hard, Pray Hard” award and 15 students earning the Phil 4:13 award. A new tradition with the 5th/6th grade doing the mile run with Alumni was started. Thank you Josh Steffen, Abby Theisen, and Bailey Kindopp for running!
- † The Spring Fling was back this year with a burger meal, some crafts and games for kids, a raffle, and music with even a little dance competition.
- † Field Day—The students in K-6 enjoyed Field Day at Sylvan Park. They participated in stations of whiffle ball, soccer, volleyball, flag football, and basketball.
- † In-Person Graduation with family invited to celebrate.
 - ✿ Preschool Graduation—10 graduates
 - ✿ Kindergarten Graduation—4 graduates
 - ✿ Sixth Grade—8 graduates
- † Food Wagon Friday—Served Tacos in a Bag and made \$940.44 for the school. Thank you Jim’s Market!
- † St. Peter’s School was able to stay in-person learning the entire school year! Thank you to the staff and parents for helping make this possible.
- † VBS was held for two days in June with 38 VBS students in attendance and Confirmation students helping out the adult volunteers.



School Profile

Enrollment Numbers for 2020-2021 ~ 68 Students/*39 Families

*5 Non-Catholic Families

- ~Preschool—10 students
- ~Kindergarten—4 students
- ~1st Grade—8 students
- ~2nd Grade—11 students
- ~3rd Grade—10 students
- ~4th Grade—7 students
- ~5th Grade—11 students
- ~6th Grade—8 students

Estimated enrollment 2021-2022 ~ 68 students Preschool—6th Grade



Curriculum & Instruction

- † All curriculum standards are reviewed annually at the end of the school year and after NWEA testing. An in-depth review of each subject is done on a 7-year cycle.
 - ⌘ Standards were adjusted based on NWEA test scores in the fall to make sure areas of concern are being met.
 - ⌘ Teachers met after spring NWEA test scores to develop a plan to focus more on areas of need based on testing.
- † Technology continues to be 1:1 with iPads and Chromebooks. Ten more Chromebooks were ordered to allow grades 3-6 to each have their own in the classroom for the year.
- † Scholastic Bookfair was held virtually with each student getting to pick out a book courtesy of the school.
- † Curriculum reviewed to make sure students were not in a gap from Distance Learning.
- † Music teacher was creative in lessons given the current restrictions for singing in large groups.
- † Professional Development—Teachers continue to learn!
 - ⌘ Staff attended Faith Formation Days virtually this year.
 - ⌘ Teachers enrolled in SimpleK12 website to choose classes to take to grow in their profession and meet their needs.
 - ⌘ A workshop on Inclusion was attended by the principal.

School Climate

- † Awards & Recognition
 - ⌘ Honor Roll for Grades 3—6 (Principal, High & Honors)
 - ⌘ Accelerated Reader (K-6) & Star Reading (Preschool & Kindergarten) Recognition of prizes and parties
 - ⌘ “Earn Your Patch” program to recognize students individually throughout the year.
 - ⌘ Spelling Bee for Kindergarten, 1st-3rd, and 4th-6th
 - † Kindergarten: 1st—Lauren Schubert
 - † 1st-3rd Grade: 1st—Zeyan Anderson; 2nd—Amira van Wyk
 - † 4th-6th Grade: 1st—Rhilyn Anderson; 2nd—Zoya van Wyk
 - ⌘ Blue & Gold Award given to 4 students—Zeyan Anderson, Sophia Full, Owen Petersen & Wesley Verhelst
 - ⌘ Presidential Academic Gold—Rhilyn Anderson, Jonna Briggs & Taylor Ourada
 - ⌘ Presidential Academic Silver—Will Abrahamson & Jace Rangaard
 - ⌘ St. Peter’s Academic Gold Award given out to 9 students
 - ⌘ St. Peter’s Academic Silver Award given out to 9 students
 - ⌘ Knights of Columbus Mentor Award: Taylor Ourada
 - ⌘ Principals’s Award: Will Abrahamson
 - ⌘ Caterador Award: Madison Antony (Loving~Polite~Silly)

† Pictures of all award winners can be found on Facebook @StPetersCanby or at www.schoolofstpeter.com.



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Learner Performance

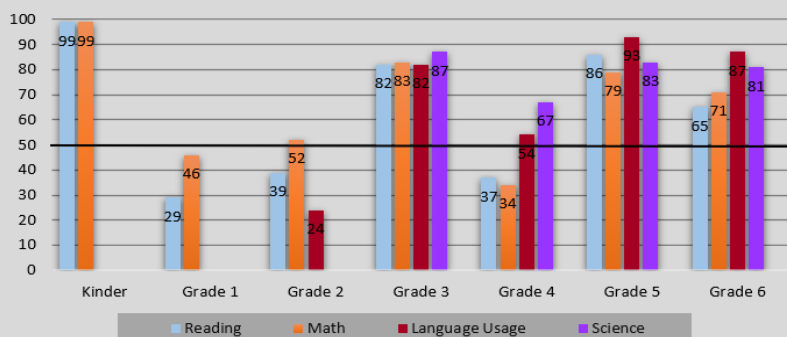
—Our Academic Gauge

Standardized Testing—NWEA

St. Peter’s School gave the NWEA test to students in grades K-6 in the Fall of 2020 and the Spring of 2021. Results were evaluated by the teaching staff and curriculum adjustments were made, if necessary, to meet the needs of lower area test scores and students. Results were also sent home and shared with parents to review.

The graph shows how St. Peter’s students did on the Spring 2021 NWEA. Our goal is to be above the 50 percentile in all areas. We were successfully above the 50 percentile in 17 out of the 23 tests areas (74% of the test scores in the above average range). Areas below average were 1st grade Math and Reading, 2nd grade Reading and Language Usage, and 4th grade Math and Reading. The teachers have made plans to focus on areas of concern for next school year to grow in those areas. Scores above the 60 percentile are considered High Average (61-80) and above 80 percentiles High (> 80). Out of 23 tested subject areas, we had 4 subject areas reach into the High Average range and 11 subject areas exceed into the High range (65% in High Ave or High range). We will continue to use the NWEA results to improve our curriculum and find ways to meet those in need.

NWEA Testing Results Spring 2021
Percentile Rank Based on NWEA Norms



School Strategic Plan (SSP) — The Vehicle to our Future

The School Strategic Plan (SSP) continues to be a driving force behind projects, updates, and professional development, although this year posed new challenges to try to meet the goals of the SSP. In the beginning and end of the school year, the SSP was reviewed at staff meetings and Education Committee Meetings. The timelines proved to be difficult to accomplish with all the extra procedures and updates we needed to do for this school year. By the end of the school year, we had decided on a SEL curriculum to implement for next school year. (Obj. 1, Strategy 1). The principal was able to look at some samples, and with the help of the Diocese, a decision was made. We will continue to use our SimpleK12 to grow professionally. Even though we had generous donations this school year, budget concerns continue in the church and therefore the formal process of creating a budget based on need rather than basing it on shortfalls will need to be investigated again next year (Obj. 3, Strategy 1). The SSP will continue to be reviewed by the staff, Education Committee, and Admin Council. The SSP can be found at: www.schoolofstpeter.com under Accreditation.

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School Personnel -Passionate with a Purpose

The faculty and staff at St. Peter’s School are dedicated to providing quality education in academics as well as faith formation. We hired a new 1st/2nd grade teacher this past year as well as three new paraprofessionals to help with the demands of COVID restrictions put on schools and to better assist students in need. It was a trying year for everyone to make sure all procedures were being followed as well as teaching and providing faith support, but the faculty and staff went above and beyond to meet those needs. The goal of continuing the mission of St. Peter’s School “to offer our students an opportunity to live out the Gospel of Jesus in community, worship, and service” was not forgotten along the way of the school year. We were able to celebrate little and big successes as a staff and with the students. When anyone asks how we keep the school going so successfully, I always say we have a wonderful staff, and I truly believe it!



School Financial Summary

Your support is everything....

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St. Peter’s School relies on three main areas for income: tuition, fundraisers, and Church subsidies. We also rely on donations made through memorials and donor designated gifts. All these avenues of financial support help St. Peter’s to ensure a quality education is possible for students while keeping tuition costs down for families. St. Peter’s School is grateful for all support received for the school both financially and spiritually. We were very fortunate to receive an \$80,000 donation in honor of Daniel & Marian Verhelst and Joseph & Maryls Kontz. That donation helped a lot of families with tuition assistance as well as providing funding for some school updates, technology, music, PE, and other areas in the school. We also had other generous donors who gave amount up to \$5,000 for school needs. Any and all donations are always greatly appreciated. We are humbled to be the benefactors of your giving.

Review of financial summary:

- † Marathon goas was met with over \$49,000 raised.
- † Catholic United Financial School Raffle raised \$15,840 of our \$20,000 goal.
- † PRAY365 was reformatted and gaining support again.
- † Tuition—Price will increase slightly again next year based on the same rate as last year. To maintain financial stability, the Admin Council feels it’s important to raise tuition again this year.
- † Large donations designated for tuition and past due tuition in the “Donor Designated” category. Other donations also under “Donor Designated.”
- † Budget for next year was planned with a salary increase for all staff and faculty after a wage freeze last year.
- † Graph represents budget as of May 31, 2021. There are two more payperiods to deduct and the Payroll Protection Plan to deposit. Updated budget will be available after July 1, 2021.

Donations for St. Peter’s School are welcome any time through the year. All donations are tax deductible and can be designated as you wish or just go to the general fund of the school. Donations can be made online at:

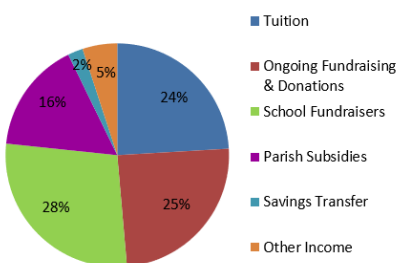
*<https://churchofstpetercanby.weshareonline.org>
Follow the link to make your donation.*

Donations to St. Peter’s School can also be mailed to:

*St. Peter’s School
Attn: Lori Rangaard
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Income



Expenses

