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St. Peter's School Annual State of the School Report 2015-2016



Mission and Philosophy—Our Rule to Live By...

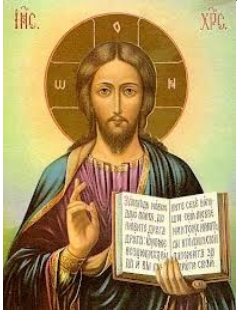
Mission - St. Peter's School offers our students an opportunity to live out the Gospel of Jesus in community, worship, and service. Catholic teachings and values are integrated into all areas of the curriculum which fulfills the message of Jesus for all students, staff, and faculty.

Philosophy - St. Peter's School believes that it is the duty of a Catholic school to educate the whole person—body, mind and spirit. St. Peter's School is dedicated to providing a Christian atmosphere of learning in which Catholic beliefs, practices, and traditions are imparted to students and academic excellence takes place. Through our commitment to instruction in all areas of faith and academics, we believe that our students are prepared to live as responsible Catholic Christians in today's world, while keeping in mind and striving for their ultimate goal of eternal life with God.



6th Grade Graduates

Catholic Identity—The Reason We Exist



+ Celebrate School Mass Weekly and on Holy Days of Obligation

~Students help plan and participate in ministries in a classroom mass about every six weeks and are involved in ministries during all the school masses throughout the school year.

+ Go to Confession once a Month (Grades 3-6)

~2nd Graders start attending confession after their 1st Confession

+ Daily Morning Prayer in the hallway as an entire School Community

+ Stations of the Cross during Lent

~Each classroom is in charge of presenting the Stations of the Cross to the parish community.

~5th and 6th graders did a powerful Living Stations again this year.



◆ Celebration of First Reconciliation and First Communion in 2nd Grade

~2nd Graders, accompanied by a parent, participated in an afternoon Retreat with our AFC to prepare for First Communion.



+ Class and School Service Projects

~Tie Blankets were made at our Birthday Party for Jesus in December and donated to Birthright in Marshall, MN

~The theme for CSW were based around the Year of Mercy. Each day the students did a service project based on a Corporal or Spiritual Work of Mercy

~Monday—Made holiday cards for Meals on Wheels

~Tuesday—Collected food for local Food Shelf

~Wednesday—Made Thank-You cards for active soldiers

~Thursday—Made prayer cards to send to the facility that does MN Computers for School

~Friday—Attended Adoration to pray for the living and the dead



~ Collected food for Prairie Five Food Shelf in November

~1st and 2nd graders cleaned up the yard around school and church by picking up garbage and sticks in April.

~3rd and 4th graders sang Christmas Carols at First Security Bank in December.

~5th and 6th graders decorated a Christmas tree for our priest from Nigeria for his 1st Christmas tree.

~Mardi Gras—Students raised funds for a staff member going through cancer treatments this school year.



~A “Hats on for Kayce” day was held by students & staff to support a local cancer patient who did pre-student teaching at St. Peter’s .

~Student Council planted a school garden to provide vegetable for our Hot Lunch program next fall.



+ Daily Prayer in Each Classroom

~Each classroom takes time to memorize prayers of our Catholic Faith according to our curriculum.

~Each teacher is dedicated to weaving prayer and faith opportunities throughout the school day.

+ Guardian Angels

~The 5th & 6th graders are paired with a kindergarten student at the beginning of the year to sit with at Mass and do special projects with throughout the year.



+ Advent Birthday Party for Jesus

~Students have an opportunity to go to several different activity stations to celebrate Jesus’ birthday.

~Each year we have incorporated a service project into the afternoon of activities.



Catholic Identity—The Reason We Exist (cont.)

+Advent Angel Program

~Students and staff draw a name out of a bucket and send secret notes and small items throughout Advent. Then at an Advent Angel Party, each person reveals who they had and gives a small gift. They are also encouraged to pray for their Advent Angel throughout all of Advent.

+ Annual Christmas Program

~The real meaning of Christmas is portrayed by the students through a caper of songs and themed skit. The program is put on for the local Elementary School and our families and supporters.

+ Catholic Schools Week

~A week long celebration with a theme of faith each day with this year based on the Year of Mercy

+ May Crowning

~The 5th and 6th graders process in with Mary and crown Mary with a crown and flowers. The 2nd graders are part of the procession dressed in their 1st Communion clothes as a special honor. All students and staff in the school are given a flower to present to Mary after She is crowned. It is a time for us to honor Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth.



+ Fr. Craig, Fr. Zach & Fr. Irenaeus visit the Classrooms for Religion Instruction

~Fr. Craig, Fr. Zach & Fr. Irenaeus have a schedule to visit each classroom every other week. Students in grades 3-6 go to confessions once a month before weekly Mass (2nd joins after 1st Reconciliation).

+ Many Areas of Faith Formation are Integrated into Each Classroom

~ Sacred Space in each classroom ~Rosaries available in each classroom

~Meal Prayers (before & after) ~Prayers displayed on bulletin boards

~Saint Devotions ~Bibles available in each classroom

~iPads with Bible and religion games available



+ Faculty and Staff Pray Together

~Monday mornings before the school week begins, faculty meets for a short prayer in the hallway.

~Wednesday mornings the faculty prays together.

~All staff meetings begin with prayer.

+ 100 Hail Mary Prayers for Those Who are Sick in our Parish or Need Special Prayers

~100 Hail Mary prayers are offered up for our parishioners and family and friends dealing with serious illness. Students and staff can submit names of people who need special prayers. As a school, we each say two Hail Mary prayers at morning prayer and see their name on a special paper with a poem that gets sent to the person we are praying for.



+Pray 365 Fundraiser introduced—Anyone can buy a day on a year calendar and the students and staff pray for them on their day.

+All Saint's Day Celebration—Students and staff were encouraged to dress as a saint instead of Halloween costumes for our annual "Halloween Party".



School Profile—Our Family Makeup

Enrollment Numbers for 2015-2016 School Year: 70 Students/46 Families (Preschool: 12 students; K: 14 students; Grade 1: 9 Students; Grade 2: 4 Students; Grade 3: 13 Students; Grade 4: 5 Students; Grade 5: 5 Students; Grade 6: 8 Students)

8 ~ 6th Grade Graduates

1 ~ Non-Catholic Family

4 ~ 1st Communicants

Estimated Enrollment 2016-2017 – 75 Students (including preschool numbers)

Curriculum and Instruction— Teaching and Learning

⇒ Updated the Social Studies Curriculum and ordered a new Social series to implement next year.

◇ Each year the teachers update the curriculum handbook to reflect the academic rigors of our school and to reflect our needs from previous ITBS scores.

◇ There is an in-depth review of certain subject areas and update of those subject area textbooks completed once every 7 years.

⇒ Implemented Our Policy for the Ongoing Process of Reviewing and Updating our Curriculum and Textbooks.

◇ Each year the faculty works hard to keep to this review process in order to keep current with the best academics we can offer our students.

⇒ Received 4 more iPads for the classrooms to go along with the 11 we got last year.

⇒ Updated the computer lab with 18 new computers from MN Computers for School.

⇒ Ordered 30 Chromebooks and a traveling cart for next school year.

⇒ Had 5 students win a personal laptop through an essay contest that K-6 participated in.

⇒ Library Updates

◇ Continued to update the library and classroom libraries (with new books) with the funds earned through our Scholastic Book Fair during Catholic Schools Week.

⇒ AR Goals and incentives

◇ Our students quizzed on 2,178 books for a total of 12,406,331 words.

◇ 2,195.7 points were earned throughout the school year.

◇ Used AR reward system for AR points achieved for Grades 1-6.

◇ Kindergarten uses their own rewards system for reading logs.

◇ Classrooms implemented incentives programs for AR achievements.

◇ Summer AR program started in June. Student can earn a summer reading patch if they reach 10 AR points this June & July.

⇒ Professional Development

◇ Staff participated in the Diocesan Faith Formation Days in September in Sleepy Eye.

◇ Faculty participated in the Annual Area Faith Community's retreat day in January at Holy Redeemer in Marshall. Topic discussed were on ELL and on Mental Health titled "Troubled or Typical".



Learner Performance—Academic Gauge

Standardized Assessments – Iowa Testing of Basic Skills (ITBS)

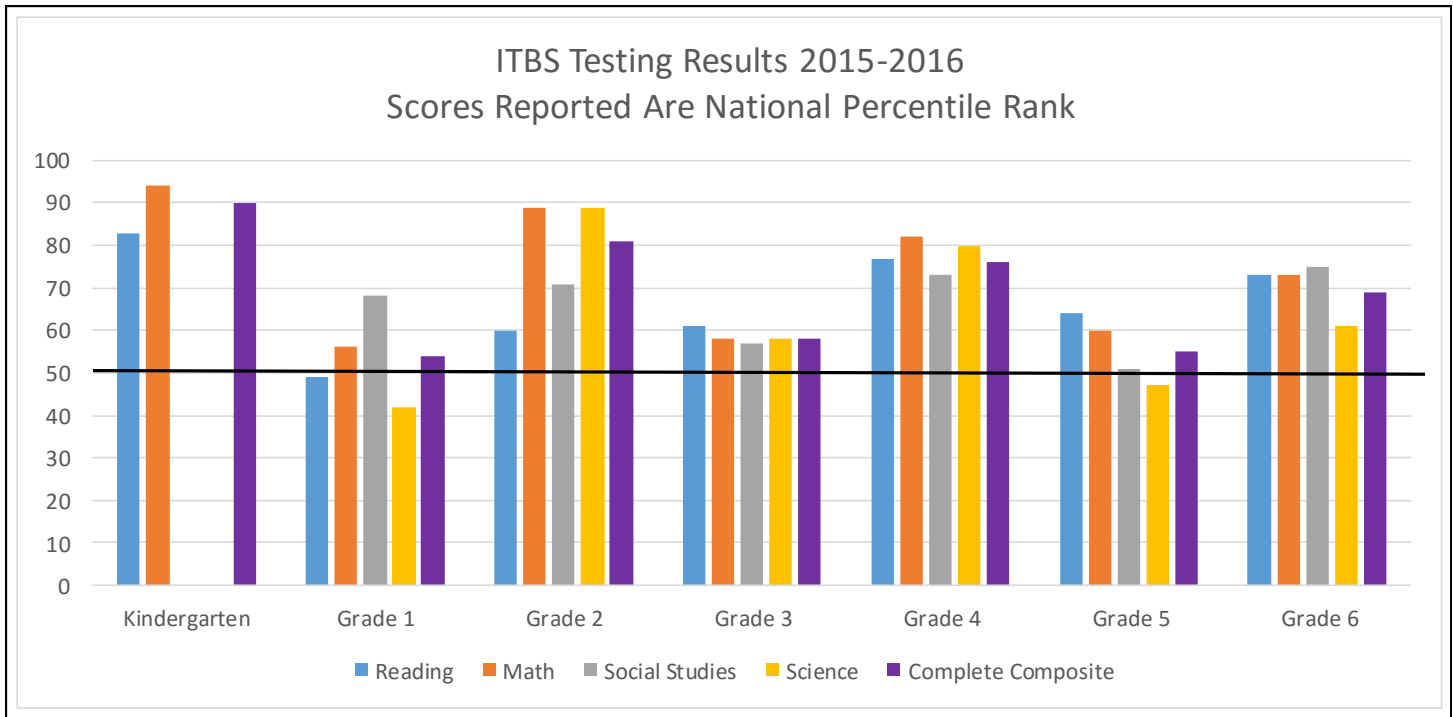
St. Peter's School uses the ITBS for its standardized testing assessment. ITBS is a "norm-referencing" test that compares a student's performance to others who have taken the same test under the same conditions.

Grades K-6 are tested in the spring of each school year. Individual results for each student were sent home to parents. The graph on the following page shows the class average National Percentile Rank for St. Peter's students Kindergarten through 6th grade. It is compared to the average 50 percentile rank. Our goal is to have all classes over the 50 percentile rank.



Learner Performance—Academic Gauge (cont.)

ITBS Test Results for St. Peter's School



National Percentile Rank is based on the national norms—50% is the average range

- ◆ Science and Social Studies are taught together in a classroom which means the information tested could have been taught last school year or will be taught next school year.
- ◆ Kindergarten does not test in Social Studies or Science.
- ◆ All but 3 categories met the 50% or higher throughout all the classes. All complete composite scores for each grade ranged from 54%—90%.

Results Summary by Grade Equivalent

Grade Equivalent means that our students have mastered content that places them academically in the number grade and the month of the school year. Below are the average GE for Language Totals, Math Totals, and a Complete Composite total for each grade. The Social and Science GE totals area included for grades 1-6 as they do not test in these areas.

Kindergarten: Language (1.4 Grade Equivalent) ~ Math (1.6 Grade Equivalent)
Complete Composite (1.5 Grade Equivalent)

Grade 1: Language (1.8 Grade Equivalent) ~ Math (1.9 Grade Equivalent) ~ Complete Composite (1.8 Grade Equivalent) ~ Social (2.2 Grade Equivalent) ~ Science (1.6 Grade Equivalent)

Grade 2: Language (3.0 Grade Equivalent) ~ Math (4.0 Grade Equivalent) ~ Complete Composite (3.7 Grade Equivalent) ~ Social (3.5 Grade Equivalent) ~ Science (4.6 Grade Equivalent)

Grade 3: Language (4.2 Grade Equivalent) ~ Math (4.1 Grade Equivalent) ~ Complete Composite (4.0 Grade Equivalent) ~ Social (4.1 Grade Equivalent) ~ Science (4.1 Grade Equivalent)

Grade 4: Language (6.3 Grade Equivalent) ~ Math (6.4 Grade Equivalent) ~ Complete Composite (6.4 Grade Equivalent) ~ Social (6.2 Grade Equivalent) ~ Science (7.0 Grade Equivalent)

Grade 5: Language (6.6 Grade Equivalent) ~ Math (6.3 Grade Equivalent) ~ Complete Composite (6.2 Grade Equivalent) ~ Social (5.8 Grade Equivalent) ~ Science (5.6 Grade Equivalent)

Grade 6: Language (8.6 Grade Equivalent) ~ Math (8.6 Grade Equivalent) ~ Complete Composite (8.5 Grade Equivalent) ~ Social (9.4 Grade Equivalent) ~ Science (7.8 Grade Equivalent)

School Climate and Facilities—Our Environment

* Awards and Recognition

- Honor Roll continued for students in grades 3-6



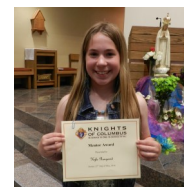
- Principal's Honor 4.0-3.8
- High Honors 3.79-3.444
- Honors 3.443-3.0



- AR School Recognition

- For grades K-6 prizes were given in increments between 2-400 points and beyond

- “Earn Your Patch” program started in the 3rd quarter. Students can earn a patch in different areas of academics, character, AR, and sportsmanship. Patches are attached to keyring on backpacks.
- 4 students won the Blue and Gold Citizenship Award.
- There was 1 Perfect Attendance and 16 Excellent Attendance winners.
- One 6th grader, Kyla Rangaard, received the Knights of Columbus Mentor Award and a \$40 cash prize.

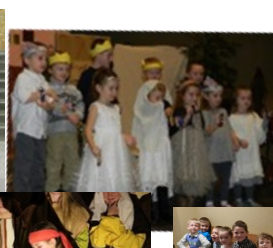


- One 6th grader, Morgan Noyes, received the Principal's Award for working hard to always do her best.
- Several Students qualified for Presidential awards for academic excellence and physical fitness.
- 13 students were recognized for serving on our Student Council.
- 2 students were recognized for Yearbook.
- Art Awards were given out for an outstanding artist in each room.



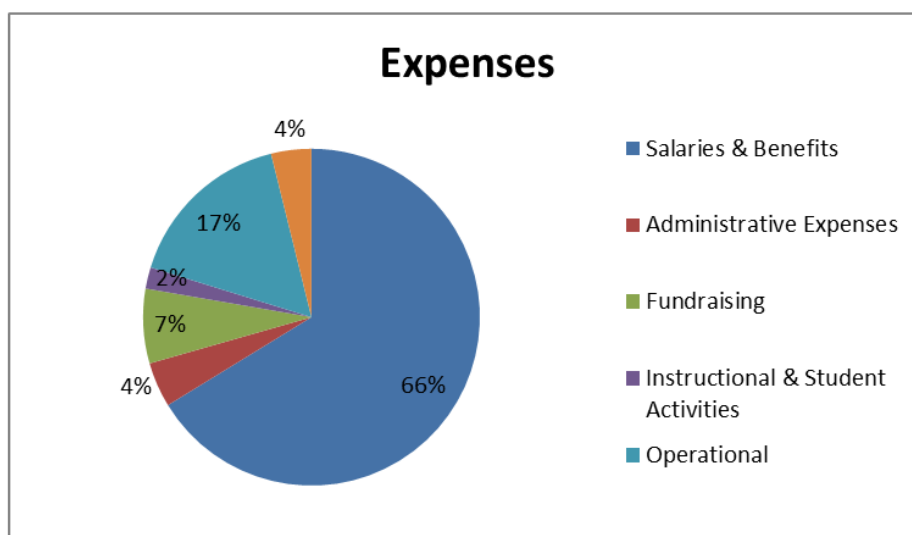
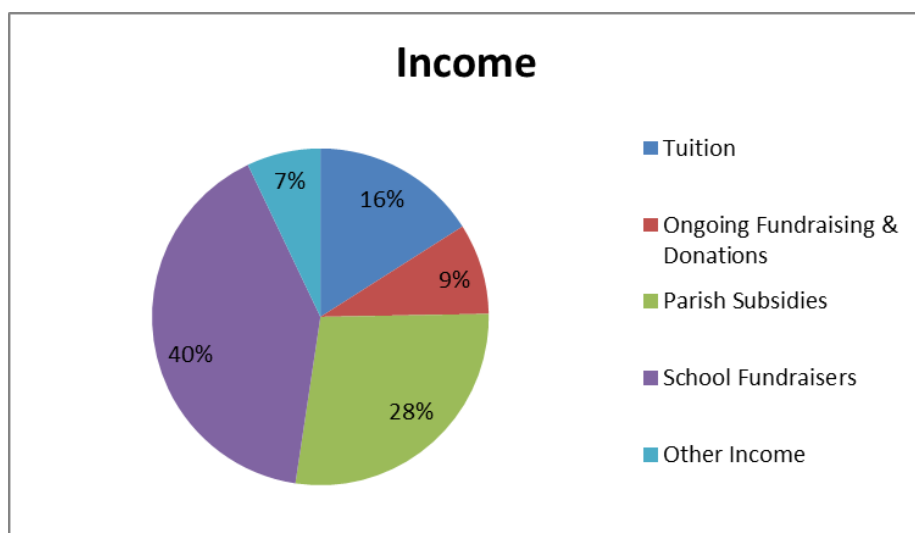
* Facilities Enhancements

- New security/door lock system installed last summer and implemented for school year.
- 4 iPads were donated as a memorial from a family.
- A large technology donation was made to the school as a memorial.
- Summer Projects: Install a bottle filler onto a water fountain in the hallway; rearrange 2 classrooms to accommodate our growing preschool numbers; hired a new teacher for co-preschool and 1st grade reading teacher; continue to recruit preschool/kindergarten families who are still undecided.



School Financial Summary

Actual Numbers as of June 9, 2016



- ◆ The school continues to rely on our fundraising efforts to contribute the budget and overall functions of the school.
 - ◆ Marathon—We met our goal of \$46,000! Thanks to all who supported the students in pledges!
 - ◆ The Catholic United Financial School Raffle was a huge success even with our goal of \$20,000 and our actual amount raised at \$14,445.
- ◆ Tuition will increase \$50 per student next year. It will be at \$1400 for 1 student families, \$2000 for 2 student families, and \$2500 for 3+ student families. Preschool tuition will also increase to \$600 with an additional day added for preschool.
- ◆ St. Peter's School was blessed with private donations from parishioners and also by memorials given to the school after loved ones passed away. A large portion of this was designated for technology and will be used to purchase 30 Chromebooks for next year.
- ◆ PRAY365 was a new fundraiser introduced this year and brought in more than budgeted.

Personnel—Keeping a Strong, Supportive Staff



St. Peter's School is blessed to have a supportive staff that is dedicated to the learning of each student both in academics and in faith. Their ongoing commitment to the school is evident in the activities they participate in, the extra work they apply themselves in, and the positive atmosphere they create throughout the school.

School Strategic Plan (SSP)– The Vehicle to Our Future

A driving force behind major projects and updates to the school is the School Strategic Plan (SSP) created when we became accredited with MNSAA. This Plan gives the structure by which we continue to thrive, grow, and be held accountable in that growth. The main goal is to always provide the very best Catholic education to our students so they can have a safe and nurturing environment to grow into their best selves.

As a school, we are always looking for new and exciting ways to involve the parish community in our school. One great was with a new fundraiser PRAY365. With this fundraiser, people were able to “purchase” a day throughout the year to have the school and staff pray for them. In return, they would donate the given amount for the day which corresponds to the day of the year that it is. The school students and staff pray for these intentions at morning prayer throughout the year.

Another area that was fulfilled on the SSP was in Objective 1. A new security system with a door lock feature was installed during the summer. Keycards were distributed to staff and members of the parish who needed regular access to the school on weekends and nights (parish organizations). This new system adds a little piece of security during our school day as any visitors need to buzz in to get into the school.

With our growing and successful preschool program, we were approved to hire a new co-preschool teacher who will also teach 1st grade reading along with social studies for grades K-4. We are excited to have Natalie (Giese) Delmonico join our staff next year. We will also be rearranging classrooms to create a preschool room to be shared with preschool and kindergarten.

It has been an eventful, trying, and exciting year at St. Peter's School. The students have shown growth academically and spiritually. The staff and students came together to support another staff member in a time of need. Each year that we get to teach your child, we are dedicated to live out our mission at St. Peter's School to provide “an opportunity to live out the Gospel of Jesus in community, worship, and service” in order to educate the whole person—body, mind and spirit.

God Bless!

