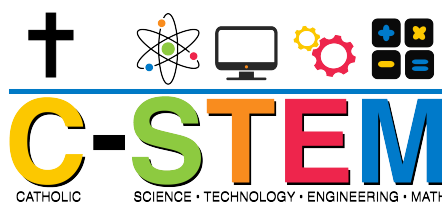




SACRED HEART
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Sacred Heart Catholic School
State of the School
2017-2018



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From the Principal

The 2016-2017 school year has been a successful year at Sacred Heart Catholic School. I wanted to take the time to share with you where we have been, what we have learned and where we are going. Sacred Heart Catholic School is accredited by MNSAA (Minnesota Nonpublic School Accreditation Association). Our current strategic plan will expire in 2017, so now we begin the process of completing a Self Study report and new strategic plan for the years 2018-2024. I hope this Annual Report will give you a snapshot of our past year and a glimpse of what is to come.

We are proud of our teachers for completing their STEM certificate through St. Catherine's University. We thank the teachers for the extra time they put in above and beyond their normal teaching duties. Over the last two years, our teachers studied and learned together to further their knowledge of best practices in teaching and learning. What a gift we have been given. Here is a short list of learning experiences from this year:

- STARBASE (gr. 4/5) -This 5 day camp puts STEM in students' hands by providing engaging activities rooted in science, technology, math and engineering.
- STEMLink (gr. 5/6) - Students participated in three interactive sessions with professionals from the fields of biology, physics, math, cybersecurity, and computer science.
- Creativity Festival (gr. 3/4) Students explored different ways to learn first-hand the importance of flexible thinking, risk-taking, communication and self-expression.
- Partnered with Totino-Grace High School —Students in grade 6-7 learned how to use a coding program called Arduino.
- H2O for Life (School-wide project)—Lessons, service-learning, and an assembly that helped raise awareness about the global water crisis.
- Pond Study (gr. 6-8) Partnered with two other Catholic STEM schools to implement a pond study that was Integrated across all subject areas.
- Pumpkin Drop (gr. K-8) - Students used the engineering design process to create a cradle for their pumpkin to survive the drop from the school roof.
- Summer STEM classes—Students, ages 4-8, participated in free STEM classes this summer.

Our vision:

Sacred Heart Catholic School students, empowered by the Holy Spirit, will be inspired to be thriving 21st century citizens by:

- Igniting minds through inquiry based instruction.
- Tapping into students' natural curiosities.
- Exploring ideas through hands-on learning.
- Integrating studies and technology to create producers of information.
- Integrating prayer, virtues, and service into daily learning.
- Empowering students to be critical thinkers and collaborative problem solvers.

This past year, we enjoyed our time together often at events such as the All School Halloween Party, May Crowning, Fall Dance, Marathon, Spring Gala, Living Stations, Engineering Night, Parent social hours, athletic games, fish fry dinners, and our annual Fun Fest. All these events brought us closer together as a community.

Together, we served others through experiences with service projects such as H2O for Life, Feed My Starving Children, NEAR food drives, visiting seniors at Copperfield, grandfriends, making valentines for parishioners, and Pre K visiting Good Samaritan Home each month.

Sacred Heart Catholic School is blessed with amazing support from school families, parishioners, former students, parish leadership, staff and the greater community. I am proud to share the accomplishments of the 2016-2017 school year and the excitement of starting a new school year.

Karen Bursey

Congratulations and Good Luck to our 2016-2017 Graduates

Jacob Albrecht	Leila Ambrus
Valeria Araque	Bradley Borkovec
Alexis Frakie	Grace Gooley
Alice Gregoria	Claire Harty
Max Heitcamp	Eli Hippen
Alex Holmes	Abigail Jordan
Eli Lloyd-Foss	Maya Mass
Betsey Olson	Mac Olson
Lucas Patterson	Anna Schmid
Alex Schmidt	Dominque Hammer
Abigail Simon	Mary Svien
Lathe Talbot	Mark Thibault
Caden Thissen	Seth Velander
Gretchen Wagner	Anna Wolf
Ellen Wolf	Valentina Yahya



You are an amazing group! We will miss your leadership, dedication to your faith, and commitment to your academics. We will pray for your success as you attend high school, college and beyond.

Faithful Beginnings at Sacred Heart Catholic School

The Catholic Schools Center of Excellence created a new brand for all daycare and pre-k programs in the Archdiocese of St. Paul & Mpls. The mission of Faithful Beginnings is to provide a safe and supportive learning environment that encourages children to know God and enables them to reach their full potential academically, physically and spiritually. Students engage in meaningful, age-appropriate activities in language, music, math, science, art and religion, that ignite a life-long love of learning and commitment to academic excellence.

At Faithful Beginnings daycare and pre -K, children up to 5 years old are provided with a loving, nurturing, education where Catholic values shape hearts and minds. We work with each child to encourage and develop their individual strengths and talents. Our Christ -centered, academically-excellent curriculum provides a fun and engaging path to Kindergarten readiness.

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Parent Participation

School Advisory Council

Primary Purpose: The primary purpose is the fostering of faith development and the advancement of the school community, in accordance with the school mission statement.

Who we are:

9 committee members, serve a three-year term with a rotation of 1/3 of membership each year.

2016-2017 Members: Julianne Laue (Chairperson), Paul Finley (Vice Chairperson), Jeannine McDonald (secretary), Monica Thibault, Kris Gates, Sara Worthington, Missy Voronyak, Becky Trujillo, Eric Conzmeius

Areas of Focus:

- ✓ Advancement
- ✓ Education Programs
- ✓ Finance
- ✓ Policy
- ✓ Strategic Planning

Our Achievements this year:

- ✓ Revised the school GROW strategic plan
- ✓ Weekly SAC Communication via Parent Facebook page
- ✓ Worked on MNSAA Self-Study
- ✓ Revised School Mission Statement
- ✓ Initiated Christmas Wreath Fundraiser
- ✓ Input on School budget
- ✓ Created Administration Protocol for Principal Absence
- ✓ Revised Uniform Policy
- ✓ Initiated a teacher survey for feedback

New members started their term in August, 2016. Thank you to all who have served, are serving, and are considering future membership to the council. Your support and assistance is vital to the operations and success of Sacred Heart Catholic School.

Home & School Association

Our Sacred Heart Catholic School Home & School Association supported or participated in the following events during the 2016-2017 school year:

New Family Dinner: Provides a way for our new families to meet each other and learn more about our school.

Marathon: Planned and organized our Marathon picnic and safety patrols.

Back to School Night: Provided a H & S information table.

Santa's Workshop: Shopped and planned a Christmas shopping day for our students to purchase gifts for family and friends.

Catholic Schools' Week: Planned and purchased special treats for students and staff.

Conference Dinner: Planned dinner for teachers and staff on conference nights.

Teacher Appreciation: Purchased a small gift for teachers in appreciation.

End of School Luncheon: Planned and purchased lunch for teachers and support staff on the last day of school.

******Beginning August, 2017, Home & School has renamed their group to Parent Teacher Committee. Look for more changes as they rebrand the function of their committee.**

Home & School Leadership: Kris Murphy, Mary King-Broin, Torunn Harty, Mary Dass, Ali Garey, Sara Worthington, Annette Salazar, Christi Hrbacek, Kelly Cunningham, Jennifer Williams, Diane Yazvec ***All new members welcome.

School Strategic Plan Update

- The current strategic plan was developed during the 2010-2011 school and comes to an end on June, 2017.
- Each year in June, the principal reports on the progress of meeting the objectives to MNSAA. (Minnesota Non-public School Accrediting Association)
- Teachers/staff and the School Advisory Committee work to support, assist, and ensure progress toward goals and objectives.
- During the 6th year, the school completes a self study and begins work on the new strategic plan.
- During the 7th year, a MNSAA team visits to validate the self study and the strategic plan (2017-2018).

Objective 1 Sacred Heart Catholic School will create an environment in which students will have multiple opportunities to actively live out their Catholic faith.

Create a safe environment for students and staff to pray and learn.

Created a new emergency plan for the school. Red emergency folders are located in each classroom that includes new safety procedures. Staff were trained using the new procedures and will be repeated each year.

Objective 2 Sacred Heart Catholic School will ensure a high quality academic program to meet the needs of each student.

Revise the curriculum review cycle to best meet the needs of the school curriculum.

Curriculum review schedule has been updated. A new math program was chosen: Math Expressions, K-6, and Math in Focus, gr. 7-8.

Utilize the new curriculum template to write the standards for all subject/grade levels.

Curriculum standards have been transferred to a Google Docs format and all subjects/grades are now updated.

Teachers will learn how to interpret additional reports for NWEA MAP standardized testing and effectively analyze and interpret the data to meet the needs of all students.

A Data Wall of NWEA MAP results was created to monitor grades 1-8 in reading, language arts, math and science.

Teachers will implement 1-2 STEM units into the curriculum each semester based on the STEM course enrolled each semester.

Teachers have completed STEM certification from St. Kate's in December, 2016. Teachers continue to create STEM for their grade level/specialist area. All classrooms incorporated H2O for Life lessons, all school assembly with Katie Spatz, STARBASE(gr. 4/5),

	STEM Link (gr. 5/6), Creativity Fair (gr. ¾), Pumpkin Drop, Invention Fair, etc.
<i>Implement 1:1 technology program.</i>	Added 1:1 Chromebooks to the 5 th grade classroom.
<i>Purchase STEM resources to enhance the science curriculum for hands-on learning at each grade level.</i>	Engineering lessons/resources were implemented in science classes.
Objective 3 Sacred Heart Catholic school will ensure that it has the financial means and stability to continue to provide a high quality Catholic education program for students at an affordable tuition rate.	
<i>Implement new revenue streams.</i>	The Gala committee met all year to plan our 3rd Annual Gala to bring in more revenue to the school.
<i>Develop a marketing plan designed to reach and maintain full school enrollment.</i>	<p>A new 3 year marketing plan was created that included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New school web site ○ Rebranding of Pre K program to “Faithful Beginnings” ○ Included Pre K in more school events: music programs, Curriculum Night, assemblies, etc. ○ Organized Room Parents for each classroom ○ Organized Parent Happy Hour events ○ Planned a middle school Open House ○ More Open Gym times for Pre-K-2nd grade.
<i>Increase awareness of Sacred Heart Catholic School in the Robbinsdale area and the surrounding communities.</i>	Continued recognition for SHCS in our local Sun Post paper, Catholic Spirit, Ch. 4, 9, 12 local news for Pumpkin Drop, Katie Spatz, Lego Robotics, Top Teacher Award. Blue Ribbon awards for school, teacher, principal, daycare.



Highlights of 2016-2017 School Year

C-Stem Teacher Certification

We are proud of our 16 staff that Graduated from the STEM certification program at St. Kate's in December, 2016



Bishop Cozzens celebrates Mass with our students

Our kindergarteners were true leaders during this special mass. They have grown so much this year.

Lego Robotics goes to State!

Our team had a successful year at regionals and the state tournament. The students performed an entertaining skit, and they expertly presented their solution to the problem of dead zones in the Gulf of Mexico. They demonstrated Sacred Heart Values during their core values challenge.



Mrs. Laurie McCormick, FOX 9 Teacher Award

Mrs. McCormick was honored at a special assembly by Randy Meier from FOX 9 news for her dedication to teaching. She received \$900 to spend in her classroom and a Subway party for 50 friends.

Ask the Archbishop

Landon Casserly's letter was chosen to be published in the Archbishop's upcoming book. Landon attended a special ceremony with Archbishop Hebda and received a certificate and special gift.



4th and 5th grade attend STARBASE Camp

At STARBASE, students imagine themselves as engineers and scientists. Students are involved in engaging activities and experiences rooted in math, science, technology and engineering. The STARBASE experience puts STEM in students' hands.

Daughter-Daddy Dance at SHCS

Dads and daughters had fun dancing the night away and taking part in arts & crafts, a story, and making a snack.



RAMS: BOYS' BASEBALL TEAM



RAMS: GIRLS' SOFTBALL TEAM



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2017 NWEA Standardized Testing Results

Every fall and spring our students in grades 1-8 take the NWEA Measures of Achievement (MAP) test to help teachers understand where each student stands and where extra learning is needed. The spring testing results are in and our students rank in the top 15% of students in the country who took the test! Our goal is to be in the 85th percentile at each grade level.

<u>Reading</u>	<u>National Mean</u>	<u>SHCS mean</u>
Grade 1	177.5	175.0
Grade 2	188.7	191.4
Grade 3	203.4	208.6
Grade 4	205.9	208.7
Grade 5	211.8	217.0
Grade 6	215.8	218.0
Grade 7	218.2	225.8
Grade 8	220.1	226.1

<u>Math</u>	<u>National Mean</u>	<u>SHCS mean</u>
Grade 1	180.8	174.2
Grade 2	192.1	206.1
Grade 3	198.6	204.7
Grade 4	213.5	220.4
Grade 5	221.4	227.0
Grade 6	225.3	230.9
Grade 7	228.6	243.1
Grade 8	230.9	244.2

<u>Language Arts</u>	<u>National Mean</u>	<u>SHCS mean</u>
Grade 3	200.0	207.3
Grade 4	206.7	211.5
Grade 5	211.5	216.4
Grade 6	215.3	218.6
Grade 7	217.6	225.8
Grade 8	219.0	229.6

<u>Science</u>	<u>National Mean</u>	<u>SHCS mean</u>
Grade 5	205.7	210.6
Grade 6	208.6	211.0
Grade 7	210.9	217.7
Grade 8	213.5	220.2

Overall Proficiency School Data

As a school, our students have performed very well due to our high academic standards and curriculum. The following scores represent grades 2-8.

Reading	73%	(Grades 3-8)
Math	80%	(Grades 3-8)
Language	73%	(Grades 3-8)
Science	77%	(Grades 5-8)

School Goals for 2017-2018

- Complete and update curriculum maps for all grades/subjects to align curriculum with state standards.
- Implement new math curriculum for grades K-8 by providing professional development, grade level meetings, and creating a protocol of math guidelines for all grades.
- Implement "Defined Stem" integrated lessons across all grade levels.
- Provide further professional development for teachers on how to use NWEA reports to guide group and individualized instruction in the classroom.
- Revise our current marketing plan for Pre-K and K-8 program to retain, recruit and increase community awareness.
- Plan and implement a new fundraising revenue stream to supplement the school budget in the amount of \$10,000.
- Create a 3 year plan for our C-STEM program to ensure success of our new initiative.
- Increase Pre-K awareness of new branding "Faithful Beginnings" and increase Pre-K to kinder retention.
- Complete MNSAA Self-Study along with a new strategic plan for 2018-2024.
- Finalize new school mission statement and philosophy.
- Create a 3 year plan for our Outdoor Learning space on school grounds. Complete year 1 during the 2017-2018 school year.
- Install new carpet in grades 1-4.
- Purchase new student desks/chairs for grades 1-5 along with flexible seating options for all grades.
- Implement a new classroom management plan using EnVoy for grades K-4.
- Provide staff training focusing on "Creating a Positive School Culture" using Top20Training.
- Purchase and implement the "Great Escape Classroom Workshop" to promote problem solving skills for STEM.

2015-2016 School Budget Actual Results

The Sacred Heart Catholic School budget is developed by the Principal and Parish Business Administrator in collaboration with the Finance Council with input provided by the School Advisory Committee. Upon the recommendation of the Finance Council, the Trustees and Pastor approve the final budget.

