

# Sacred Heart Catholic School State of the School 2022-2023



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# From the Principal

Sacred Heart Catholic School is accredited through the Minnesota Nonpublic School Accrediting Association (MNSAA) since 1990. Accreditation is a framework for the best possible educational program for learners. In addition to delivering recognized credibility of the quality of a school program in the eyes of stakeholders and the public, accreditation also offers outside objective validation that a school has met high standards and is actively seeking a quality educational program.

MNSAA covers the following areas:

- ✓ Mission and Philosophy
- ✓ Teaching and Learning
- ✓ Climate for Learning
- ✓ Communication and Community Relations
- ✓ Qualifications, Evaluations, and Development of Staff
- ✓ Leadership, Administration and Governance

We are currently in year 2 of our seven year strategic plan.

The annual report provides you with key information about Sacred Heart Catholic School including programming, enrollment, financial summaries, and more. We invite you to review the report and contact us if you have any questions about the information provided.

We welcome the following new staff to our school community: and we say farewell to one staff member who will always be a part of our Sacred Heart family.

Welcome Katie Powell in Kindergarten.

Welcome Zach Fimon, Director of Advancment.

We bid farewell to Mary Lundberg, preschool teacher, retiring after 20 years.

Thank you for supporting Sacred Heart Catholic School. If you are reading this-know that you are included in our prayers each day.

Sincerely, Karen Bursey, Principal





### **Enrollment at Sacred Heart Catholic School**

Enrollment				
	19-20	20-21	21-22	22-23
PreK	35	25	25	25
K	15	16	20	8
1	20	14	18	22
2	16	21	13	13
3	19	16	19	12
4	22	17	15	17
5	10	23	16	15
6	26	11	24	17
7	19	24	10	22
8	14	21	23	5
Total	196	188	183	156

### **Who We Serve**

Students that are Catholic 68%

Student that are non-Catholic 32%

**Student diversity 31%** 

**Receiving aid/Scholarships** 

Free and reduced lunch 21%

K-8 Average Class size: 15

K-8 Retention Rate 87%



### **Sacred Heart Catholic School Staffing**

- > 10 Full-time teachers
- > 6 Part-time teachers
- > 2 Part-time paras (PreK)
- > I full-time Reading Specialist
- > 1 part-time Title 1 teacher
- > 1 full-time Principal
- > 1 Full-time Advancement Director
- > 1 Full-time Administrative Assistant





### Affiliations, Partnerships, and Foundation Support

- Approved as a Catholic School and affiliated with the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis
- Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten: Licensed through the State of Minnesota, Parent Aware 4-Star Rating, and NAEYC accredited
- ➤ K-8: Accredited by Minnesota Non-Public School Accrediting Association (MNSAA)
- Member of the National Catholic Education Association and the MN Independent Schools Forum (MISF)
- Catholic Schools Center of Excellence (CSCOE)
- > Aim Higher Foundation
- Catholic Community Foundation
- Schulze Family Foundation

#### **Tuition Assistance**

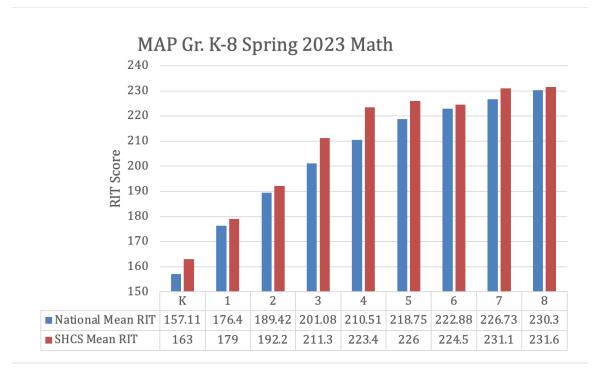
- ➤ Approximately 48% of the student body, K-8, received tuition assistance.
- > The calculated need for those applying for tuition was over \$300,000.
- Tuition assistance is offered to all qualifying families with students in Kindergarten- 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Assistance is generated through Lend a Hand Fund, Sacred Heart Parish General Operating Fund, Aim Higher Foundation, Catholic Community Foundation, Catholic Service Appeal Foundation and other foundations and benefactors.
- Preschool tuition assistance is provided through Think Small Scholarships and the Schulze Family Foundation.

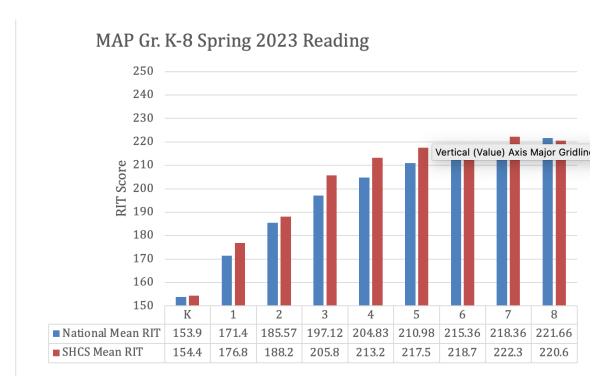


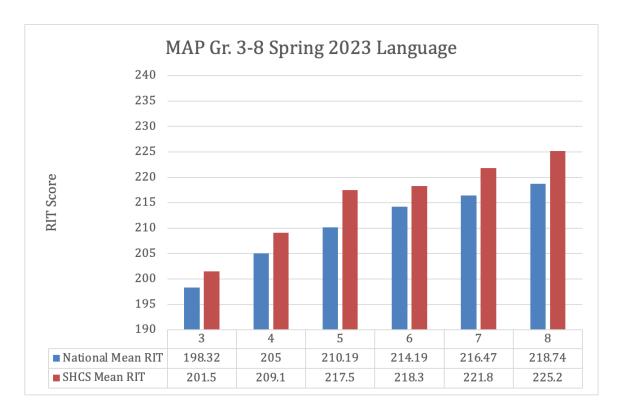


# 2023 NWEA Standardized Testing Results

Every fall and spring our students in grades K-8 take the NWEA Measures of Achievement (MAP) test to help teachers understand where each student stands and where extra learning is needed.

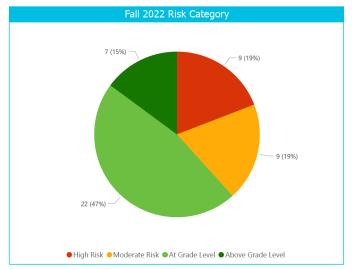


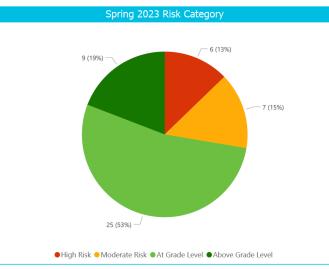




AimsWeb reading test 1st-3rd grade







 $Or al\ Reading\ Fluency\ assessment\ data\ collected\ and\ analyzed\ using\ aimsweb\, {\tt \$Plus}.$ 

## **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:** 10 committee members, serve a three-year term.

**2022-2023 Members:** Rebecca Lahr(chairperson), Molly McGraw Healey (secretary), Katie King, Alicia Nordstrom, Kevin Dempsey, Katherine Johnson, Margaret Anderson, Laura Carrillo, Elise Hedlund, Christine Denton.

#### **Areas of Focus:**

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

#### Our Achievements this year:

- ✓ Received a outdoor vegetable garden grant to enrich our STEM program
- ✓ Monitored the school MNSAA strategic plan for its success
- ✓ Discussed fundraising efforts and funding to reduce the number of fundraisers
- ✓ Input on School financials
- ✓ Kept informed on new development efforts by the Leadership Team

**√** 

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.

### **Parent Teacher Committee**

**2022-2023 Members:** Elizabeth Perpich, (Chairperson), Kindiss Stiller (Treasurer), Beth Hillenbrand, Erin Leonard, Jessica Norgaard, Frances de Kooker, Dusty Strahan, Aimee Doan, Rikki Mortl, Abby Mitchell, Kate Sullivan

Our PTC group supported the following events during the 2022-2023 school year:

**Back to School Night:** PTC planned a carnival and free food for our back to school event along with an information table to provide parents more information.

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

**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 Dinners:** Planned dinners for teachers and staff on both conference nights.

**Teacher Appreciation:** Provided plants and a gift card to each teacher/staff member.

**End of Year Teacher Luncheon:** Planned a special lunch for faculty on the last day of school.

**Assembly**: Provided a STEM assembly for PreK-8 students.

# 2022-2023 School Improvement Plan

2022/2022	2022/2024
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Action Steps planned	Action Steps planned
Plan activities and events to keep STEM a part	Create annual campaign letters for our
of our curriculum. (ex. Pumpkin drop,	stakeholders—parents, alum,, grandparents.
ongoing STEMScopes in classroom, etc)	
Implement new Social Emotional Curriculum called 2 <sup>nd</sup> Step for grades K-8.	Seek course/workshops to help further our Advancement efforts.
Provide training for all staff for 2 <sup>nd</sup> Step Curriculum.	Continue building alumni database for annual
	campaign efforts.
Continue professional development focusing	Begin planning our 100 <sup>th</sup> school anniversary the
on mental health of our students.	year of 2026-2027.
Reading teachers will take part in a book	Use social media more often to connect with
study reading "Conquering Dyslexia: A Guide	alumni (Facebook, Instragram, LinkedIn, etc.) to
to Early Detection and Intervention". K-8	help our alums stay connected.
Map out our religion curriculum for Spirit of	Create a closed Facebook page specifically for
Truth.	our SHCS alumni.
Develop and implement a plan to engage	Create a new process for our middle school
school parents in faith formation and weekly	service hour requirement.
mass.	
Teachers/volunteers will attend Catechesis of	Continue to explore the possibility of adding
the Good Shepherd training the summer of	Honors classes for 7th and 8th grade.
2022.	
Plan for implementation of Catechesis of the	Use an online teacher lesson plan tool to help
Good Shepherd program to begin Fall, 2023.	track standards taught at each grade level.
Implement a plan for rolling out an annual	Implement a plan for rolling out an annual
campaign.	campaign.
Create a brand and logo for our annual	Create a brand and logo for our annual
campaign.	campaign.
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campaign.	campaign.
Re-engage with Frank Donaldson for our	
Advancement efforts, especially our annal	
campaign.	
Hire a full time Director of Advancement to	
focus on donors, alumni, and annual	
Create Parent Testimonials (both written and	
Create Parent Testimonials (both written and video) that showcase differentiators WOW).	
Plan a free activity to coincide with the city of	
Robbinsdale summer Whiz Bang Day for the	
purpose of recruitment.	
Review and make changes to our school web	
page to maximize retention and recruitment.	
Refocus our Advisory group time in middle	
school on team building.	
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# We are blessed with 156 students, PreK-8<sup>th</sup> grade



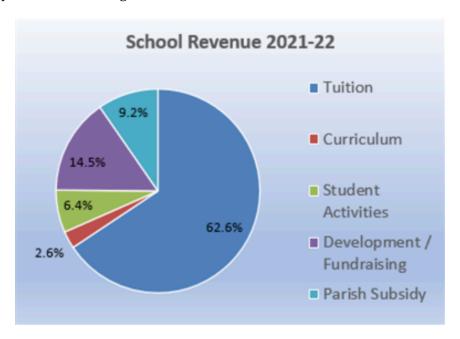




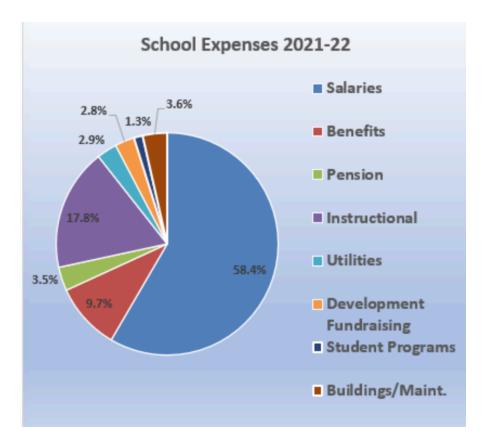


### **2021-2022 School Financial Results**

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



Parish Subsidy represents 18% of Total Parish Offertory. This was offset entirely by receipt of Employee Retention Credit Funds in 2022.



# Congratulations to our 8th Graders



**Future graduates of Sacred Heart Catholic School** 

# **CLASS OF**





# New Outdoor Vegetable Garden-Whole Foods Grant



**New Playground Structure** 



