



**DEVELOPING LEARNERS FOR LIFE
THROUGH FAITH, KNOWLEDGE & SERVICE.**



ANNUAL REPORT

2017-2018



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Dear St. Francis of Assisi Parish,
Once again, we had a wonderful
school year and our success
is due to your ongoing support!
Thank you for allowing us to be

part of this community and educating your students in
a Christ-centered environment. Your support of our
school is top-notch and we continue to be blessed
with an amazing building we get to call our home.

Nothing is impossible when we work together!

We look forward to another year of success!

Blessings,
Mrs. Misty Hade
Principal

OUR VISION

Our vision for St. Francis
of Assisi Catholic School is
that it be a faith-filled,
professional, positive, respectful,
collaborative, rigorous, 21st century school for all
students, teachers and community members.

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School is
a place where we *live* the Catholic
faith. You will leave knowing you
were on holy ground and are
valued as a child of God. Amen!

OUR GOAL

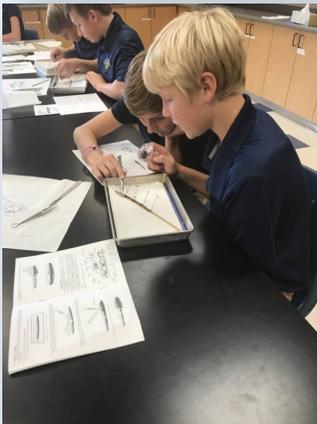
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SPIRITUAL GOALS

Promote:

- spiritual development
- Christian spirit in the school, parish & community
- Christian attitudes consistent with the six pillars of character
- active participation in liturgical celebrations and a variety of prayer formats
- collaboration with leaders of parishes to visit on a regular basis



ACADEMIC GOALS

Foster:

- high quality education
- creative expression and critical thinking
- needs of individual students & sensitivity to different styles of learning
- cultural opportunities, including field trips
- the talents and resources of all
- an awareness of current events and responsible citizenship
- a love of learning
- communication between home and school



SOCIAL GOALS

Ensure:

- open communication throughout the school
- a consistent standard of discipline through Positive Behavior Support
- collaboration with other Catholic schools
- positive morale
- student involvement in the school & parish community
- the use of technology
- an awareness of multiculturalism & an appreciation for diversity

ENVIRONMENT GOALS

Support:

- efforts of parents as they contribute to the school facility
- a clean & wholesome school along with proper care of the facility
- safety in the school environment.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Percentage of Students Proficient on Iowa Assessments:

- Grade 3: Reading = 94.3 | Math = 94.3 | Science = 95.7 | Social Studies = 88.6
- Grade 4: Reading = 93.5 | Math = 96.8 | Science = 100 | Social Studies = 98.4
- Grade 5: Reading = 96.3 | Math = 98.8 | Science = 97.5 | Social Studies = 97.6
- Grade 6: Reading = 92.6 | Math = 94.1 | Science = 94.1 | Social Studies = 91.2
- Grade 7: Reading = 86.5 | Math = 100 | Science = 97 | Social Studies = 92.5
- Grade 8: Reading = 95.1 | Math = 96.3 | Science = 100 | Social Studies = 91.3

KNOWLEDGE HIGHLIGHTS

FAITH HIGHLIGHTS

Celebrated:

- Feast of St. Francis of Assisi | Advent & Lent | FrancisFest
- Parish-wide beginning of the year prayer service
- Morning & afternoon prayer | Coffee & Donuts
- Catholic Schools Week | May Crowning | All Saints
- First Reconciliation & First Communion
- Stations of the Cross through living prayer (presented by 6th grade)
- Liturgies by homerooms | Joyful & Glorious Mysteries



SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS

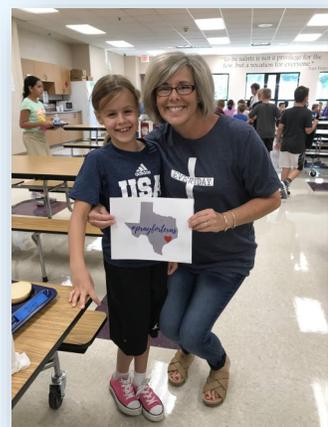
Mission days included:

- Meals from the Heartland | Coats for Merrill Middle School
- Heifer International | Iowa Homeless Youth Centers
- Connection Café & West Des Moines Human Services
- Broadlawns Hospital | Books for Orchard Place
- Habitat for Humanity | ChildServe

TECHNOLOGY HIGHLIGHTS

Utilized:

- 1-1 Chromebooks in Middle School
- Smart TVs in Kindergarten, 3rd grade, Technology & Music
- iPads in Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd grades
- iPad cart for 3rd and 4th grade students
- Chromebook cart for 4th and 5th grade students



ACTIVITIES & ATHLETICS

HIGHLIGHTS



Participated in:

- Chess Club | Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee | Student Council
- National Geography Bee | Junior Achievement | First Lego League
- Athletic team participation | All-City Band festival | BizTown
- Middle School Show Choir | Battle of the Books | Code 411

Curriculum enhancement:

- Speakers and presentations on multi-cultural issues to enhance the curriculum in the classroom

Additional activities & performances:

- 1st and 2nd grade Christmas program
- 3rd and 4th grade Choro
- 5th grade Advent music performance
- 6th, 7th and 8th grade musical performances
- 7th & 8th grade Student Ambassadors
- 8th grade Mock Trial team to state
- 8th grade recreational obstacle course

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The educational cost per pupil for the 2017-2018 school year was \$5,180. **Additional financial support comes from the Parish Budget and the Home and School Association.** The parish as a whole provides the building facility and the majority of the furnishings.

As you can see, tuition covers about half the cost to educate a student at St. Francis of Assisi. The remaining financial requirement is covered by active, tithing parishioners. **The generosity of our St. Francis community allows us:**

- To provide a quality Christ-centered education for our students
- To provide a first rate facility for our Religious Education program

Student enrollment: 630

Actual cost: \$5,180

Tuition and fees: \$3,760

Parish contribution: 28%

Again, we want to thank you for the overwhelming support we receive on a daily basis. We are blessed to be in this beautiful place and to educate each student that enters our doors.