
2014-2015 St. Anne's School Annual Report

"Enter to learn Christ, Exit to serve Christ"

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Dear Family and Friends of St. Anne's School,

As our school year ends, we reflect on our belief in the power of a faith-based, child-centered, family-focused, and service-oriented school which empowers us to create an awesome environment for our children, parents, teachers, parishioners, alumni, and friends. We are proud to proclaim our beliefs in our Catholic identity, our curriculum, our capital improvements, and in our financial management. As you read through this Annual Report you will experience the wonderful partnership St. Anne's has with all of you, the parents and friends of our educational community. The 104 students of St. Anne's are blessed to have such generous and committed stakeholders. I am honored to share with you the progress we've made and I look forward to an even greater future together.

Sincerely,

Mary Franta
Principal

Catholic Identity

Students participated in weekly liturgies, prayer services, Stations of the Cross, Adoration/Benediction, and received classroom visits from priests, deacon and other religious. Students were prepared for the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Reconciliation. Special celebrations were held to develop students' faith formation such as Posada, Sedar Meal, and May Crowning,

Curriculum

The mathematics curriculum received a thorough review and revision by staff to encompass MN State Standards. In Reading/Language Arts, teachers implemented new teaching resources to help develop the curriculum standards. Students used the Accelerated Reader program and other school-wide reading incentives to encourage and develop literacy skills. Learning outside the classroom was encouraged as students participated in field trips to local lamb farm, U of M Extension Office, MLC Children's Theater, MN Orchestra, MN Zoo, New Ulm Cathedral, and others. In addition to teacher assessments and observations, the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (standardized test) was administered. The results indicate the percentage of students meeting or exceeding growth goal was 77% in math and 63% in reading

Stewardship/Community Outreach

Giving back to our community and to those in need is our mission. This year students visited and entertained residents monthly at Golden Living Center & Senior Dining Center. Students collected and sorted plastic caps for "Caps of Love" and donated money to their Rice Bowls through Catholic Relief Services. They assisted the Wabasso Lions with spring road-ditch clean-up and delivered May baskets throughout the community.

Accreditation Renewal

In hopes to renew Accreditation status through the MN Nonpublic School Accrediting Association, the school hosted the onsite Accreditation team visit. We look forward to receiving MNSAA's report in June.

Advisory Committee

Members Michelle Salfer, Rindy Filzen, Tina Hanna, Christina Fogelson, Lorna Plaetz, Jeanette Rohlik and Dawn Bernardy gave support and guidance in areas of marketing, curriculum, Catholic identity and school climate.

Awards & Recognition

Fr. Diehl Endowment Volunteer Award recipients were Tom Franta and Carolyn Klann and Alumni Award recipient was

Fr. Todd Petersen. Catholic United Financial Scholarship was awarded to Halle Huhnerkoch. Presidential Academic Awards were earned by Olivia Sik, Colby Wall, Sarah Klann, Madeline Hanna, Emma Salfer, Sarah Franta, and Halle Huhnerkoch.

Student Enrichment Activities

Students had opportunities to participate in the local and district Spelling Bee, Christmas Play, Spring Concert, and the local, regional and national Science Fair.

Parent/Community Support

Our school relies on our regular volunteers to help with extracurricular and day-to-day classroom help and we are grateful for their dedication. Student council advisors: Carolyn Klann, Shannon Jensen, Becci Sik and Pat Whittaker. The Blujet basketball program: Tom Franta, Dean Fischer, Scott Hanna, Scott Huhnerkoch, Jeff Turbes, Nathan Anderson, and Rindy Filzen. Classroom and lunchroom helpers: Pat Whittaker, Jane Klaers, Jen Goblisch, Leslie Guetter, and Margie Baune, Chris Rohlik, Doris Rothmeier, Tracie Berg, Pat and Arnie Goblirsch, and John Frank.

Financial Highlights

The first annual Capital Campaign was held and was a great success. 120 people attended the dinner and silent auction which raised over \$11,000. The diagram below illustrates how our 2014-15 school program was funded.

