
2008-09
Annual Report



St. John - Sacred Heart School
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***Our Mission** is to facilitate the full development of each individual child, to assist them in knowing the truth, and to guide them to walk as disciples of Jesus.*



Our Philosophy:

We believe that parents are the primary educators of their children and that the school provides the facility, the resources, and the personnel that contributes to the child's ongoing education.

We believe the role of the teacher is to facilitate and enhance each child's foundation of knowledge, instructing in a manner that recognizes individual talents and learning styles.

We believe that the curriculum revolves around the religious dimension of the school, focusing on instruction, prayer, service, and community. We are a sacramental community united in the Eucharist.

We believe that the school's curriculum must enable each child to develop his/her intellectual, physical, spiritual, moral, aesthetic, emotional, and social skills.

We believe the role of the school is to develop skills that encourage our students to become life-long learners, who make educated decisions rooted in Catholic values, and who function as contributing members of the community.

**2008-09
SJSB STAFF &
SCHOOL BOARD**

Administration

Fr. Philip Dinh-Van-Thiep, Pastor
Kerry Sievert, Principal

Faculty

Amy Breckheimer, PreK
Julie Schramm, Gr. K
Katie Tennesen, Gr. 1
Donna Hanson, Gr. 2
Dorothy Postl, Gr. 3
Donna Seefeldt, Gr. 4
Shirley Fischer, Gr. 5
Val Lewis, Gr. 6
Alyssa Jackels, Gr. 7
Kelly Fiedorowicz, Gr. 8
Becky O'Brien, Band

Support Staff

Brenda Schneider, Aide
Brenda Stumpf, Aide
Linda Foxgrover, Aide
Sally Thiede, Aide
Peggy Dhein, Secretary
Ann Schumacher, Cook
Becky Hansen, Cook
Pearl Zeamer, Extended Care

Custodial Staff

Paul Preissner
Katie Schreiber
Ron Schreiber
Amy Suha

School Board Members

Tina Moehn, President
Lori King
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Renee Stadtmueller
Kristine Kolb
Cathy Ott
Belinda Lyons
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Kelley Weber

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

In the Spring and Summer, when I drove from one parish to another, it was always a joy and an inspiration for me to see all the rich farmland, lush hay fields, and green plants of corns, alfalfa, wheat & soy beans etc. I believe that, for all those plants to live, to grow and to bear fruit, at least three elements have to be present: Water, Fertilizer and the Care of the farmers.

As I ponder upon our great SJSH School with a proud tradition of excellent Catholic education, I said to myself: In order for our students to live their Christian life fully, to grow gracefully, and to bear fruits abundantly, they need the grace of God upon them like rain. They need tender loving care of teachers, parents and/or guardians. They need continued support from the entire parish.

Along with the Church, we do consider parents as primary teachers of our children. We are proud of an outstanding group of teachers and staff. We are grateful for the generous support of parents, parishioners, and friends of our school.

As we continue to trust in God and your kind contribution of Time, Talents and Treasures. Let's make this school year another excellent year in which our students will truly be nurtured and developed academically, physically, and spiritually.

With Warmest Greetings, Kindest Regards & God's Blessings:
Fr. Philip Dinh-Van-Thiep



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families and Friends,

On June 4, seventeen students received their diploma, signifying the completion of 9 years of elementary education. As with all of our graduating classes, this group of young people earned some impressive awards and achieved a great deal of success.

After all these years of providing a Catholic education for the children of the parish and surrounding area, the St. John - Sacred Heart Parish community should be proud of their efforts.

These young people have learned the tenets of our faith, have understood the importance of character, honesty, and integrity and have offered themselves in service to one another and the community. They formed a worshipping community, giving praise to God through song and prayer. It is precisely these elements of our school's religious dimension that make a Catholic education worth the cost. It is what makes a Catholic education priceless.

A strong religious foundation along with a strong academic program are the hallmarks of an education at St. John - Sacred Heart Catholic School. I am proud to serve this faith community and be a part of a truly amazing success story. As you read the highlights of the 2008-2009 school year in this annual report, I trust you too will come to feel that pride.

Together in Christ,
Kerry Sievert, Principal



St. John - Sacred Heart School is accredited by
the Wisconsin Independent and Religious School Accreditation Association.

2008-09 ACCREDITATION GOALS

- * Complete a revision of the early childhood curriculum.
- * Complete a review of all school policies and accreditation requirements.
- * Consider changes to improve the early childhood program - hours, extended care services, 4K program.
- * Evaluate the phonics and penmanship curriculum for the primary grades.
- * Integrate Link4Learning into curriculum development, lesson preparation, and grading.
- * Study assessment, grading, and reporting for the purpose of evaluating current practices and change any of these items as needed to comply with best practices.

Goal Results:

- * A new comprehensive curriculum was developed for both a K3 and K4 program which will be implemented in the 2009-2010 school year.
- * The early childhood program will be changed for the upcoming school year to include a 2-day option for K3 and a K4 option that includes both a 3-day and a 5-day option.
- * Extended care services are expanded for the upcoming school year to include a need for services involving the K3 students.
- * The Barton phonics program was purchased for remedial needs in phonics and an on-line phonics resource program has been purchased for implementation during the upcoming school year.
- * The staff agreed to modifications and uniformity of delivery in penmanship instruction.
- * The Link4Learning integration into curriculum projects was minimal due to limited completion by the diocesan committees and staff. Further work will be ongoing in the upcoming school year.
- * Staff development days were devoted to assessment, grading, and reporting. Teachers received supplementary materials on a weekly basis. Middle and upper grade report cards were modified to reflect changes in grading and reporting.

ENROLLMENT HISTORY



Established in 1877, St. John - Sacred Heart has had thousands of students grace its halls. The students of years past and today, having grown up in very different times, share one important value - an understanding of and appreciation for the Catholic values they learned while at SJSH. Regardless of where life takes them, they travel with a mind for learning and a heart for loving.

Grade	2008-09	2007-08	2006-07
Preschool	28	34	40
Kindergarten	15	21	13
Grade 1	20	14	19
Grade 2	16	22	10
Grade 3	24	10	23
Grade 4	10	23	19
Grade 5	23	21	19
Grade 6	20	19	18
Grade 7	20	18	10
Grade 8	17	10	17
TOTAL	193	192	188

FINANCIAL REPORT

Revenue.....

Parish Subsidy	\$235,351
Tuition/Fees	\$252,799
Fundraising	\$ 72,375
Program Revenue	\$ 5,820
Unrestricted Donations	\$40,426
Restricted Donations	\$ 3,014
Lumen Christi	\$ 3,984
Rental Income	\$ 6,299
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 139
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Total	\$620,207

Expenses.....

Staff Comp./Benefits	\$506,597
Staff Development	\$ 2,038
Insurance	\$ 10,748
Computer Server / Mtno.	\$ 2,032
Advertising / Promotion	\$ 493
Instructional	\$ 19,559
Utilities	\$ 46,281
Library	\$ 1,021
Janitorial/Maintenance	\$ 19,552
Office/Phone/Fax/Copier	\$ 10,472
Miscellaneous	\$ 263
Program Expenses	\$ 1,151
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Total	\$620,207

FINANCIAL DONATIONS

St. John – Sacred Heart School acknowledges the many people and organizations that have donated time, talent, and treasure to ensure the successful operation of the school. In particular, the school board and the Involved Parents Association have contributed much time and resources for the school in generating funds through fundraisers and in providing supplies to the school. We are grateful to the IPA for the purchase of musical supplies and desks as well as supporting the many needs of the school. We likewise wish to acknowledge the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Knights, and Exxon Mobil for their donations. To the many people that utilize matching grants with their employers, we express our deep gratitude. Likewise, we appreciate the many donations of items too numerous to list here. We are also grateful to the many people who save labels, lids, ink cartridges, aluminum cans, Box Tops for Education, milk caps and those who purchased/sold apple pies, magazines, entertainment books and pizzas.

Top Fundraisers:	
Scrip	\$ 55,000
Magazine Sale	\$ 6,000
Pizza Sale	\$ 3,000
Apple Pie Sale	\$ 9,000
Labels/Box tops	\$ 3,300
Entertainment Book	\$ 420
Spring Fever Fest	\$ 17,000

INVOLVED PARENTS ASSOCIATION (IPA)

Hand in Hand

Teaching our children faith, love and Christian values.

IPA officers:

- President - Michelle Thiel
- Vice President - Tammy Weyenberg
- Treasurer - Sharon Little
- Secretary - Kelly Thiel

Income:

- Calumet County Fair Booth - \$750
- Octoberfest - \$1,374
- Seroogy Candy Sale - \$1,324
- Scrapbook Weekends (4) - \$ 3,463

Expenses:

- Teacher appreciation - \$1300
- Forensics coach - \$500
- Laminator & film - \$159
- Scrapbooking supplies - \$146
- Sound system upgrade - \$525
- Folding tables - \$518
- Fall Fest - \$589
- Kitchen supplies - \$200
- Computer licenses - \$500
- Miscellaneous - \$290



"SjSH is a great school. One highlight for me was Algebra. I loved that we were divided into math groups according to our own individual strengths. I found it easier to ask questions with a smaller group of people than the whole class. We had many opportunities to enter in extracurricular activities like poster/calendar contests, Math Bowl and Forensics. I liked that students also participated in the planning of our weekly Masses. Our school has a very friendly atmosphere. My classmates are all great friends!!" - Alanna Van Handel, Class of 2009

A TRADITION OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

In October, students in grades 3, 5 & 7 took the annual Iowa Tests of Basic Skills. Our students did extremely well once again. Percentile rank of average student scores with national school norms. (See chart)

In March, students in grades 5 & 8 took the NCEA which tested Faith Knowledge, Profession of Faith (creed), Celebration of the Christian Mystery (liturgy), Life in Christ (morality) & Christian Prayer.

Grade 5 tested at 84% Nat. Avg. = 73%

Grade 8 tested at 81% Nat. Avg. = 72%

SJSH School community commends the teachers and students on their outstanding academic and faith knowledge achievements.

Sub Test	Grade 3	Grade 5	Grade 7
Total Reading	93%	98%	99%
Total Language	98%	98%	94%
Total Math	83%	89%	94%
Social Studies	99%	97%	99%
Science	99%	99%	99%
Maps & Diagrams	99%	99%	99%
Reference Materials	99%	98%	99%
Overall Average	98%	98%	99%

EXTRA-CURRICULAR / ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

Christian Leadership Council

Promoting school spirit and service opportunities
Audrey Merritt (president), Alanna Van Handel (VP), Jennifer Heid (secretary), Connor Pietrzak (treasurer), Kate Godschalx, Hailey Hemauer, Rebecca Phipps, Michaela Van Handel, Anna VanDaalwyk, Rachel Roth, Andrea Wagner, Kendra VanCamp, Paige Krueger

Peer Helpers: Bennett King, Andrea Wagner, Ben Quella, Emily Kesler

Forensics - (placements for 2 out of 3 competitions)

Group Interpretations: 2nd/2nd - Jacob Godschalx, Bennett King, Nic Meyer; 1st/1st - Michaela VanHandel, Rachel Roth, Anna Heid; 1st/2nd - Lexi Schmalz, Kendra VanCamp, Kourtney Buelow, Madeline Goeser, Allie Olson

Play Acting: 1st/1st - Jenny Heid, Emily Zitzelsberger, Emily Kesler, Andrea Wagner, Liz Ryder, Alanna VanHandel; 1st/1st - Conner Pietrzak, John Ryder; 1st/2nd - Marcus Shimon, Cameron Butler, Andrea Arenz; 1st/2nd - Kyle Balster, Brady Gruett, David Slickman, Josh Moehn, Nick Krueger; 1st/2nd - Anna VanDaalwyk, Shannon Keenan, Kate Godschalx

Prose: 1st/1st - Rebecca Phipps, 1st/1st - Ben Quella

Xavier Math Bowl Competition

Fifteen schools with 400 students in 101 teams

8th Grade: 1st place (11 teams / 44 students)

Conner Pietrzak (1st), Paul Kraus (2nd), Ben Quella (7th), Emily Kesler (11th)

7th Grade: 15th place (36 teams / 144 students)

Dani Peters (10th), Dana Schumacher, Rebecca Phipps, Kourtney Buelow

6th Grade: 9th place (31 teams / 124 students)

Anna VanDaalwyk (4th), Jordan Schneider, Nick Krueger, Anna Heid

Knights of Columbus Knowledge Contest:

Competition with local public & parochial schools (indicates individual placement)

Spelling:

Gr. 5: Ali Ruffing (1st), Caleb Braun (2nd), Megan Brochtrup (3rd); **Gr. 6:** Anna VanDaalwyk (1st), David Slickman (2nd), Nick Marquardt (3rd); **Gr. 7:** Madeline Goeser (1st), Dani Peters (2nd); **Gr. 8:** Emily Kesler (1st), Ben Quella (2nd), Audrey Merritt (3rd)

Math:

Gr. 5: Megan Brochtrup (1st), Caleb Braun (3rd); **Gr. 7:** Marcus Shimon (2nd); **Gr. 8:** Paul Kraus (1st), Ben Quella (2nd), Conner Pietrzak (3rd)

CONTINUING THE TRADITION AT SJSH SCHOOL

Catholic Foundation
for the Diocese of Green Bay

St. John - Sacred Heart is pleased to announce the establishment of a school endowment fund with the Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Green Bay in September 2006. The purpose of establishing this endowment is to create a steady source of school income that can be relied upon year after year. We are extremely fortunate to have support from those who are dedicated to the longevity and success of our parish school.

Please accept our most sincere thank you to the following contributors to the endowment in the 2008-09 school year:

Advancing the Mission

Denis & Carol Runge
In memory of Leona Runge
In memory of Keith Gores



This list has been prepared with great care. However, despite the most sincere efforts, errors sometimes do occur. If your name was inadvertently omitted or if your information is incorrect, please advise us.

A gift to the St. John - Sacred Heart School Fund can be large or small, for when all contributions are combined they quickly become a significant amount. To learn more about endowment contributions in the form of cash, stocks, securities, life insurance, bequests, memorial or designated gifts please contact:

St. John - Sacred Heart Parish Office
(920) 989-1515
or
Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Green Bay
(920) 437-7531

"St. John-Sacred Heart prepared me for becoming a young adult and a smooth transition to High School. I was pushed to live up to my full potential socially and academically. I appreciated being able to play in many sports. I also learned a lot about the Catholic faith through my religion classes. Understanding our beliefs faith has helped me to live and grow in my faith. I will miss my friends as we go off to different high schools, but am excited about the future." - Jennifer Heid, Class of 2009



Best Wishes to the Class of 2009...



2008 - 2009

Presidential Educational

Excellence Award

*Above 85% on national testing &
3.5 GPA or higher*

Connor Pietrzak, Audrey Merritt, Emily Kesler, Jennifer Heid, Ben Quella

Achievement Award

Not meeting all of the above but showing outstanding growth and commitment.

Bennett King, Paul Kraus, Alanna VanHandel, Emily Zitzelsberger, Andrea Wagner

American Citizenship Award

Participation in school/community service, positive attitude and strength of character

**Emily Kesler, Ben Quella
Jennifer Heid**

Christian Witness Award

Best display of sincerity, integrity and respect.

Ben Quella



SJSJH School and Parish would like to extend a warm welcome to the following 2009-2010 events:



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| Oct. 16-17 | Scrapbooking Weekend - Sacred Heart | March 25 | Passion Play - Sacred Heart |
| Oct. 30 | Fall Fest - Children Event - Sacred Heart | March 27 | Spring Fever Fest - fundraiser |
| Nov. 6-8 | Apple Pie Assembly & Pick Up | April 28 | RE Family Mass - Stockbridge |
| Nov. 9-15 | Book Fair - Sacred Heart Commons | April 29 | SJSJH School Spring Band Concert |
| Nov. 20 - 21 | Scrapbooking Weekend - Sacred Heart | May (TBD) | Scrapbooking Weekend - Sacred Heart |
| Nov. 25 | RE Family Mass - Sherwood | June 3 | SJSJH 8th grade Graduation, 6:30 |
| Dec. 14 | Christmas Program (12:30 and 6:30) | July 31/Aug 1 | Annual Parish Picnic |
| Dec. 23 | RE Family Mass - Hilbert | | |
| Jan (TBD) | Scrapbooking Weekend - Sacred Heart | | |
| Feb. (TBD) | Movie Night at the School | | |
| Feb. 17 | RE Family Mass (Ash Wed) - St. John | | |
| March (TBD) | Scrapbooking Weekend - Sacred Heart | | |
| March 12 | Fish Fry - Sacred Heart | | |

FREE Preschooler Storytime (Up to age 5)
Sacred Heart School - 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Oct. 9, 23, Nov. 6, 20, Feb. 12, 26, March 5, 19

Dates are subject to change. Be sure to check our websites frequently for school information, events, alumni news and more.

School - www.stjohnsacredheart.org

Parish - www.sjshparish.org