

ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

YEAR END REPORT

FOR 2010-2011

Mission Statement

All Saints Catholic School

Guiding children to Christ
through faith, learning, community and service
(Revised March, 2011)

Curriculum & Professional Growth

Highlights of our 2010-2011 curriculum development:

- A number of teachers continue their own professional growth through other summer classes and Masters Programs. Mrs. Kadrlik and Mrs. Mullenbach are completing a Reading Specialist certification. Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Thompson have completed their Master's Degree programs. Our teachers are dedicated to their own professional growth, which enhances their teaching.
- Four more interactive white boards in classrooms, with increased technology curriculum within the classroom
- Updated and coordinated science curriculum within grades K-5
- Enrichment Program – Our enrichment program this year again supported some excellent activities. We increased staffing and added some special programs. Some of the exciting programs this year were:
 - Math Masters and Math Counts
 - After-school Computer Club
 - Small group instruction, grades 5-6 and 7-8, with a curriculum from the College of William and Mary Center for Gifted Education

Academic Special Events

There were many proud moments this past year for many of our students and teachers in academic areas. Here are a few:

- Four more interactive Eno White Boards were purchased and installed in four classrooms. We now have one at each grade level, and hope to continue to place one in every room over the next two years. Teachers also used three laptops/projectors on mobile carts in their classrooms throughout the year, bringing the world to our students through interactive lessons.
- All Saints Science Fair for the 4th-6th grades was held in March, and winners from our science fair were then entered in the Southwest Regional Science Fair held in Mankato in April. We are very proud to report that all 5 students with projects received awards.
- We had nine 7th & 8th graders qualify for the Southwest Regional Science Fair, and they all received awards.
- Thirty-five 5th-8th graders attended the “Young Authors Conference” held at Bethel College in May.
- Mrs. Falvey and Mrs. Kapler took Math Masters Teams to the regional competition in Lakeville in April and May. Our teams did very well, as well as some individual accomplishments. Congratulations!
- The Destination ImagiNation team participated in the regional competition.

- For the second year we participated in the National Geographic Geography Bowl, and our school winner qualified for the Minnesota State Geography Bee.
- We offered an after-school Computer Club, which developed and implemented robotics programs on the computers and then built the robots.
- Since the Archdiocesan Spelling bee was canceled this year, All Saints organized a Deanery Spelling Bee. We had sixteen participants from various schools in our Deanery. It was a successful event.

School Advisory (SAC)

The School Advisory is comprised of nine school parents and two representatives from the Faith Formation Commission. Members serve in an advisory and consultative capacity to the school principal and pastor. The committee addresses issues of formation and education unique to the school program.

- A new all-school brochure was produced, which is given out to prospective families, and is included in every new parishioner packet.
- The finance committee worked very hard on the school budget. The finance committee also presented the proposed annual school budget to the Parish Finance Council.
- In the fall of 2010 the SAC sent out a “Skills Survey” to parents, to tap into the talents of our parents. School Advisory has used the list as a resource for various committees and projects.
- The School Advisory composed a comprehensive survey for all school families as part of our preparation for our Accreditation visit next school year.
- School Advisory sponsored an “Alumni Weekend” – we invited all alumni to come to fellowship after all Parish masses, sign in to our alumni data base, and visit with each other. It was very successful.

All Saints PTO

During the 2010-2011 academic year, the Parent-Teacher Organization coordinated more than thirty events and programs. The parents, students, teachers and staff made a wonderful team and provided All Saints Catholic School with community events, social events and fundraising opportunities.

The PTO Executive Committee was led by Alison Pye, President; Social Events, Kari Harrison and Karla Swenke; Secretary, Janet O’Connell; and Co-Treasurer, Alia Pranke. Their time and commitment to the PTO-supported programs was greatly appreciated this year.

Because of the wonderful work of the PTO, we were able to purchase an excellent new sound system in our social hall and two more interactive white boards (with an anonymous matching gift of two more). PTO gave each teacher \$100 to spend as they wish for their classrooms, and some funds went towards the Enrichment program. We thank the PTO for their continued support.

On-going events and programs supported by PTO were:

Social Events

Open House Ice Cream Social
 CSW Roller Skating
 Senior Saints Day
 Twins Game Event
 Scrapbook Weekend

Fundraising

SCRIP Certificate Sales Program
 Magazine Sales
 Scholastic Book Fair
 Culvers Monthly Night

Community and Service Programs & Events

Room Parent coordination Accelerated Reading Program
 Monthly Birthday celebrations Teacher Help Night

First day of school decorating	Staff dinners during conferences
Loaves & Fishes treat bags	Sharing & Caring Hands toy collection
Catholic Schools Week activities	"I Love to Read" month activities
Teacher Appreciation Week activities	

Falcon's Nest OST Program

The Falcon's Nest Out of School Time Program at All Saints Catholic School served sixty students in grades kindergarten through grade five during the 2010 – 2011 school year. The average in attendance in the morning session is approximately eight children. The average in attendance in the afternoon is approximately twenty –five children. All staff are required to maintain certification in CPR/AED and First Aid and will update certification as needed at trainings offered at All Saints June 13, 2011. Cheri Doyle completed the Katie Williams CARE Fellowship (Child Care Advocates Ready to Emerge) Class 5. Mrs. Doyle also completed ten hours of training through the Council on Accreditation to order to serve on School-Age-Care Accreditation Teams. The Summer 2010 session served 33 boys and girls from kindergarten graduates through fifth grade graduates. The theme for Summer 2011 is "Life in the Big City." The summer curriculum includes projects involving weekly focus cities, 4-H Club meetings, weekly Spanish class with Mrs. Bray, Art Class with Mrs. Kloos, visits from Ruby the Reading Dog, field trips, service projects, faith formation, and weekly swimming trips.

Tuition

The School Advisory finance committee carefully researched and studied current tuitions of surrounding comparable Catholic schools, teachers' salaries schedules and benefits, and other relevant data. It was decided that we would raise our tuition 3% for 2011-2012. The finance committee helped very much with the process of establishing the 2011-2012 tuition, along with Mimi Baker, the parish/school finance manager.

Fundraising

Marathon

- The Marathon for Non Public Schools was again successful
- We purchased drawstring bags with the school colors and the Falcon on it, for every student
- The school goal was \$50,000 and the school raised \$54,000, thanks to the hard work of students and families. A number of families took advantage of the matching grants available to them through their place of work. We thank them for their extra monies.

General Fundraising –

- Four Can Drives during the year
- Mother's Day Quilt Raffle, donated by the Catholic Aid Association
- Campbell's Soup labels
- Target Take Charge of Education
- Our total fundraising, besides the Marathon, was around \$21,000

Donations –

- The Knights of Columbus have been very generous in their donations to the school, purchasing books and computer software. The Knights also contributed to the Marathon, Loaves & Fishes Gift Bags, and for the first time this year sponsored a scholarship for a qualifying eighth grader towards his/her Catholic High School tuition for the 2011-2012 school year.
- Parents lent their expertise in many different areas: We especially thank Mrs. Barb French and Mrs. Becky Enebak for their professional work on the school yearbook, as well as Mrs. Margarit, Kindergarten teacher, and a new yearbook committee of students
- We are extremely grateful for the generosity of our school community

Special Events and Activities

At All Saints Catholic School we believe that our curriculum encompasses the basic skills our students will need to be productive members of their family, church, community, and society. Special events and activities can enhance our curriculum for our students.

During the 2010-2011 school year, our students participated in a number of service projects:

- delivering Meals on Wheels
- toy donations to Sharing & Caring Hands
- gift bags for Loaves & Fishes (with a gift certificate to McDonalds), and Joseph's Coat collection.
- third graders held their annual food drive around Thanksgiving, and then walked all the bagged food to the food shelter in downtown Lakeville
- during Lent all families participated in the Rice Bowl collection
- Middle school participated in the "Circle of Service" program, where students kept track of hours of service for the school year.

Other special events during the year were:

- monthly birthday celebrations
- sixth and seventh graders attended Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center near Lanesboro, Minnesota for three days
- the first Deanery Spelling Bee, sponsored by All Saints Catholic School, held in January
- the middle school students put on the Christmas play, **The Best Christmas Pageant Ever**
- Living Stations of the Cross, put on by the 6th graders
- Field trips for each grade.
- We also had a second successful season for our **All Saints Swim Team**. We had over 50 students participate, and they were in a number of successful swim meets. We will continue to offer this exciting program next year.

In Conclusion...

There will be some big changes for All Saints Catholic School in the coming year. I have decided to pursue a new position as principal at Transfiguration Catholic School in Oakdale for next school year. After twelve years here at All Saints I am ready for new challenges. All Saints has grown and become a very strong and viable Catholic school. We have waiting lists at almost every grade level. We continue to grow both in student numbers and educational opportunities. Together with parents, parish, staff, and students, All Saints Catholic School will continue to be a place where students grow in their faith, knowledge, service and prayer. I have been blest to work and professionally grow in this caring community, and I will always be grateful to all staff, students and parents who have been part of my life here at All Saints. Thank you for all your continued support and commitment to All Saints Catholic School.

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