

St. Mary's Catholic School  
225 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Tracy, Minnesota 56175



State of the School Report  
June, 2023

# *St. Mary's School is a Christ-centered school where all enter to learn and exit to serve.*



## **Current Education Committee Members**

Fr. Tony Stubeda ~ Pastor

Fr. Andy Michels ~ Sr. Associate Pastor

John Lanoue ~ Committee Chair

Jenna Buyck ~ Secretary

Josh Schreier ~ Member at Large

Chuck Ankrum ~ Member at Large

Lindsey Facio ~ Member at Large

Molly Peterson ~ Member at Large

Amber Nelson ~ Member at Large

Diann Timmerman ~ Director of Religious Education

Lisa Dieter ~ St. Mary's School Principal

## **The Philosophy of St. Mary's School**

St. Mary's School is a pre-k through grade 6 Catholic school recognized and supported mainly by the parishes of St. Mary's in Tracy and Immaculate Heart of Mary in Currie, both of Minnesota. It is a school of academic excellence, which integrates moral and spiritual values. This is achieved through a strong faith community, development of positive self-concept, open communication, and the integration of the Gospel Values.

St. Mary's faith community is soundly rooted in the message of Christ. Our Catholic faith is evident throughout our curriculum and in our positive, nurturing school environment. Our faith is lived out through our celebration of the sacraments, in prayer, and in service toward one another.

In recognizing each student's unique gifts, we strengthen and nurture their self-concept. We demonstrate respect for one another and affirm the dignity of each child.

Open communication with our parents, community, students, staff, and alumni is the key to the strengths and viability of our school.

We are committed to academic excellence. We recognize the individual differences and uniqueness of each child and employ a variety of teaching techniques to help each child reach their highest potential.

Gospel Values are integrated throughout our curriculum. Our school is based on the teachings of Christ and His Church. By listening to and acting on the Word of the Gospel, we foster an atmosphere of respect, peace, and justice toward one another.

Our school's Education Committee consists of

St. Mary's parents, principal, pastors, and St. Mary's Parish Director of Religious Education.

If you are interested in learning more about the responsibilities and time commitment to become a member of the Education Committee please contact Mrs. Dieter; St. Mary's School telephone number is 507-629-3270 or email: [lisa.dieter.sms@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.dieter.sms@gmail.com)

### **Some of our highlights this year include:**

- ➔ purchasing an additional 25 Hp laptop computers for grades 3&4,
- ➔ purchasing and installing window air conditioning units for every classroom,
- ➔ introducing Social-Emotional Learning to all students (including pre-school through grade 6),
- ➔ collaborating with Dr. Jules Nolan & Phoenix Counseling and the Catholic Schools Center Of Excellence (CSCOE) to offer Peace of Mind webinars. These webinars were designed for each of the following groups: parents, students, and teachers. Dr. Nolan provided valuable information & insight and shared her knowledge in the areas of "Setting Up for Success" to "Teaching With Brain Science In Mind". The student component of her webinars helped to introduce Social-Emotional Learning to our students. The students were able to discuss how to acknowledge when they feel they are losing control of their emotions and what strategies they can use to calm themselves.
- ➔ St. Mary's School also became partners with CSCOE and the experience has been beneficial and Wonderful!
- ➔ purchasing the newest generation iPads to take the place of old & outdated iPads that could no longer support learning applications for our learners.

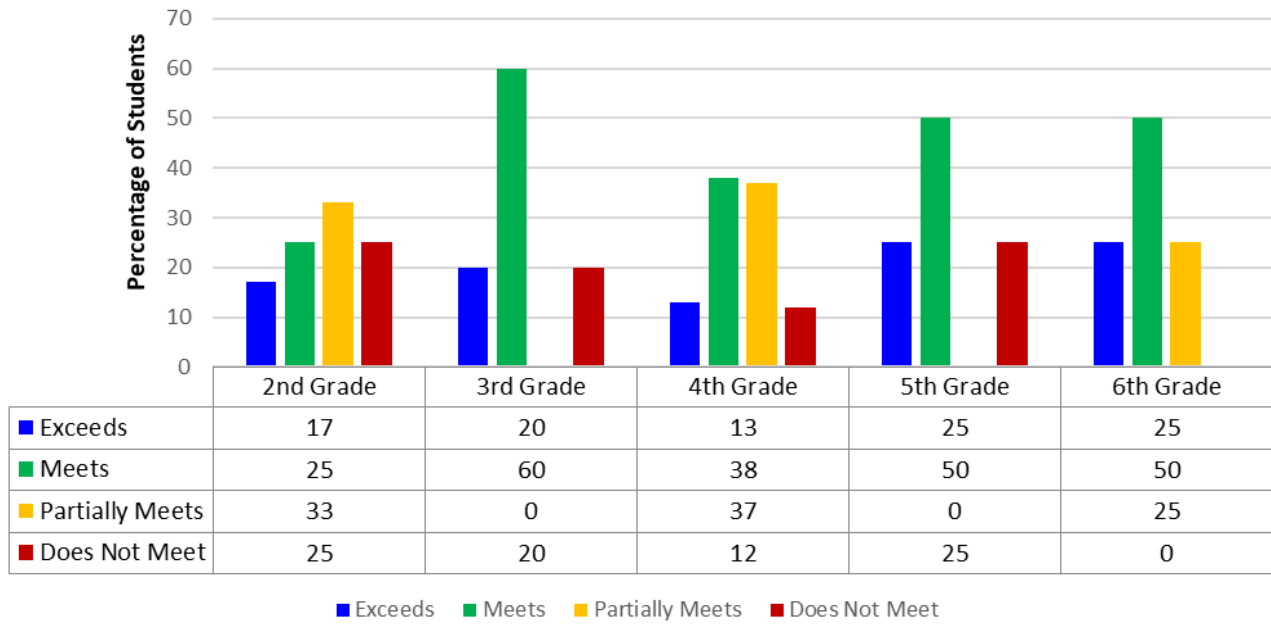
### **Looking toward our FUTURE . . . .**

St. Mary's School has a Strategic Plan for our future. The strategic plan includes objectives, strategies, and action steps to achieve success for the school. Currently, the standards that we are addressing are

- 1.) Teaching and Learning. The teaching staff at St. Mary's School will continue to use data from the NWEA assessments to better identify students' challenges and strengths. Information from the data will help design individualized learning goals/plans for the students.
- 2.) Communications and Community Relations. St. Mary's School students and staff live to be members of our parish communities (St. Mary's, St. Michael's, and Immaculate Heart of Mary). We encourage volunteerism from parishioners and parents alike. We also encourage volunteerism of our school students in their respective parish communities. We invite all community members to attend our Children's Mass on Friday mornings. The children's responsibilities include lecturing, cantoring, carrying gifts, song announcer and altar servers. We love to celebrate Mass together and invite you to share with our joy.
- 3.) Climate for Learning. One of our objectives was to replace old & outdated desks and chairs. We were able to make this a success! Another of our objectives is to increase safety in and around the school. We have added interior and exterior cameras. We would like to install additional exterior cameras to ensure safety for all.
- 4.) St. Mary's School does not have a public address system. The school community would like to update our classrooms with the installation of telephone consoles or a similar alternative. This update will also increase security and safety of all students, staff, and visitors.

## NWEA Reading Assessment Results

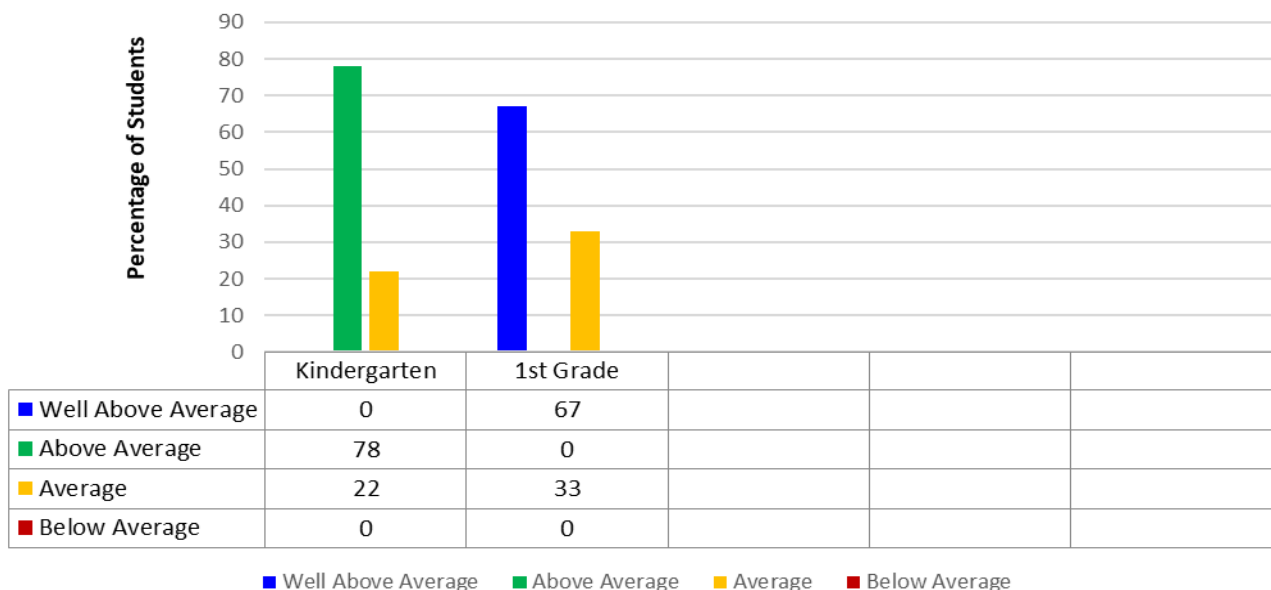
Comparison to Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments



- The following students receive Special Education Services: one grade 2 student & one grade 5 student that *Does Not Meet*
- The following students receive Title I Services: two students in grade 2 that *Does Not Meet*
- The following students have 504 Educational Plan in place: one student in grade 2 & one student in grade 3 that *Does Not Meet*
- 42% of second grade students Meet or Exceed the Minnesota Standard in Reading.
- 80% of third grade students Meet or Exceed the Minnesota Standard in Reading.
- 51% of fourth grade students Meet or Exceed the Minnesota Standard in Reading.
- 75% of fifth grade students Meet or Exceed the Minnesota Standard in Reading.
- 75% of sixth grade students Meet or Exceed the Minnesota Standard in Reading.

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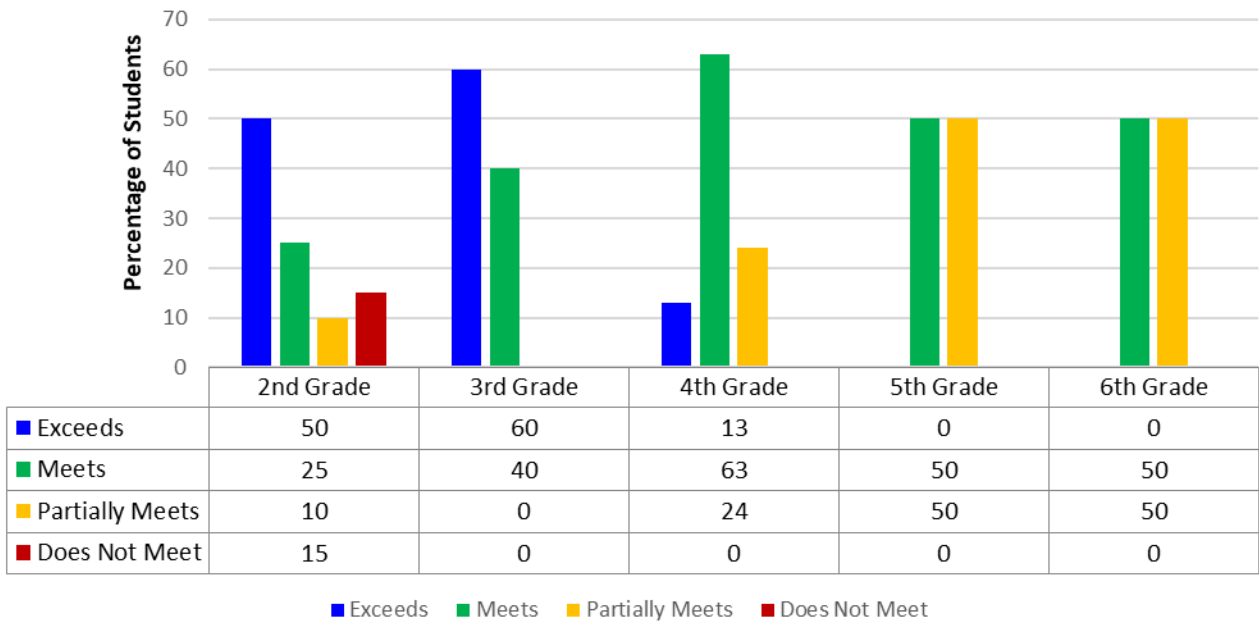
Compared to the National Average/Norm



100 % of all kindergarten and first grade students are in the average, above average or well above average percentile compared to the National Average/Norm in Reading.

## NWEA Math Assessment Results

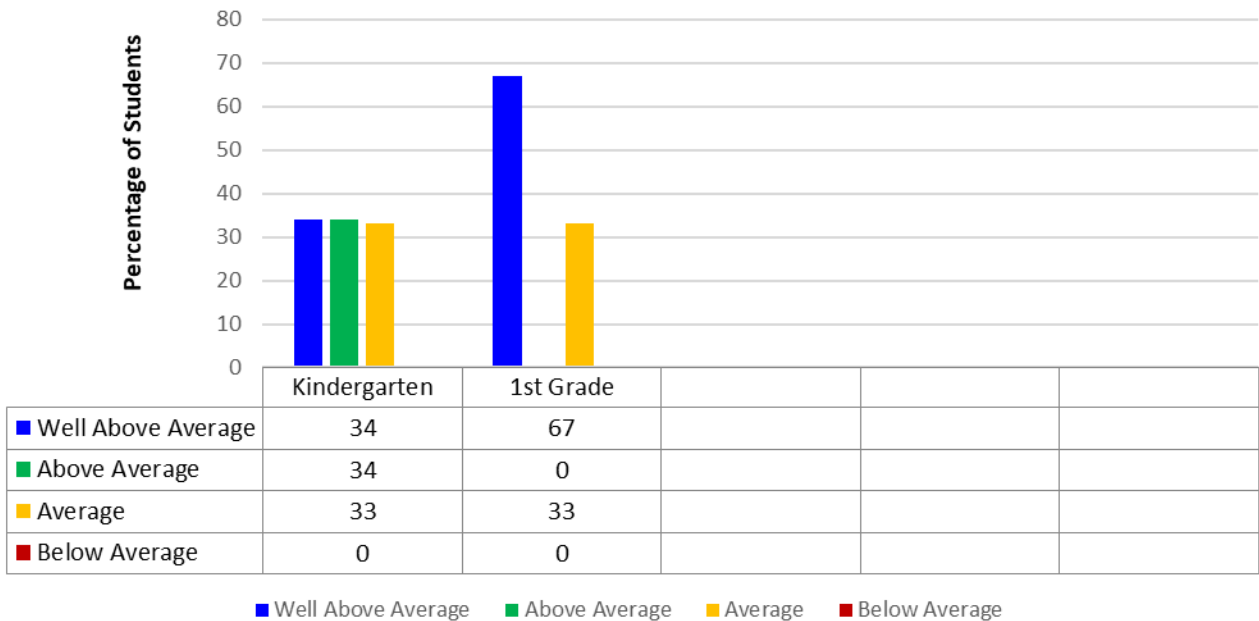
### Comparison to Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments



The following students receive Special Education Services: one student in grade 2 *Does Not Meet*.  
 The following student has a 504 Educational Plan in place: one student in grade 2 *Does Not Meet*.  
 75% of second grade students Meet or Exceed the Minnesota Standard in Math.  
 100% of third grade students Meet or Exceed the Minnesota Standard in Math.  
 76% of fourth grade students Meet or Exceed the Minnesota Standard in Math.  
 50% of fifth grade students Meet the Minnesota Standard in Math.  
 50% of 6th grade students Meet the Minnesota Standard in Math.

## NWEA Math Assessment Results

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## St. Mary's School Enrollment Trends

	<u>2018-2019</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
	<i>Actual #'s</i>	<i>Actual #'s</i>	<i>Actual #'s</i>	<i>Actual #'s</i>	<i>Actual #'s</i>	<i>Projected #'s</i>
Preschool	28 students	18 students	17 students	14 students	20 students	16 students
Kindergarten	7 students	7 students	10 students	4 students	9 students	7 students
1st grade	5 students	7 students	7 students	11 students	3 students	10 student
2nd grade	3 students	5 students	7 students	6 students	12 students	3 students
3rd grade	5 students	3 students	5 students	8 students	6 students	11 students
4th grade	7 students	5 students	5 students	4 students	8 students	5 students
5th grade	7 students	7 students	4 students	4 students	4 students	9 students
6th grade	2 students	9 students	7 students	5 students	4 students	4 students
Total Enrollment for 2017-2018		60 students		K-6 Enrollment 38 students		
Total Enrollment for <b>2018-2019</b>		<b>64 students</b>		<b>K-6 Enrollment 36 students</b>		
Total Enrollment for <b>2019-2020</b>		<b>61 students</b>		<b>K-6 Enrollment 43 students</b>		
Total Enrollment for <b>2020-2021</b>		<b>62 students</b>		<b>K-6 Enrollment 45 students</b>		
Total Enrollment for <b>2021-2022</b>		<b>56 students</b>		<b>K-6 Enrollment 42 students</b>		
Total Enrollment for <b>2022-2023</b>		<b>66 students</b>		<b>K-6 Enrollment 46 students</b>		
<b>Projected Enrollment for 2023-2024</b>		<b>65 students</b>		<b>K-6 Enrollment 49 students</b>		

### Memorial Gifts were received in honor of:

Vera Anderson	Kevin Arnold	Audrey Bakker	Arlen Buchholz
Mary Byrne	Krista Christensen	Deb Chukuske	Norm DeBlieck
Joyce DeCock	Homer Dobson	Peggy Evers	Lloyd Goltz
	Harold Halfmann	Elaine Hennen	Joseph Horner
	Don Jacobs	Wade Johnson	Jim Kerr
	Jerri Knuth Hubel	Audrey Koopman	Dennis Mitchell
	Ric Morgan	Don Pals	Beverly Stassen
	Virginia Surprenant	Leon VandenBroeke	Donald Zeug



## Revenue for SY22-23

INCOME	SY2022-2023	SY2021-2022	DIFFERENCE
Tuition	112,076.00	116,626.00	(4,550.00)
Fundraisers & Events	133,116.00	132,716.00	400.00
Other School Revenue	27,212.00	27,050.00	162.00
Donations	34,708.00	34,557.00	151.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>307,112.00</b>	<b>310,949.00</b>	<b>(3,837.00)</b>

## Expenses for SY22-23

EXPENSES	SY2022-2023	SY2021-2022	DIFFERENCE
Layperson Salary & Benefits	287,651.00	269,745.00	(17,906.00)
Payroll Tax & Expenses	20,978.00	39,181.00	18,203.00
Other Business Expenses	13,550.00	13,468.00	(82.00)
Other Instructional Expenses	5,195.00	5,102.00	(93.00)
Plant Operational Expenses	70,834.00	70,994.00	160.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>398,208.00</b>	<b>398,490.00</b>	<b>282.00</b>

## Parish Subsidy for SY22-23

	SY2022-2023	SY2021-2022	DIFFERENCE
Total Income	307,112.00	310,949.00	(3,837.00)
Total Expenses	(398,208.00)	(398,490.00)	282.00
<b>Total Parish Subsidy</b>	<b>(91,096.00)</b>	<b>(87,541.00)</b>	<b>(3,555.00)</b>



St. Mary's School is self-sufficient for **77%** of its total operating budget. St. Mary's Parish subsidizes 23% of St. Mary's School's total operating budget.

Interesting Fact: The average U.S. Catholic Parish will subsidize their local parish school on the average of 60% of the school's total operating budget.



## We Have READERS!

Again, St. Mary's students, in grades 1–6, participated in the “I LOVE TO READ” month activities by earning a STAR for every 60 minutes they read. They also earned many incentives along the way.

- 1 STAR = 1 hour.
- Our grand total number of STARS earned was **234!**
- Just to give you a better idea; **234 STARS x 60 minutes of reading = 14,040 minutes of reading.**
- Additionally, **234 hours of reading equals 5.85 solid weeks of reading** (based on a 40-hour week)
- The preschool and kindergarten students also join in on the reading fun! These students kept track of how many books they read during the month. **The grand total for the number of books the preschool and kindergarten students read is 581 books!!!!** Thank you family and friends for helping out our youngest of readers. This is a HUGE Accomplishment.

St. Mary's School students also completed 96 Book Reports and 40 students shared their top three authors with the school.



Congratulations Children!!!!

