

Divine Savior Catholic School

2022 State of the School Report

"Education for Life... Faith for Living"

A Note From Our Principal:

Dear Family & Friends of Divine Savior Catholic School,

As we say goodbye to 2022, I am honored to share the accomplishments of our DSCS community. These accomplishments have been made possible by our dedicated staff, supportive families, enthusiastic students and the unmatched support of our cluster parishioners. We have used our mission statement to define our purpose and to guide all of our important decisions. This mission ensures that we provide an environment for students to grow academically and spiritually. We embrace a curriculum that takes into account each individual learner, as well as one that is integrated with engaging strategies and new technologies. Most importantly, we are always challenging our students to use the lens of Catholic Social Teachings to help prepare them to make a positive difference in this world.

Divine Savior Catholic School is a special place to learn and grow. When you are a part of our school, you are a member of the family. Our school family prays together, worships together and comes together in the service of others. We are in the business of creating lifelong learners and compassionate leaders. This is not easy work, but can be accomplished when we all work together! I am so honored to be the principal of this amazing school. I thank all of our supporters for the role they have played in helping our parish school prosper.

Yours in Faith, Principal Lynn Sauer

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2022 School Highlights

School Safety Update:

I am happy to announce that Divine Savior Catholic School has received a DOJ grant for \$8,000 to have our school digitally mapped. This will allow for critical incident mapping data to help enhance the security of our school building as well as our reunification site. These digital maps will be able to increase situational awareness for first responders in the event of an emergency at our school. The safety of our students and staff is our number one priority, and this grant will help us to be more prepared.

Catholic Schools Walk October 15th, 2022:

Our Catholic Schools Walk 2022 was all about the Saints. This year we were "Walking with the Saints". Father Neil was in town, and he helped us get started with prayer. Our 5th -8th graders all researched different Saints, and their colorful posters lined our walking route. It was great to show off our DSCS pride! After the walk our teachers hosted a carnival with fun games and activities for our families to enjoy. It was a wonderful way to celebrate Catholic education.

School Theme:

This year our school theme is "God Can Move Mountains". Each month we will look at different ways God can move mountains and help to move us. We started in September by learning how God's unity can move mountains. I can't think of a better way to start out the school year than to focus on being united in Christ. We will also move mountains by being kind, compassionate, patient, generous, loving, forgiving, joyful and hopeful.

Saying Goodbye to Father Gideon:

Sadly, we had to say goodbye to Father Gideon in May. We were so fortunate to have him at DSCS. His commitment to pastoring our students and staff was unmatched! His integrity, humility and joyful spirit made us all better. I, for one, miss his selfless leadership! The thought of him leaving brought many of us to tears. We wish him the very best and look forward to seeing him do amazing things in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

Interactive TVs:

In late January we learned that we were the recipient of a Catholic Community Foundation Grant. We were granted \$10,000 to help with our Interactive TV Initiative. This grant helped us get closer to our goal of putting one interactive TV in each of our classrooms. During our Catholic Schools Week Day of Giving we were able to raise even more money for this initiative. We were blessed to have several other donations come in to help, and now we are proud to announce that we have the interactive TVs up and running in all of our classrooms!

Building Improvements:

We had a busy summer at DSCS! Our lunchroom floor got a facelift from some amazing volunteers. They were able to paint the entire lunchroom floor and it looks amazing. We also had some dedicated volunteers who were able to install a drop ceiling in our art room. This was no small job. Our volunteers are such a blessing to our school!

Fountas and Pinnell Grant:

We got some BIG news at the end of May! DSCS found out that we received a \$36,393.00 grant from the Bruce Krier Foundation. This grant helped to support our New Literacy Program. We were so excited to be able to replace our outdated reading program. The Fountas & Pinnell classroom program is a multi-text approach to literacy instruction. It will help us to better serve all of our students in grades PreK-6th. Our mission statement references a desire for children to excel personally and academically. This system is able to support whole-group, small group and independent reading goals. It will help our teachers to better individualize reading instruction for all of our students, and it will allow all of our students to excel personally and academically. We are so thankful for the support from the Bruce Krier Foundation. The foundation's commitment to supporting education is unmatched! We are truly blessed by their mission.



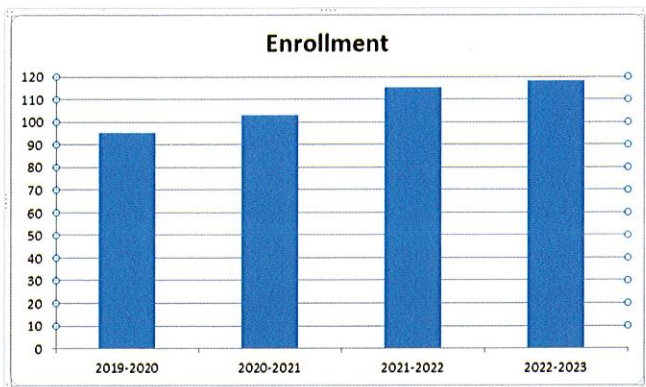
LONG RANGE GOALS:

DSCS works hard to plan for the future. The following are our highlighted goals:

- *Continue to grow enrollment.
- *Continue to grow Endowment Fund.
- *A commitment to implementing mindfulness activities and trauma informed practices in all classrooms.
- *A continued commitment to improving Standards Based Grading practices and creating valid assessments.
- *Make necessary updates to our playground.
- *Successfully complete our Self-Study for Accreditation.

ACTUAL COST TO EDUCATE A CHILD: \$6,258.00

This cost is calculated by dividing total school operating expenses by the number of students enrolled in September. 2022-2023 Tuition- \$2,300. Parish subsidy is 29% of the offertory income.

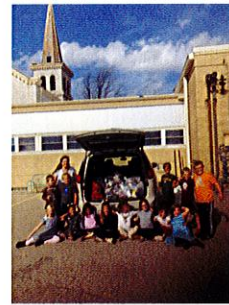


LIVING OUR FAITH

First Communion- 13 DSCS second graders
College Care Packages- 43 College Care Packages
Sister Jo Support- \$997.99
Veterans Day- Honored 35 Veterans
Jump Rope for Heart- \$4,820.00
Food Pantry Continued Monthly Donations

FUNDRAISING:

Trivia Night- \$9,044.00
Fish Fries- \$12,895.61
Scrip Sales- \$6,830.76
Flower Sales- \$3,612.75
Calendar Raffle- \$17,520.00
Soles Walk/Carnival- \$1,140.00
Beer & Wine Tasting- \$6,424.69

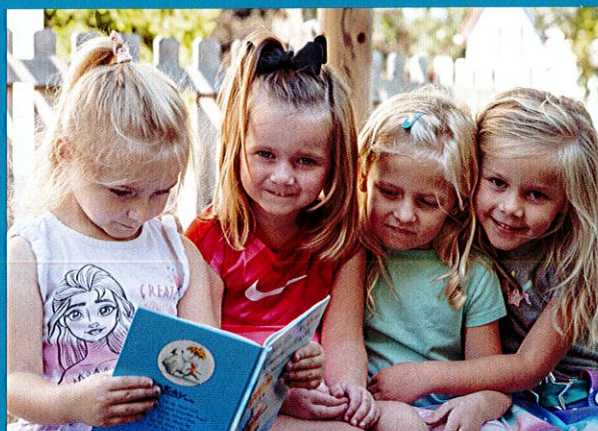


GENEROSITY

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

- *Bruce Krier Grant: New Literacy Program
- *Catholic Community Foundation (Interactive TVs)
- *Play-Based Learning Grant from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee
- *Mindfulness Donation from Joan Houpt
- *Pat Westen (Interactive TVs)
- *Leon Jacoby
- *Jim & Mary Eischen
- *Margaret Yungbluth-Balling
- *DSCS hats for every student donated by Don & Jenn Walter
- *In Memory of Ron Moths
- *In Memory of Michele Brecke
- *In Memory of Ann Miller

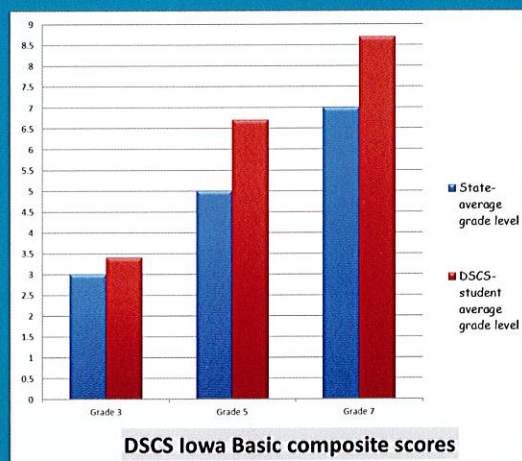
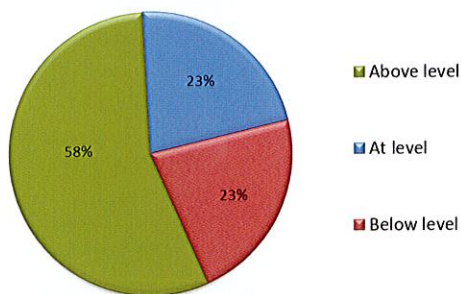




WE ARE GROWING

We started our school year with 118 students! It has been a longtime goal to reach the 100 mark, and we have surpassed it again! We continue to offer Catholic education from 3K-8th grade. It is a blessing to share the mission of our school with so many committed students and families. We are truly grateful for the support offered by both Our Lady of the Lakes Parish and Divine Savior Parish to help support the mission of our school.

**School wide
Independent Reading Levels**



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of Divine Savior Catholic School is to provide an environment for children to excel personally, academically, and spiritually. Together we share in the mission of Divine Savior Parish to foster a faith-filled community where Catholic values are learned through prayer, service, and love. Our goal is to use these values to develop lifelong learners and compassionate leaders

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