



# Divine Savior Catholic School

## 2023 State of the School Report



*"Education for Life ... Faith for Living"*



### A Note From Our Principal:

Dear Family and Friends of Divine Savior Catholic School,

It is an honor to present our school accomplishments from this past year in our most recent State of the School Report. At Divine Savior Catholic School we value each and every member of our school and parish community. This year we are thrilled to welcome 121 students into the DSCS family. We embrace a curriculum that takes into account each individual learner, as well as one that is integrated with engaging teaching strategies and new technologies. Together, we value academic excellence and spiritual growth. We also believe in meeting learners where they are, and helping them grow into lifelong learners and compassionate leaders. Most importantly, we are constantly challenging our students to use the lens of Catholic Social Teaching to help prepare them to make a difference in the world.

Divine Savior Catholic School is an amazing 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. I am proud to say that I am the principal of this wonderful school. Our staff, families, students and cluster parishioners are unmatched in their commitment to the mission of this school. Thank you all for the role you play in allowing our parish school to prosper.

Yours in Faith, Principal Lynn Sauer

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# 2023 SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

## SCHOOL THEME:

Our theme for this school year is: *God Fills Our Hearts*. Each month we highlight a new way that God does this for us. During the month of September we were focused on the *LOVE* that God fills our hearts with. During October our focus was on *KINDNESS*. In November we looked at the ways God fills our hearts with *GRATITUDE*. Our hearts will also be filled this year with *Joy, Hope, Forgiveness, Faithfulness, Compassion and Patience*.

## ACCREDITATION:

October 11th and 12th were busy days for our DSCS staff. We had our Accreditation visit. This visit helped us to showcase the very best of Divine Savior Catholic School. The visiting team spent two days with our students and staff. Their job was to review our evidence to see if our policies and procedures were in alignment with the National Benchmarks and Standards. Our staff worked very hard during the 18 months prior to the visit collecting the evidence we needed. The visit went very well, and the visiting team had lots of wonderful things to say about our school. We will now use the feedback the team has provided to set goals for DSCS for the next seven years.

## COMMUNITY CARES PROGRAM:

We have partnered with Community Cares Programs to bring support to some of our students. This partnership will help us meet the mental health needs of our students who may be struggling with big emotions. Our focus will be on addressing anxiety, stress and dealing effectively with anger. So far, it is going very well. We have applied for a grant to help us continue this vital program.

## FOUNTAS & PINNELL GUIDED READING BOOKS-

### CATHOLIC COMMUNITY FOUNDATION:

DSCS got some AMAZING news last January. We applied for a grant to help add more book sets to our new reading series, and in January we learned that we had been awarded a grant from *The Catholic Community Foundation* for \$10,600. We are beyond thrilled to have received this grant! The Catholic Community Foundation is a true blessing to our students and staff.

## BRUCE KRIER MATH & SCIENCE GRANT:

We had some BIG news to end our school year with last May! DSCS received a \$52,851 grant from the Bruce Krier Foundation. This grant will support our new math & science programs. We are so excited to be able to replace our outdated materials. These new materials are better suited to the way we teach math and science. This will allow all of our students to excel personally and academically.



## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WALK:

On Saturday, October 14th, we had our 3rd annual local Catholic Schools Walk. This year our theme was "Come Follow Me." The walk highlighted leaders of our faith, both near and far. Our middle school students even interviewed some of our own faith leaders and created posters to emphasize their contributions. It was a great day to focus on Catholic education at DSCS.

## DIGITAL SIGN GRANT:

In April we applied for a GIFTS Grant from the Archdiocese Schools Office. This grant was to help us replace our information sign in the front of school with a digital one. WE GOT IT! It was a \$10,000 grant. We were also able to raise the remaining funds to replace the sign, and it was installed this December. We are so excited to be able to market the school & cluster parish, and to use the sign to evangelize.

## DIGITAL MAPPING SAFETY GRANT/ SCHOOL SAFETY:

I am happy to announce that Divine Savior Catholic School 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.

## PLAY BASED LEARNING GRANT:

We have more great news to share from DSCS! Our early childhood team and I submitted a GIFTS grant through the Milwaukee Archdiocese. We were awarded the grant and were able to spend \$5,000 to purchase new equipment for our 3K, 4K and 5K classrooms. It also provided money for teacher training to help grow our play-based learning model. What a great blessing for our students and staff.

## LONG RANGE GOALS:

DSCS works hard to plan for the future.

The following are our highlighted goals:

- Continue to grow enrollment.
- A commitment to meeting the mental health needs of our students.
- Implementing the Conscious Discipline model to help build resilient classrooms.
- Updating our playground for safety and functionality.
- Increase teacher and support staff salaries to help retain quality educators.



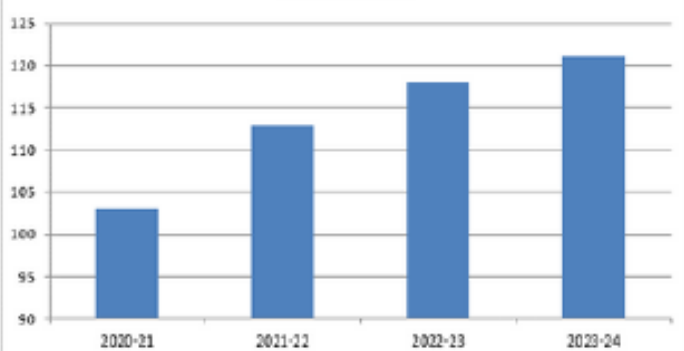
**ACTUAL COST TO EDUCATE A CHILD:  
\$6,753.00**

This cost is calculated by dividing total school operating expenses by the number of students enrolled in September.

**2023-2024 Tuition- \$2,600.**

**Parish subsidy is 26% of the offertory income.**

Enrollment



## LIVING OUR FAITH:

**First Communion-** 11 DSCS second graders

**College Care Packages-** 49 care packages

**Sister Jo Support-** \$596.35

**Veterans Day-** Honored 36 Veterans

**Jump Rope for Heart-** \$4,429.26

**Socktober-** 489 pairs of socks donated

**Food Pantry Monthly Donations**



## FUNDRAISING:

**Trivia Night-** \$15,626.34

**Fish Fries-** \$12,313.51

**Scrip Sales-** \$6,695.72

**Flower Sales-** \$3,588.91

**Calendar Raffle-** \$22,235.80

**Soles Walk/Carnival-** \$1,245.00

**Endowment Fund Event-** \$3,142.00



## GENEROSITY:

**Fiscal Year 2022-2023**

Audrey Ader

George Baldus

Margaret Balling

In Memory of John Bichler

James & Mary Eischen

William Haskey

In Memory of Arline Huiras

Leon Jacoby

Lara Jung

In Memory of Mary Ann Lanser

Joanne Mueller

In Memory of Mary Schils

In Memory of Carol Schimberg

Aaron Schuh

John & Beverly Thielen

Warren Kane Post 410



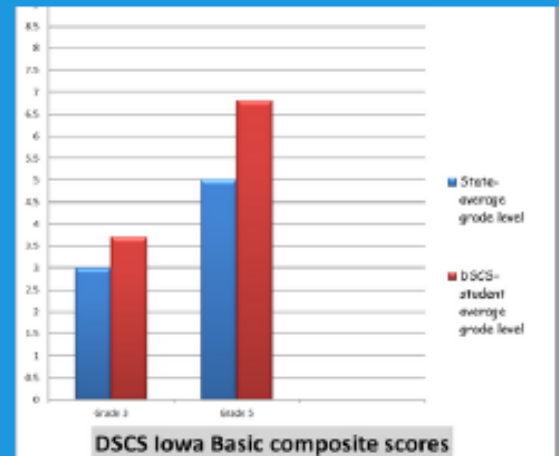


## BAND

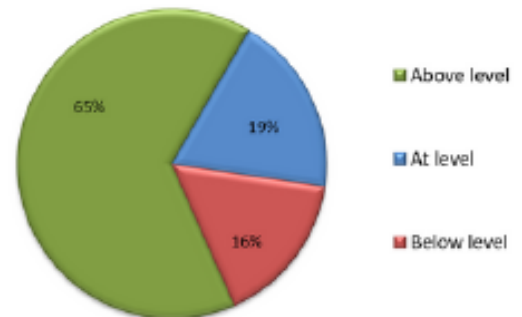
If you hear some beautiful music coming from the church on Friday afternoons, that is because our middle school students are being offered band lessons. This is the second year we have been able to offer band. We currently have 12 students who are learning how to play a variety of instruments. We partner with White House of Music and Mollie Preston offers lessons on Friday afternoons.

## WE ARE GROWING

We have 121 students enrolled for the 2023-2024 school year! It has been a longtime goal to reach the 100 mark, and we are continually surpassing that goal! 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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