



*Grounded in the tradition of the Catholic Church,
St. Joseph's School is a community
dedicated to forming disciples of Jesus Christ
through faith, academic excellence, and service to others*

-School Mission Statement (updated 2019)

St. Joseph's State of the School Report (June 2020)

Enrollment 2018-2019

End of the year enrollment in Kindergarten through Grade Six during 2019-2020 was 161. Preschool 4 year old program enrollment was 30, bringing the school total to 191 students. Seventeen 6th Graders graduated from St. Joseph's School on June 2.

Projected Enrollment 2020-2021

Total projected enrollment is 190-195 students. At the time of this report, 24 students from our Grade 5 class are enrolled for Grade 6 for the fall, and 19 students (loss of 2) are enrolled in Grade 5. Kindergarten registrations are at 25 students for 2020-2021. We understand that those numbers can change depending on the structure of the school setting next year due to COVID-19 regulations.

Preschool 2020-2021

We will continue with two 4-Year-Old programs next year, each one four half-days, Monday-Thursday. COVID-19 regulations may impact this number of students as well.

Preschool License Renewed

Our preschool license was renewed this year. Many thanks to our preschool teacher and assistant who put in many hours to prepare for this onsite visit from DHS (Department of Human Services-Minnesota).

Staffing

Mrs. Gerri Simmons, Kindergarten assistant, and Mrs. Deryn Christensen (Mrs. C.), retired at the end of this year. We will miss them! We thank them for their service to our school and we wish them many blessings. We will be posting for their positions July 1.

We will continue to have teaching assistants work with our younger students and their teachers every day. This support enriches the educational experience of the children.

Distance Learning Timeline

Our successes in Distance Learning happened for the children at St. Joseph's School because of the commitment and dedication of the teachers, staff and our families-thank you, thank you!

THE TIMELINE

March 9

Principal and teachers began the discussion about distance learning among the teachers and staff to help us prepare for that possibility.

March 15

Governor Tim Walz announces school closures in preparation for a potential distance learning mandate.

March 18-27

Online communication platforms and learning programs are identified, attendance requirements for distance learning are created, and plans for distance learning are built. Trial runs of platforms and programs are tested with families.

March 30

Official launch of distance learning-unprecedented event in our school's history.
Childcare opens for children of "essential workers" (health care & law enforcement) as mandated by the governor's executive order.

April 15

Survey sent to parents to help teachers and principal improve delivery of instruction for students based on survey feedback.

April 23

Governor Walz announces that distance learning will be in effect through the end of this school year. Our new normal is working due to the efforts of teachers, parents, caregivers and students in our school community.

June 2

End of school year

Survey sent to parents to help faculty and principal understand the challenges and successes of Distance Learning at our school.

Counseling Services

Counseling Services have been available onsite at St. Joseph's School through Miss Lauren Flood. Miss Flood, LMFT, is an alumna of St. Joseph's School. We are very fortunate to be able to offer this service for children.

NWEA-MAP Testing

We administer the Northwest Evaluation Association (nwea) Measurement of Academic Progress (MAP) computerized tests during the year. Results are sent home to parents. We will test in September 2020 as we begin instruction for students to assess what academic skills need re-teaching and reinforcement before moving forward into new levels. This is especially important this unique spring of distance learning.

School Speak

School Speak is our school information system (SIS). All school families have access to this system; it is password protected. Classroom and school information is communicated through School Speak.

St. Joseph's School Board

Our school board spent time this year working on accreditation goals from our School Strategic Plan.

In addition, the School Board, faculty and principal completed our Self-Study Plan using the format required by the Minnesota Nonpublic School Accrediting Association (MNSAA). Using the Self-Study Plan we created a School Strategic Plan that will guide us for the next seven years to make St. Joseph's School an even better place for children to learn and grow physically, academically and spiritually.

The School Board hosted a "State of the School" information evening in February. This presentation is posted on School Speak and on our parish website (www.stjosephscatholic.org).

Our School Board also served coffee the first week of school to parents, and supported our teachers/staff with a special drive-by parade of decorated cars at the school's roundabout during Teacher Appreciation Week. MANY thanks to the board members who worked on these projects!

Calendar & School Supply Lists

Our 2020-21 school supply lists will be posted on SchoolSpeak and on our website in July. (www.stjosephscatholic.org/school).

I am available to talk with you about any of the information contained in this report. Please call if you have questions or concerns. Enjoy your children and the time you spend together this summer-I pray your blessings will be many!

Mrs. Teresa Matetich
Principal, St. Joseph's School