

St. Joseph Parish School

State of the School Report

2015-2016

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*In Christ,
As Christ,
For Christ*

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Vision, Mission & Philosophy

Vision: St. Joseph Parish School cultivates the growth of each student as a whole person, body, mind, and soul. This means a tradition of helping our students achieve academic excellence and building strong, moral character that will guide them throughout their lives.

Mission: St. Joseph Parish School provides an exceptional Catholic education within a vibrant Christian community. Daily we live *In Christ, As Christ, and For Christ*. Together we prepare each child for success by integrating academics, technology, and the arts with prayer, worship, sacraments, values, and service.

Philosophy: Our mission is to empower each student to integrate Christian values into their personal identities and lifestyles, thus enabling each to live the Gospel message within the pressures of today's society.

We proclaim the Gospel message and build models of family and community guided by love. We instill a service dimension in our students. A giving of time, talent, and treasure to school, to family, and to community is expected.

We prepare students for their working lives by educating the whole person, body, mind, and soul. We guide students to achieve their full potential and reflect Jesus in our teaching.

2015-2016 Highlights...by our Teachers

- Began differentiation in math instruction.
- Moved to a trimester grading period.
- Revised report cards for accuracy in standards reporting and to reflect the trimester grading period.
- Began using our teacher websites
- Launched our new school website and Facebook page
- Held our first annual St. Joseph Parish School Gala fundraiser, Hollywood Knights.
- Received a new sponsor child, Darlene Queen Espada Espinosa, from the Philippines.
- Successfully transitioned to Donald's and Land's End for our uniform needs.
- Updated technology for our teachers. We purchased new laptops, desktop accessories, and Smart Software through our Gala funds.
- Purchased a new piece of playground equipment with Gala funds and woodchips with Ptacek's funds.
- All teachers who applied for our Gala Grants received their grant. Our teachers purchased field trips, classroom furniture and equipment, books, and iPads.
- Upgraded to a web based student information system through JMC.
- Purchased Moby Max and Rocket Math resources to aid in differentiated instruction.
- Increased enrollment by 1%.
- Won 3rd place in the Great Lakes Great Apple Crunch and received berry bushes and apple trees which we planted at Borner Farm.
- Prescott Foundation granted classroom stability ball purchase in 1st grade.

Enrollment & Tuition Facts

<p><u>4K</u> 27</p> <p>K 8</p> <p>1 13</p> <p>2 11</p> <p>3 13</p> <p>4 9</p> <p>5 17</p> <p>6 <u>15</u></p> <p> 86</p>	<p><i>*4K enrollment is not included in St. Joseph Parish School enrollment</i></p> <p><i>*K-6 Tuition increased \$50 to \$2,150 for in parish tuition.</i></p> <p><i>*There is a \$60 registration fee for each child.</i></p> <p><i>*There is a \$50 discount for full tuition payment received by 7/15/16.</i></p> <p><i>*Parents can pay by check to the school or sign up for automatic withdrawal.</i></p> <p><i>*Parents can pay semi-annually, quarterly, or monthly over 9 or 10 months.</i></p> <p><i>*The 4th child in a family enrolled at St. Joseph School has tuition waived.</i></p>
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- *We had 86 students in 2015-16, an increase of 1%.*
- *Full-time contract employees hired before June 1, 2013, receive waived tuition for all children enrolled in St. Joseph Parish School.*
- *Part-time contract and non-contract regular full-time employees hired before June 1, 2013 have a percentage of their tuition reduced based on their hours of employment.*



“Let the little children come to me.”

Matthew 19:14

Parish Investment

Educating our children in faith and academics is a **TEAM** effort between our school parents and our St. Joseph parishioners. **Together We Accomplish More!**

2015-2016 School Operating Budget

Total Expenses:	\$748,106
Total Income:	\$390,903
Difference:	\$357,203
Parish Investment:	47%

Comparing budget to actual, the school brought in 18.6%, or \$61,403 more than budgeted.

Comparing budget to actual, the school spent 17.6%, or \$112,001 more than budgeted. This increase in income and expense was due to a one time Bonus for school staff and asbestos removal, ceiling replacement and full remodel of girls and boys bathrooms.

School Fundraising

<u>Fundraiser</u>	<u>Total</u>	
Walk for Virtues	\$15,772	Tuition Assistance
Magazine Sale	\$1,106	General Expenses
Calendar Raffle	\$9,715	General Expenses
Carnival	\$1,226	Tuition Assistance
Gala	\$27,643	Playground equipment, technology, and teacher grants

Grand Total for School Fundraising: \$54,236

The income generated from school fundraisers goes to fund tuition assistance and the general school operating budget (salaries, utilities, equipment, maintenance, etc.)

Easy Fundraisers:

Ptacek's Receipts	\$2,445	Technology & Wood Chips
Target Card	\$1,136.34	General Expenses
Boxtops	\$473	General Expenses

Service Projects

St. Joseph Parish School not only offers an exceptional academic education, it also nurtures the faith development of each child. We teach our students how to serve God and each other and have opportunities for service built into our curriculum at each grade level. The following are the service opportunities in each grade level and their contributions.

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Service Project</u>	<u>Contribution</u>
K	Catholic Schools Week	Color tri-fold table tents advertising our school at restaurants & businesses
1	Senior Buddies	Write to senior parishioners to form relationships and invite to school events
2	Prescott Care Center	Sing along & games with residents, send cards during the holidays
3	Feed My Starving Children	Give a donation & prepare meals to be sent around the world to countries in need.
4	St. Joseph Parish	Clean the church every Wednesday after our school mass
	Feed My Starving Children	Give a donation & prepare meals to be sent around the world to countries in need.
5	St. Joe's Food Shelf Challenge	Invite the whole school to stock the St. Joseph Parish Food Pantry for Christmas (152 items).
	Feed My Starving Children	Give a donation & prepare meals to be sent around the world to countries in need.
6	Candy Cane Sales	Donated profits to the Make A Wish Foundation
	Feed My Starving Children	Give a donation & prepare meals to be sent around the world to countries in need.

Whole School Service Opportunities: *Dimes for Darlene* (\$481); *Lenten Mite Boxes* (\$218); *Senior prayer buddies*

Fall ITBS National Percentage Rankings (NPR)

St. Joseph Parish School gives the standardized *Iowa Test of Basic Skills* and *Cognitive Abilities Test* in grades 2-6. These tests are required by the Diocese of La Crosse.

The **National Percentage Rank** ranks a group of students who are in the same grade and who were tested at the same time of year. The percentage means that the students did better than that percent of all students tested. For example, our 2nd graders were ranked in the 64th percentile in reading. This means they did better than 64% of 2nd graders tested, and 36% of those tested did better than our 2nd graders. The **Composite** score is the grade's average of NPR's from all areas tested. Scores in the 41-59% range are Average, 60-95% are Above Average.

St. Joseph Parish School NPR 's for Fall of 2015

Grade Level	Reading	Writing	Math	Social Studies	Science	Composite
2	64	54	53	55	64	61
3	57	61	54	52	56	54
4	56	73	63	65	75	67
5	56	65	60	68	64	63
6	56	65	68	68	64	63

St. Joseph Parish School Numbers & Facts

86 Students

9 Full-Time Teachers

1 Administrator

2 Food Service Employees

2 Buildings & Grounds Employees

1 Teacher Aide

2 Job Share Administrative Assistants



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We offered:

- Federal School Hot Lunch Program
- Speech, Title 1, and Special Education Services through Prescott Public Schools
 - Specialists in Library, Physical Education, Music, and Media Literacy
 - Member School NCEA, National Catholic Education Association
- Accredited by WRISA, Wisconsin Religious and Independent Schools Association



St. Joseph Parish School Gala *Hollywood Knights*



Our first ever Gala fundraiser was held on January 30, 2016. It kicked off our Catholic Schools Week activities and was a huge success! The theme was Hollywood Knights. Parents, staff, parishioners, and friends of St. Joseph Parish School showed up in their Hollywood best and enjoyed an evening of food, friendship, and camaraderie. There was a live and silent auction as well as a cash bar and delicious hors d'oeuvres served all evening. So many people in our community came out that night to support our school. We were humbled and thrilled with the \$27,643 dollars we earned that evening.

The funds were used three ways. Fifty percent was used for a school need, and this year the students and staff decided to purchase a new piece of playground equipment. Twenty-five percent went to Principal's Choice, which was updating technology for teachers. The final 25% went to fund teacher grants.

The following is a breakdown of the purchases we made with Gala funds:

Teacher Grants:	Technology:	Playground Equipment:
Camp St. Croix 5 & 6 Field Trip	8 Macbook Pro Laptops	1 piece of climbing equipment
61 Kindergarten Books	8 3 year gold warranties	
2 Portable CD Players & a VHS/DVD Player		
1 Large Classroom Rug		
18 Stability Balls		
3 iPads		

Tuition Assistance

Each year, St. Joseph Parish School awards tuition assistance to those families in need. Parents apply for this aid during the school registration process. In April, the parish Priest, Principal, and Finance Secretary award assistance based on the family's need. In 2015-16, we awarded \$20,751 in tuition assistance.

The following were the sources for the 2015-2016 tuition assistance:

Mary Packard Scholarship	\$1,150
The Joseph Education Scholarship	\$1,075
Walk for Virtues	\$7,335
Knights of Columbus Scholarship	\$500
Kay Harris Scholarship	\$500
Arlene Meier Memorial Scholarship	\$2,273
Employee Tuition Benefit	\$7,918

Bishop's Tuition Assistance is offered to Diocesan parishes to recover the cost for the tuition benefit received by school staff and tuition assistance given to school families. The money is awarded by the Diocese and goes directly to the parish to reimburse them for the tuition assistance given in the previous school year. In November of 2014, we received \$6,200 to recover costs from the 2014-2015 school year.

The money St. Joseph Parish receives from Diocesan programs goes into the general budget to lessen the parish investment required for operating St. Joseph Parish School.



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Christine Meshak	Principal
Andrea Hince	4K
Suzi Linder	4K Assistant
Darla Ironside	K
Monica Graske	1st
Kris Mutschler	2nd
Nikki Cernohous	3rd
Shirly Hayes	4th
Judy Huppert	5th
Vicki Olson	6th
Christine Meshak	Library
Monica Laust	Music/PE/Media Literacy
Sr. Laverne	Volunteer
Sr. GERALYN	Sacristan
Trisha Matzek	Admin Assistant
Katy Hillebrand	Admin Assistant
Carol Mercord	DRE
Ann Schwebach	Finance Secretary
Carrie Haas	Parish Secretary
Howie Kittleson	Bldg. & Grounds Manager
Patty Banks	School Custodian
Susan Schmidt	Food Service Manager
Thomas Rynda	Food Service

St. Joseph Parish School Goals

- Support parents, as their child's primary educators, in their effort to provide opportunities for the intellectual and spiritual growth of their child in partnership with the school and parish community
- Empower each student to integrate Christian values into his/her personal identity and lifestyle enabling each to live the Gospel message within the pressures of today's society
- Encourage students to achieve their full potential as active members of their school, church, and community
- Provide an atmosphere that upholds each student's dignity and fosters the development of a positive self image
- Instill a spirit of service and stewardship
- Facilitate academic growth and mastery of skills through effective teaching methods and a comprehensive curriculum based on Wisconsin State Standards
- Prepare students for life in the 21st century by integrating technology, global citizenship, and media literacy into our curriculum
- Encourage creativity in each student through continuous exploration in art, music, theatre, and sign language
- Promote health, wellness, cooperation, and teamwork through physical education and our hot lunch program