



2021-2022
State of
the School

St. Brigid Catholic School



Our Mission: At Saint Brigid of Kildare, nourished by the Word and Sacraments, we find life in Christ by gathering disciples for worship, service, and education.

This year has gone by so quickly! It was great to be able to get back to normal again! And even with the end of year hiccup with COVID cases, we have resumed previous year's activities and even started some new events.

Academic Instruction

- We welcomed 18 new families into our school community as well as two new staff members.
- Our enrollment was up this year to 137 students.
- We created a Reading Specialist/Assistant Principal combined role.
- Our NWEA scores continue to outperform the Diocese and State averages in almost all subject areas. See the comparison charts at the end of this report.
- We were able to stay face-to-face as a school all year.
- We held our own intra-school Battle of the Books with 4th and 5th graders.
- We held face-to-face parent teacher conferences in the Fall and Spring.
- Sherri Nemeth, Dottie Norris and Chandra Kierpiec provided reading tutoring services for students as a pull-out and push-in program. We put into place Individualized Reading Improvement Plans (IRIPs)
- We had a Fall and Winter book fair.
- PTO meetings' attendance remained high using a virtual format.
- Our robotics team qualified for the state competition.
- We implemented a new science of reading program complete with sound walls in grades K-1 that show great promise- look at the test scores for starters!
- Received a "Do the Math" tutoring program which we are slowly implementing.
- Received new middle school social studies textbooks.
- Grades 3-5 implemented a new science textbook.
- Kim Scott did amazing science labs with grades K-8 grades.

Marketing/Enrollment

- Hosted a Kindergarten Open House Night and had 13 families in attendance.
- With the exception of snow days, the bimonthly newsletter went out and is archived on the school website for all to read.
- We have been more diligent about keeping our school's Facebook page updated with events and news and sharing photos in the private parent group.
- We held a Middle School Meet and Greet after the Christmas concert which was extremely well attended.
- We currently have 135 enrolled for next year and kindergarten is only half full!

Spiritual Life

- LeAnne Osborn taught Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for grades K-2. Jennifer Winberg started a weekly preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program as well.
- LeAnne Osborn taught Middle School Theology and provided religion guidance to elementary teachers.
- Bailey Brown helped our Fully Alive program to get back on track with Whole Family Catechesis Program.
- LeAnne Osborn and Bailey Brown provided two student retreat opportunities.
- Mass continued each week throughout the year, with students completing the ministries.
- Catholic Schools Week had a meeting with Fr. Andy, Father Marc, and Seminarian Jacob Hugo to talk about vocations.
- We held the Living Rosary in-person, Stations of the Cross in-person and the Hunger Banquet for grades 3-8.
- We held a “living wax museum” of saints hosted by the 5th grade for the entire school to attend.
- 8th grade accompanied All Saints on a Spiritual Pilgrimage for St Joseph.
- We held a May Crowning during weekly mass on Wednesday, May 4th to honor our Blessed Mother.
- We hosted Fr. Shawn Kilcawley at Bishop Gruss’ invitation to reflect on ways parent can stay true to the teachings of our faith and meet the unique needs of children self-identifying as LGBTQ.

Funding & Grants

- Emerald Evening raised a record high \$220,854!
- Received EANS funding which was used for Zoom, Seesaw, the SPIRE program and workshop (a reading tutoring program for small groups) , teacher laptops, NWEA testing, camera that tracks teacher motion for virtual support of quarantined students, Middle School Social Studies Texts with virtual components for grades 6-8, school counselling services, Chromebooks, various cleaning supplies, floor scrubber/cleaner, floor polisher, backpack sprayer/cleaner, and registration/hotel fees for the staff to attend the fall 2022 MANS conference!
- Teachers applied for mini-grants for classroom projects for a total of \$4,278. These grants allowed kindergarten and 1st grade to purchase materials for a Calm Corner, 3rd-5th grades to get new science textbooks, decodable readers for the reading tutors, DBQ project for middle school, and allowed us to purchase bibles and tabs for the entire middle school.
- In January 2022, we kicked off our Cardinal Hickey Endowment efforts to raise \$1,000,000 to help support the school in perpetuity. To date we have raised \$659,350 from 51 donors.
- We made our first increase in tuition in 10 years to accommodate rising costs to educate our children.

Community Building

- We held “Let’s Talk about it!” Thursday virtual sessions on a variety of health/wellness topics.
- We held our Catholic Schools week events such as the talent show, engineering fair, grand “friend” lunch and sock hop. Two of these events happened late but happened nonetheless!
- We returned to room parties packed with parents and students to celebrate the holidays.
- We held a coffee and donuts for volunteer appreciation, sent the 5th grade to Camp Hartley, the 3rd/4th grade to Lansing and the 6-8th graders did a March for Life with Father Marc.
- Our 100th Anniversary Committee planned a series of events for the 2022-2023 academic year. They also collected and wrote up alumni profiles and made decade posters to be displayed in the main hall into the school next year.
- We held a Veteran’s Day ceremony to honor those in our community who have served.
- Students collected books for those in need in West Virginia, made cards for nursing homes, raised money for Open Door, collected items for Shelterhouse, collected ingredients for pies to be made for the Toni and Trish House in Auburn, raised money for the Preschool Initiative and for the Humane Society of Midland.
- We celebrated our girls’ and boys’ basketball teams, our coed basketball team, our pom pon team, and our volleyball teams with an end of the year sports banquet. Girls on the Run did not acquire an assistant coach in time to make a team this year but we are hopeful for next year!
- We cherished the fact that we were able to come together as a school family for many events after a long 2-year pandemic.

NWEA RESULTS

Math	Mean Score 2022	Mean Score 2021	Mean Score 2020	Mean Score 2019	Mean Score 2018	Mean Score 2017	Mean Score 2016	Average overall	Diocese Score	State Score
K	172.3	170	*	176.8	176.8	178	175.7	174.9	165.2	157.1
1	185.7	180	*	194	191	193.5	193.7	189.6	183.9	176.4
2	191.3	195	*	200.1	202.5	209.2	205	200.5	195.2	189.4
3	202.1	212.5	*	185.6	198.1		207.9	201.2	203.6	201.1
4	227.4	212.8	*	208		217.8	215.4	216.3	214.7	210.5
5	226.7	229	*	228	222.4	221.9	224.8	225.5	223.6	218.7
6	230.5	229	*	226	230.3	229.4	228.7	229.0	227.6	222.9
7	*	234	*	235	238.2	235.5	244.9	237.5	*	226.7
8	255	237	*	241.6	246.5		247.1	245.4	241.8	231

Reading	Mean Score 2022	Mean Score 2021	Mean Score 2020	Mean Score 2019	Mean Score 2018	Mean Score 2017	Mean Score 2016	Average overall	Diocese Score	State Score
K	167.7	168	*	174	171.3	172.2	168.4	170.3	159.9	157.1
1	181.3	179	*	187.8	188.8	181.6	178.2	182.8	179.4	171.4
2	191.6	193	*	195.1	195.2	196.7	195.5	194.5	192.6	185.6
3	198	201.9	*	193.1	196.6		206.6	199.2	202.2	197.1
4	213.6	201	*	206		213.1	210.1	208.8	211.8	204.8
5	218.2	218.2	*	218.7	216	219	223.4	218.9	216.4	211
6	231.1	218	*	223	224.7	223	223.2	223.8	219.7	215.4
7	*	222	*	225	227.3	226.8	236.1	227.4	*	218.4
8	234.7	230	*	217.3	232.3		235	229.86	228.2	230.3

Language Arts	Mean Score 2022	Mean Score 2021	Mean Score 2020	Mean Score 2019	Mean Score 2018	Mean Score 2017	Mean Score 2016	Average overall	Diocese Score	State Score
2	186.5	201	*					193.8	*	188.4
3	197.3	203.7	*	194.2	199.5		207.3	200.4	201.2	198.3
4	211.5	205	*	207		212.2	212.5	209.6	211	204.8
5	218.2	229	*	216	217.4	216.3	221.4	219.7	216	210.2
6	227.6	225	*	219	222	224	223.7	223.6	219.2	214.2
7	*	226	*	224.5	228.6	227.7	232.8	227.9	*	216.5
8	231.3	231	*	230.2	230.3		231.2	230.8	226.6	221.7

Science	Mean Score 2022	Mean Score 2021	Mean Score 2020	Mean Score 2019	Mean Score 2018	Mean Score 2017	Mean Score 2016	Average overall	Diocese Score	State Score
3	200.3	202	*	202	202	*	*	201.6	203.1	195.9
4	211.8	204.6	*	206	208.9	*	*	207.8	209.9	205
5	214.7	213	*	214.3	214.8	*	*	214.2	214.6	206.2
6	222.2	218	*	215	217.4	*	*	218.2	215.2	208.5
7	*	225	*	221.4	224.9	*	*	223.8	*	210.6
8	226.7	213	*	225.6		*	*	221.8	222	213.4