



2022-2023
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.

**Our 100th year was filled with many activities and celebrations!
We have a wonderful vision for our next 100 years!**

Academic Instruction

- We added four new staff members to our school: Tammy Vacjner-paraprofessional, Tracy Glomski-cook, Kathy Wazny-After School Care Assistant, and Kathy Schilling-3rd grade teacher. Chandra Kierpiec also moved roles and became a paraprofessional along with continuing as a reading tutor. Sherri Nemeth started as interim 3rd grade teacher and then resumed her position as Reading Specialist and Assistant Principal with the hiring of Kathy Schilling.
- We added a paraprofessional to the third grade to assist in ensuring students were at grade level due to the reading and math retention laws.
- Twenty-seven students received reading tutoring
- We started the Young Ambassador Program to help develop leadership skills in our Middle School students.
- All staff received updated ALICE training to ensure they are aware of how to respond to a violent critical incident with confidence.
- We began our partnership with ICLE to create a more integrated Catholic liberal arts approach to education, with implementation beginning in the 2023-2024 school year.
- Our school committee updated our strategic plan for the next five years,
- We chose to switch from Skyward to Digital Academy for our Student Management System. The switch will not only be a cost savings, but should also be more user friendly and provide better communication and information to parents on a weekly basis.
- Sherri Nemeth was recognized at the MANS conferences as an outstanding educator.
- Chris Wakeman, LeAnne Osborn, and Michelle Twigg were nominated for an Excellence in Teaching Award through the Diocese of Saginaw
- 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.

Marketing/Enrollment

- We welcomed 18 new families into our school community.
- Our enrollment was up this year to 150 though we ended the year with 148 students due to a family moving away.
- Hosted a Kindergarten Open House Night and had 10 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 currently have 124 enrolled for next year and kindergarten is only half full!
- Several community members have asked us to reconsider a preschool and a high school option. We will host listening sessions for each next school year.

Spiritual Life

- LeAnne Osborn taught Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for grades K-3 and will be expanding to 4th grade next year and 5th grade the following year. Bailey Delaney ran a weekly preschool Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program as well.
- Middle School students received their own Bible at the beginning of the year to use in their theology class.
- The fifth-grade students hosted a Living Wax Saints Museum for students & parents.
- Fifth through eighth grade students participated in a Pray Like a Pirate school retreat.
- Mass continued each week throughout the year, with students completing the ministries.

- We held a school-wide Living Rosary and middle school students hosted Stations of the Cross for the entire school.
- Middle School students participated in a Hunger Banquet.
- We said goodbye to Fr. Marc as he was assigned as pastor at St. Gabriel Parish in Auburn and got ready to welcome Fr. Matthew who was assigned as Parochial Vicar at St. Brigid.
- We wished Fr. Andy safe travels and renewal as he embarks on his sabbatical this summer.

Funding & Grants

- Emerald Evening raised a record high \$222,321!
- Teachers applied for mini-grants for classroom projects for a total of \$3,500.
- We received an After-School Care grant in the Fall which covered our program's employee costs.
- Our James Cardinal Hickey Endowment efforts were successful in raising over \$1 million to help support the school in perpetuity.
- Grant funding from the Catholic Community Foundation of Mid-Michigan provided \$10,000 in supplemental pay for all teaching staff.
- Fish fries returned since COVID and the three total generated \$15,000 in profit.
- The Midland Community Foundation invested \$40,000 in our new playground equipment.

Community Building

- We hosted Hall of History tours to showcase the past 100 years of St. Brigid Catholic School and it was very well attended.
- Our annual Back to School picnic, which kicked off our 100th anniversary, was extremely well attended.
- Each student received a 100th anniversary spirit wear shirt and water bottle to commemorate this milestone.
- An alumni Mass & dinner was held in October with over 100 attendees.
- We built a float for the Midland Santa Parade and won the award for best religious float.
- Alumni Patrick Owen held a benefit concert & reception with the Interlochen Arts Academy Piano trio and raised over \$6,800 for the school.
- Students were visited by author/illustrator Robbyn Smith & Gjisbert Van Frankenhuyzen, both whom provided instruction and demonstration on writing and illustrating a book. This was one of the most memorable events for many students this year.
- Our Spring Band Concert welcomed back alumni throughout the years who played a couple songs with the current middle school band.
- We held our Catholic Schools week events such as the talent show, STEM fair, grand "friend" lunch and sock hop.
- We held a Veteran's Day ceremony to honor those in our community who have served.
- We hosted The Amazing Handshake, which invited 23 business professionals to the school to interview and evaluate the Middle School students.
- We partnered with Partners in Change to provide a Parenting the Anxious Child class to parents. Counselors also provided student counseling services during the academic year and throughout the summer for no charge to families.
- Students collected toys & books for Shelterhouse, made cards for nursing homes, raised money for Open Door, collected canned food for Helping Hands, raised money for the Sacred Heart Uvalde Scholarship Fund, donated food for the Community Thanksgiving dinner, held a bake sale to benefit Hurricane Ian relief services, and raised money to purchase new filters for the water refilling station
- 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.
- We were able to bring back our Girls on the Run program and had 10 girls participate.
- Our Middle School students participated in the first ever Capstone Middle School trip with a trip to Mackinac Island and overnight stay the Grand Hotel.

NWEA RESULTS

Math	Mean Score 2023	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	176	172.3	170	*	176.8	176.8	178	175.7	174.6	166	157
1	186	185.7	180	*	194	191	193.5	193.7	188.8	183	176
2	199	191.3	195	*	200.1	202.5	209.2	205	199.9	197	189
3	200	202.1	212.5	*	185.6	198.1		207.9	202.0	204	201
4	216	227.4	212.8	*	208		217.8	215.4	215.9	213	211
5	227	226.7	229	*	228	222.4	221.9	224.8	226	220	219
6	225	230.5	229	*	226	230.3	229.4	228.7	229.3	226	223
7	226.7	*	234	*	235	238.2	235.5	244.9	236.6	231	227
8	230.3	255	237	*	241.6	246.5		247.1	244.1	237	230

Reading	Mean Score 2023	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	167.7	168	*	174	171.3	172.2	168.4	169.9	162	153
1	178	181.3	179	*	187.8	188.8	181.6	178.2	182.3	177	171
2	194	191.6	193	*	195.1	195.2	196.7	195.5	191.2	193	188
3	196	198	201.9	*	193.1	196.6		206.6	199.3	202	197
4	210	213.6	201	*	206		213.1	210.1	210.3	210	205
5	219	218.2	218.2	*	218.7	216	219	223.4	219.4	215	211
6	218	231.1	218	*	223	224.7	223	223.2	224.1	220	215
7	218.4	*	222	*	225	227.3	226.8	236.1	226.2	222	218
8	221.7	234.7	230	*	217.3	232.3		235	230.3	227	222

Language Arts	Mean Score 2023	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	192	186.5	201	*					193.2	*	188
3	196	197.3	203.7	*	194.2	199.5		207.3	200.3	202	198
4	211	211.5	205	*	207		212.2	212.5	210.6	210	205
5	210.2	218.2	229	*	216	217.4	216.3	221.4	217.0	214	210
6	215	227.6	225	*	219	222	224	223.7	223.1	219	214
7	218.4	*	226	*	224.5	228.6	227.7	232.8	226.4	223	216
8	258	231.3	231	*	230.2	230.3		231.2	232.0	226	219

Science	Mean Score 2023	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	197	200.3	202	*	202	202	*	*	200.5	202	196
4	210	211.8	204.6	*	206	208.9	*	*	209.1	208	201
5	217	214.7	213	*	214.3	214.8	*	*	214.6	214	206
6	216	222.2	218	*	215	217.4	*	*	211.9	215	208
7	210.6	*	225	*	221.4	224.9	*	*	214.2	218	211
8	242	226.7	213	*	225.6		*	*	230	221	213