
MISSION AND PHILOSOPHY:*The Values and Vision of the School*

St. Stephen's Catholic School is a caring Christian community that nourishes spiritual development and academic excellence.

St. Stephen's Catholic School integrates faith with academics to prepare students to make solid Christian choices. It is an accredited, private school, comprised of preschool, elementary, and middle school levels.

Faith: As a vital part of the parish community, we educate students in a Catholic atmosphere enriched by the Gospel messages of peace, and justice. The spiritual development of students is the primary goal. The school recognizes that a person's faith is formed by living out that faith in community through prayer, worship, service and study; and grounded in our Catholic tradition.

Academics: In partnership with their family, each student is encouraged and directed to reach his or her potential. Our academic program emphasizes mastery of the basics, academic excellence, and a variety of extracurricular activities. The school prepares students to be fully equipped for their next level of academic achievement.

Community: The school seeks to provide a safe and trusting learning environment where each student is valued and challenged to grow spiritually, academically, emotionally, socially, and physically.

TEACHING AND LEARNING:

Curriculum and Instruction and Monitoring Learning Performance

St. Stephen's school adopted a new math curriculum. Teachers implemented the Go Math Series K-7th grade.

Mrs. Toenjes and Mrs. Kowalski will be attending the ISTE conference in Chicago over the summer. They will be joining 100 Catholic School teachers and learning about the use of technology in education.

Ms. Morri, Mr. Robinson, and Ms. Fiedler will be attending a workshop in June about meeting the needs of all learners.

At St. Stephen's Catholic School, we are committed to academic excellence as we use NWEA MAP Growth Assessment data to drive instructional decisions. MAP Growth reveals how much growth has occurred between testing events and, when compared with our national norms, shows not only how each student is learning but how that compares to their grade-like peers across the United States. Educators can track growth throughout the school year and over multiple years. We at St. Stephen's can celebrate our student's growth by comparing our RIT scores to the national norms but also look for areas that we can better support and challenge our students.

NWEA MAP Growth Assessment Data

Grade	Total Students	Subject Assessed	Percentage of Students at or above Norm Grade Level Mean RIT
Grade 2	27	Math	96%
		Reading	63%
		Language	58%
Grade 3	26	Math	50%
		Reading	54%
		Language	62%
Grade 4	38	Math	68%
		Reading	71%
		Language	66%
Grade 5	40	Math	65%
		Reading	85%
		Language	70%
Grade 6	30	Math	73%

		Reading	80%
		Language	80%
Grade 7	31	Math	77%
		Reading	74%
		Language	87%
Grade 8	26	Math	92%
		Reading	85%
		Language	73%

CLIMATE FOR LEARNING:

School Environment and Facilities

A Sport Court was installed at the start of the 2017-2018 school year. Money was raised from the Fund – a- Need at Mardi Gras 2017.

Money was raised during the Fall Fest to purchase new laptops for all of the teachers at St. Stephen’s Catholic School.

The Mardi Gras 2018 Fund- a -Need item was a new gym floor. The floor will be installed in July 2018.

COMMUNICATION & COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS:

Stakeholder Involvement in the School

St. Stephen’s School participated in many ways to build community throughout the school, parish, and surrounding communities. We also looked for new ways to promote the school.

Outdoor Movie Night August 2017

Fall Fest for Education- 2nd Annual/October 2017

Fall Fest Pancake Breakfast- October 2017

Grandparents Rosary Prayer Service

Anoka Halloween Big Parade

Andover Preschool Fair

Presence at surrounding Catholic Churches to promote St. Stephen’s School

Catholic Schools Week Open House January 2018

Catholic Schools Week Family Movie Night

Catholic Mutual Raffle

Participation in Service projects- Toasty Toes, Food Drive, Birthday Bags

Information Nights- November/February for families interested in St. Stephen’s School

Open Gym Nights for Preschool and Kindergarten families

Father Hennepin Parade June 2018

Andover Days July 2018

PERSONNEL:

Mrs. Terry Derksen joined St. Stephen's in August 2017 as an Administrative Assistant.

Mrs. Betty Kowalski, Mrs. Marileen Diederichs, and Ms. Katherine Furness will continue to be our 2nd and 3rd grade team. They will work together to teach these two grades. Students will have the opportunity to move to a different classroom and receive instruction from three teachers throughout the year.

Mrs. Kristen Polston joined the St. Stephen staff in February 2018 as the Media Specialist.

ENROLLMENT: As of June 6, 2018

Grade	June 6, 2017-18	June 6, 2018-19	Difference: Next Year's Enrollment vs. This Year
K	38	39	+1
1	43	42	-1
2	29	41	12
3	25	25	0
4	34	28	-6
5	34	39	5
6	31	30	-1
7	30	28	-2
8	25	30	5
Totals	289	301	+13

LEADERSHIP, ADMINISTRATION & GOVERNANCE:
Responsibility for Educational and Organizational Effectiveness

The School Advisory met the first Thursday of each month.		
School Advisory Council Members –		
Diane Morri	Tim Baland 2017	Heather McGill
Lori Gast	Jacqueline Mjolhus 2015	Amy Erickson 2015
Christina Johnson	Jodi Piazza 2017	Ann Eiden
Melissa Patterson 2017	Mary Swanson 2016	Laura Hudson 2017
Kelly Blair 2017	Kristina Wilberg 2017	Father Matthew Quail

REVIEW of the STRATEGIC PLAN

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This year we worked on many initiatives in our Strategic Plan:

- We incorporated more opportunities for all school prayer including an Our Lady of Guadalupe prayer service.
- We provided service opportunities for our students to participate in such as Toasty Toes, Food Brigade, and Birthday Bags.
- We created a committee to review our school wide Behavior Plan.
- Teacher’s informed parents of the behavior plans in their classrooms during our 1st annual Curriculum Night.
- Our school used the NWEA MAP Assessment in Fall 2017 and Spring of 2018. We will continue to use this data to make instructional decisions.
- Teachers received professional development for math and reading.
- Our school implemented more opportunities to market our community such as Open Houses and Information Nights.
- We created a Latino Marketing Committee to connect with the Latino families in the parish.

