

# ST. AUGUSTIN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

2021 - 2022  
REPORT



# PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

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Since 1926, St. Augustin Catholic School has provided a quality education to students in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade in an environment that nurtures spiritual, intellectual, social, and personal growth. The 2021 - 2022 school year brought back many of our favorite experiences that were cancelled or put on hold due to COVID.

We were overjoyed to welcome families back in the building to support student activities and attend community events – Weekly Masses, Christmas Program, Middle School Musical, Spring Program, Muffins with Moms, Donuts with Dads, Grandparent’s Day, Holiday Parties, etc. We loved every minute of transitioning these events back on our calendar.

**Mrs. Kristel Spike**

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# MISSION & VALUES

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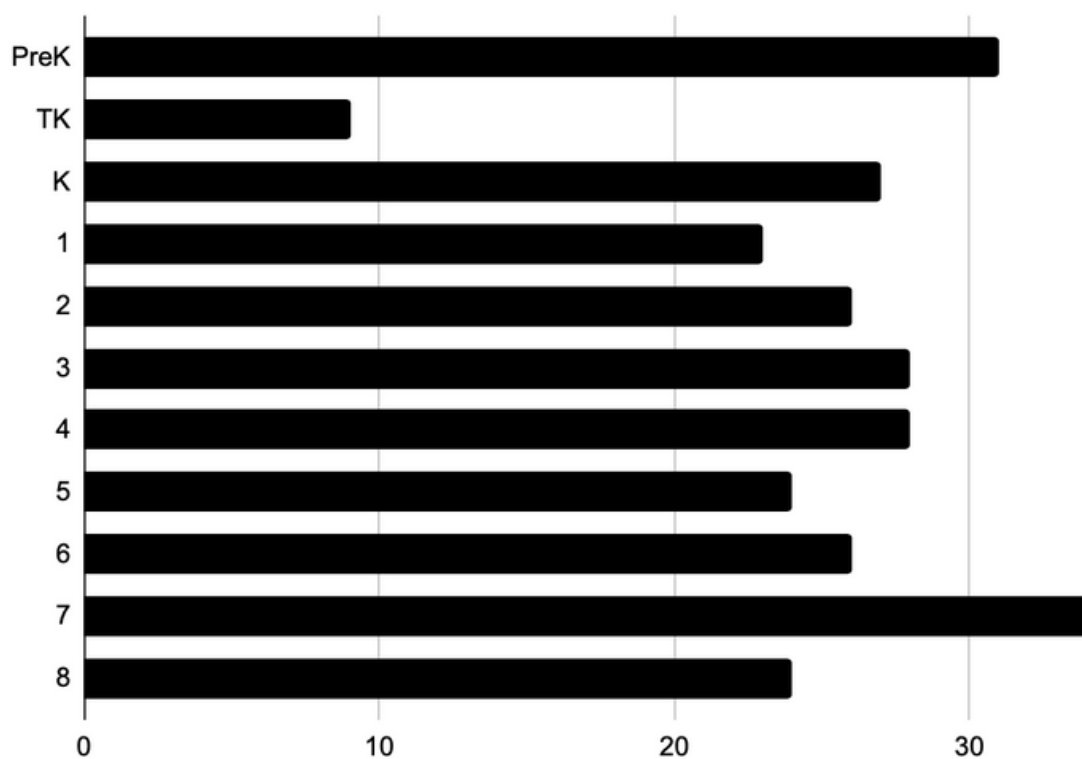
Our mission at St. Augustin Catholic School is to provide meaningful educational experiences for our students in an environment inspired by Gospel values, which nurtures faith, community, prayer, and service.

The values at St. Augustin Catholic School include: teaching the traditions and doctrines of the Catholic Church, partnering with parents to encourage both intellectual and spiritual growth, nurturing each student to grow in self-esteem through the development of his/her talents, skills, and interests, providing a warm, caring environment, and teaching the value of human dignity and the concepts of peace and justice to enable students to be engaged participants in a global society.



# ENROLLMENT SUMMARY

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2021 - 2022 Total Enrollment: 280 Students

St. Augustin Catholic School is blessed to have 20 dedicated teachers who enjoy teaching children and sharing their love of learning. The teacher-to-student ratio is approximately 15:1. There is a teacher associate in every classroom from pre-kindergarten to fifth grade.

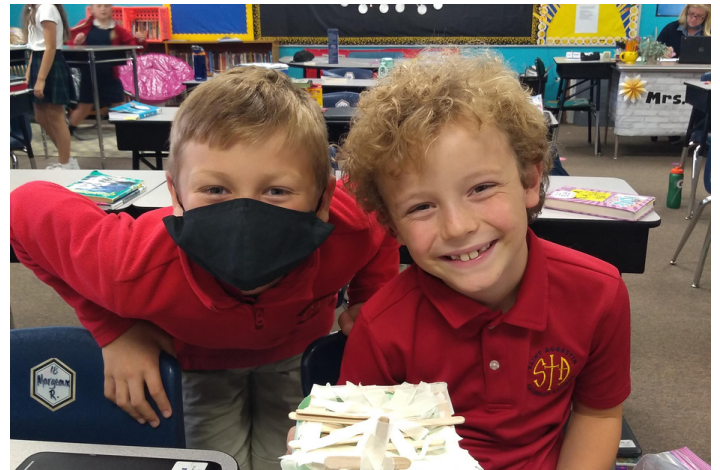
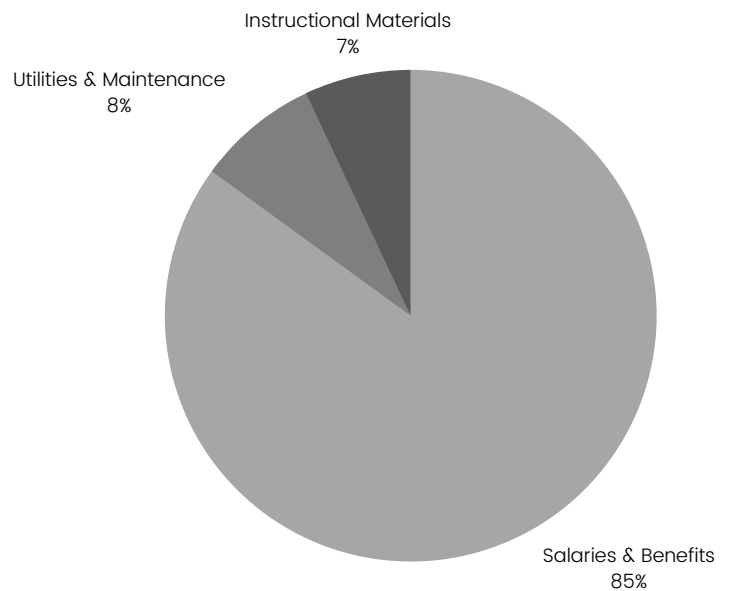
St. Augustin Catholic School specials classes include music, physical education, art, Spanish, guidance, and library.

# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

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The cost to educate a student at St. Augustin Catholic School for the 2021 - 2022 school year was \$8,500.

For registered parishioners at St. Augustin Catholic Church, the tuition rate for one student was \$4,450. For non-parishioners, the tuition rate was \$8,500. The registration fee per student was \$200.



# TUITION ASSISTANCE

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## Catholic Tuition Organization

The Catholic Tuition Organization provides tuition assistance to help Iowa families send their children to school in the Diocese of Des Moines. When you give to CTO, you receive a 65 percent Iowa tax credit on every dollar you give, greatly lowering your Iowa tax liability. That's the highest tax credit available in the state. Plus, the low operating costs mean more of your donation goes directly to impacting families. In the 2021-2022 school year, CTO distributed \$46,058 to St. Augustin Catholic School students.

## Scholarships

In the 2021- 2022 school year, we distributed \$24,635 to St. Augustin Catholic School students from the school scholarship fund.



# STUDENT ACTIVITIES

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St. Augustin Catholic School provides students with multiple opportunities to become involved. Leadership, performance, service, and leisure activities, combined with athletics and academics, educate the whole student.

Biztown  
Living Stations of the Cross  
Christmas Music Program  
Spanish  
Discovery (TAG)  
DARE  
Eighth Grade Buddies  
Peer Tutoring  
Band  
Choir  
Spring Musical Production  
Mock Trial  
YEL! Robotics Club  
Real Food 4 Kids Cooking Club  
Girl Scouts  
Pack 36 Scouts  
Little Flowers  
Battle of the Books  
Chess Club  
Speech Club  
Catholic Football League  
Middle School Volleyball  
Middle School Girls Basketball  
Middle School Boys Basketball  
Middle School Cheerleading



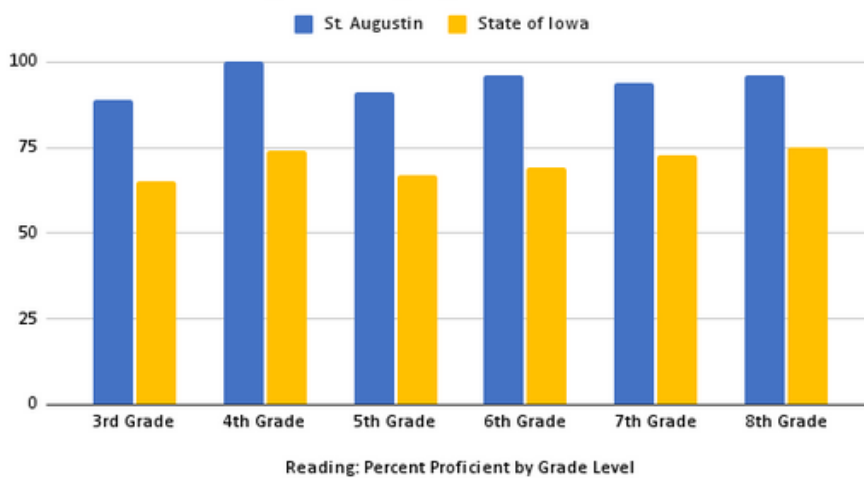
# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

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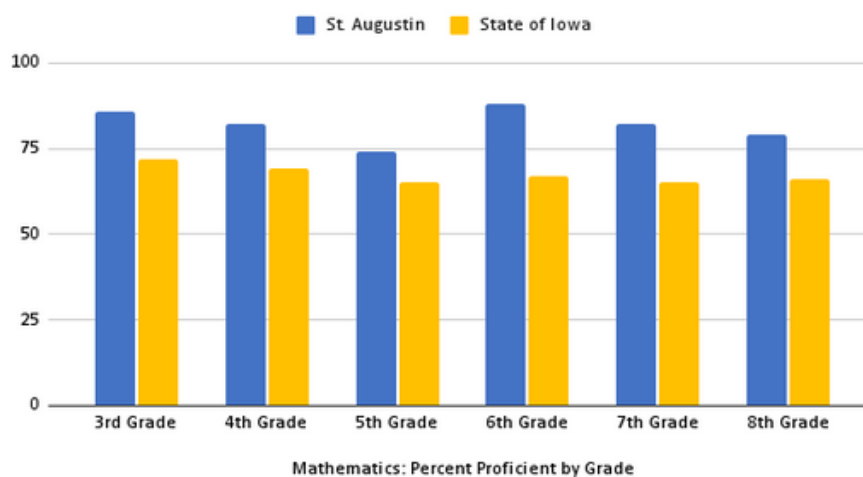
The data representation below shows how St. Augustin Catholic School students compare to their peers in the state of Iowa by proficiency on the Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress.

Our students consistently demonstrate high achievement.

2021-2022: ISASP English - Language Arts Scores



2021 - 2022: ISASP Mathematics Scores





# SERVICE PROJECTS

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At St. Augustin Catholic School, we emphasize the importance of service to the community. Each grade plans and participates in a service project.

Our first grade students collected items for Bidwell Community Center.

Our second grade students collected items and assembled Blessing Bags to give to the homeless in our community.

Our third grade students rang bells at different locations around Des Moines to raise money for the Salvation Army.

Our fourth grade students collected items for the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program.

Our fifth grade students made tie blankets for the Animal Rescue League of Iowa.

Our sixth grade students collected money for "Adopt a Native Elder." The mission is to provide assistance to impoverished, struggling members of the Navajo Nation.

Our seventh grade class collected donations to beautify the school grounds for Earth Day.

Our kindergarten and eighth grade students collected items for Child Life Specialists at Blank Children's Hospital.

The faculty/staff members donated funds to provide holiday support to St. Augustin Catholic School families and, in exchange, wore jeans between Thanksgiving and Christmas.



# CLASS OF 2022

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We celebrated St. Augustin Class of 2022 on Wednesday, May 26.

## Subject Area Awards

Math: Addi Alessio

Social Studies: Andrew Honkamp

Language Arts: Evelyn Damge

Reading: Camryn Damge

Science: Ainslie Scanlon

Religion: Liam Mitchell

Art: Anna Jose

Music: Maryann Gambaro

PE: Emmett Mathiasen

All Academic Award: Camryn Damge

## DCHS Presidential Scholarship Recipients

Nathan Wenham

Fletcher Richards

Andrew Honkamp

## DCHS Scholarship Recipients

Addi Alessio

Elly Alessio

Andrew Honkamp



# THERAPY DOG FLYNN

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St. Augustin Catholic School has a therapy dog named Flynn. Therapy dogs have been known to increase school attendance, foster student confidence, decrease learner anxiety, improve student motivation, and enhance relationships with peers and faculty/staff due to experiencing trust and unconditional love from the canine.

Flynn belongs to principal, Mrs. Kristel Spike. They are a registered therapy dog team through Iowa Human-Animal Bond Society.





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