

ST. AUGUSTIN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

2020 – 2021
REPORT



PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

My second year as principal brought nearly as many surprises as my first. It is an understatement to say that COVID 19 impacted the 2020 – 2021 school year. We restructured our classrooms – adding plexi-glass, spacing desks, and limiting shared materials. We celebrated Mass virtually every Thursday – three classes attended live unless there was inclement weather. We added two lunch sessions. We created seating charts. We scheduled everything, and I mean everything.

While we experienced some struggles throughout the year, the successes certainly outweigh them. St. Augustin Catholic School welcomed many new families and students. We provided distance learning to students who were in isolation or quarantine. We remained open for in-person instruction throughout the entire school year.

These successes are a testament to the strength and resilience of our entire community which stretches far beyond the walls of our physical building. We appreciate the outpouring of prayers, support, and love that we received. I think it's also important to note and recognize the flexibility of our entire community – our entire faculty and staff, our families – students, parents, grandparents, and you, our parishioners. We would not have been so successful without the creativity, patience, and grace of all individuals involved in the 2020 – 2021 school year.

Mrs. Kristel Spike

PRINCIPAL

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MISSION & VALUES

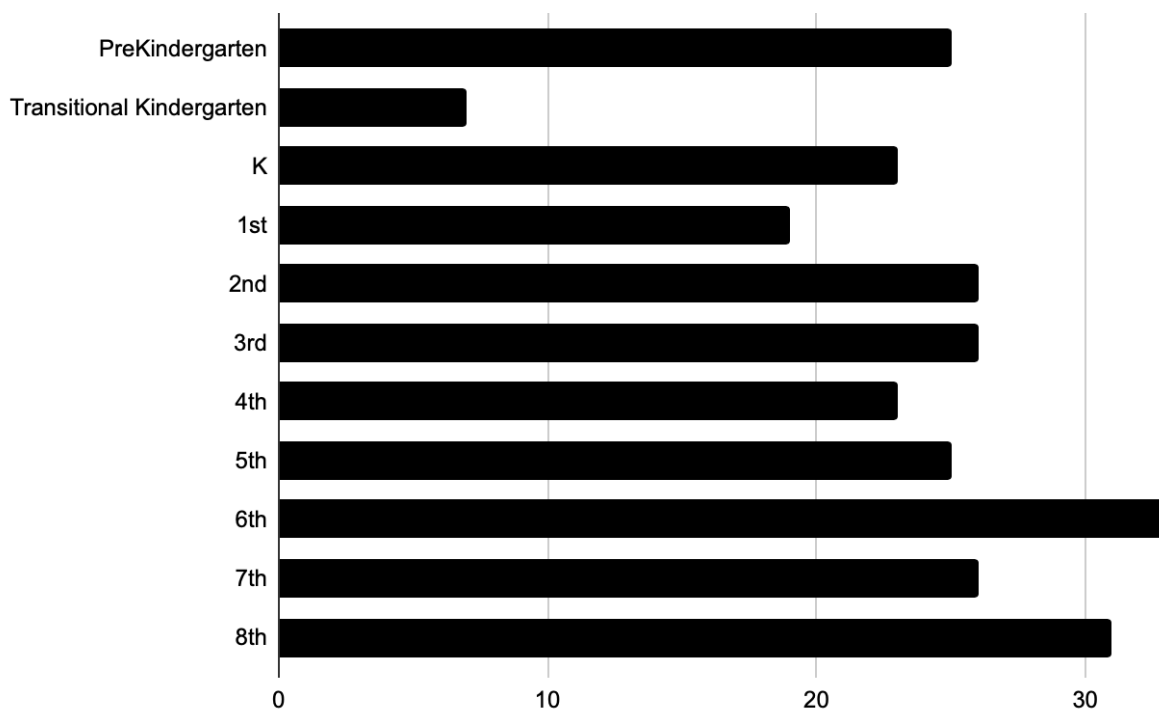


Our mission at St. Augustin Catholic School is to provide meaningful educational experiences for our students in an environment inspired by Gospel values, which nurtures faith, community, prayer, and service.

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



2020 - 2021 Total Enrollment: 277 Students

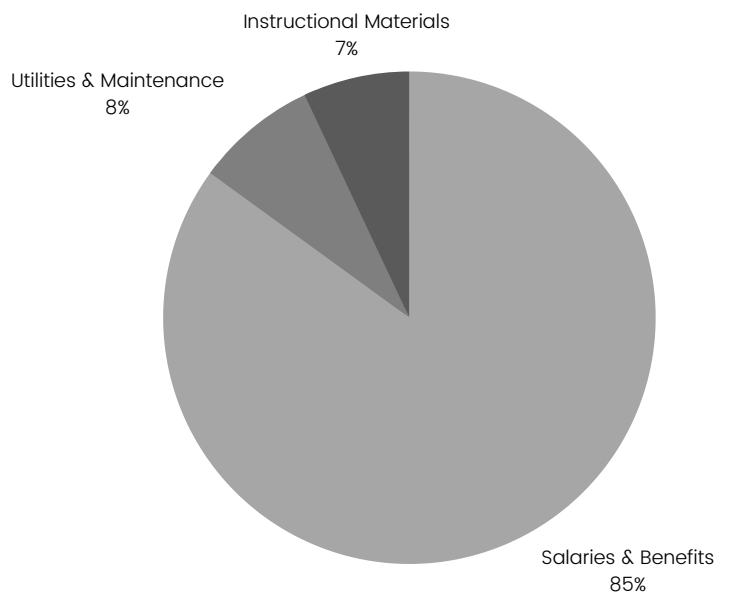
St. Augustin Catholic School is blessed to have 20 dedicated teachers who enjoy teaching children and sharing their love of learning. The teacher-to-student ratio is approximately 15:1. There is a teacher associate in every classroom from pre-kindergarten to fifth grade.

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

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The cost to educate a student at St. Augustin Catholic School for the 2020 - 2021 school year was \$8,050.

For registered parishioners at St. Augustin Catholic Church, the tuition rate for one student was \$4,300. For non-parishioners, the tuition rate was \$8,050. The registration fee per student was \$200.



TUITION ASSISTANCE

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 2020-2021 school year, CTO distributed \$48,130 to St. Augustin Catholic School students.

Scholarships

In the 2020-2021 school year, we distributed \$28,100 to St. Augustin Catholic School students from the school scholarship fund.



STUDENT ACTIVITIES

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.

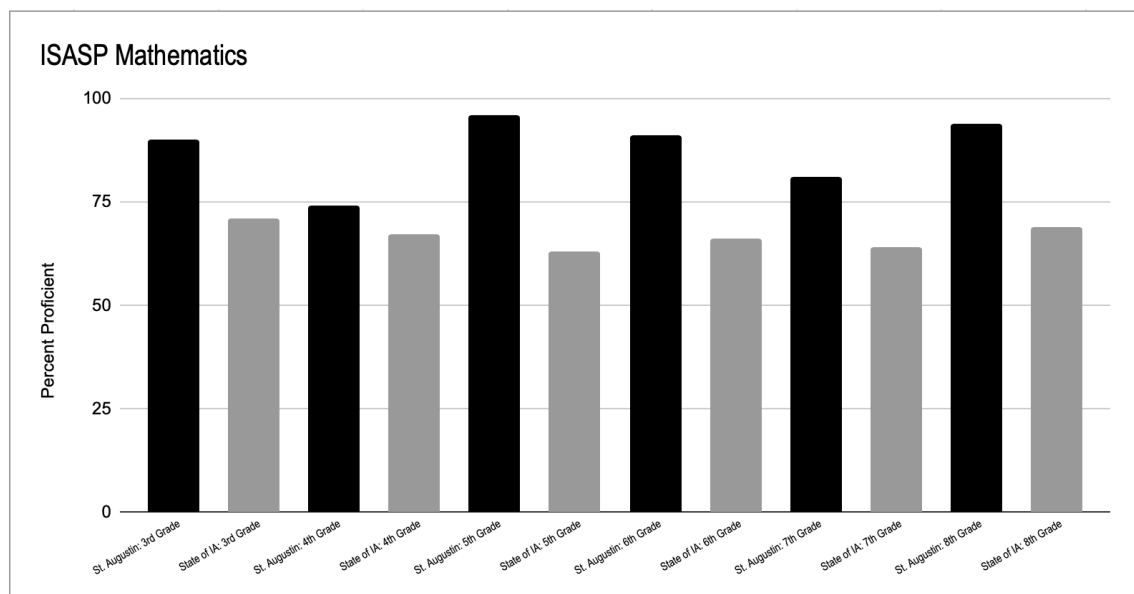
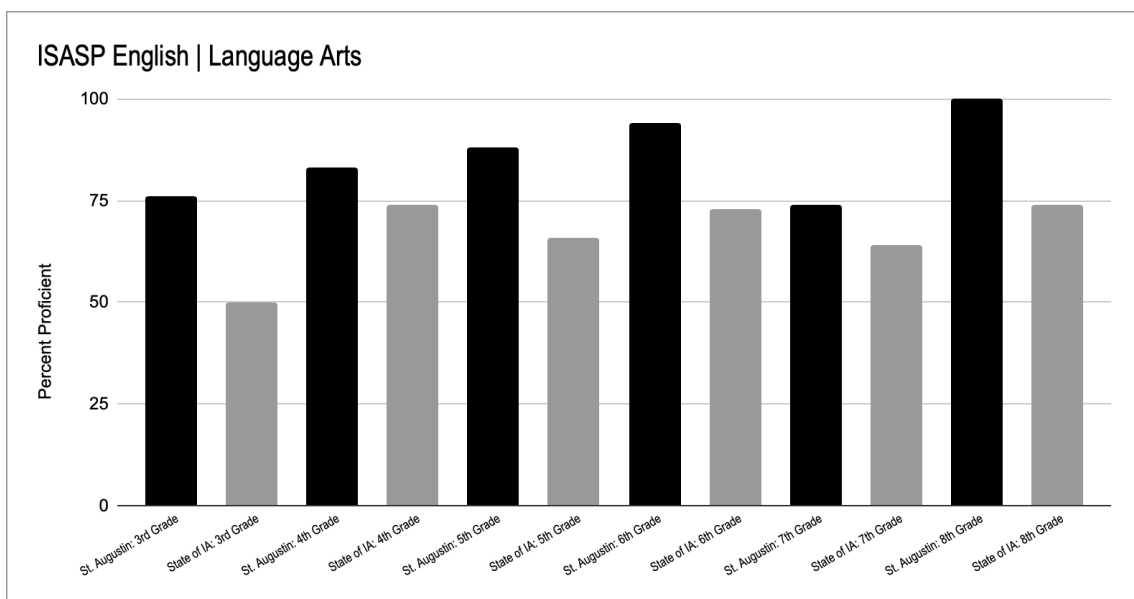
Biztown
Living Stations of the Cross
Christmas Music Program
Spanish
Discovery (TAG)
DARE
Eighth Grade Buddies
Peer Tutoring
Band
Choir
Spring Musical Production
Mock Trial
YEL! Robotics Club
Real Food 4 Kids Cooking Club
Girl Scouts
Pack 36 Scouts
Little Flowers
Battle of the Books
Chess Club
Speech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



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

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.



SERVICE PROJECTS

At St. Augustin Catholic School, we emphasize the importance of service to the community. Each grade plans and participates in a service project. In addition, middle school students are required to earn 30 hours of service prior to graduation.

Our first grade students collected items and went to assemble nurse appreciation bags.

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

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.

Our fourth grade students made t-shirt bags for Bidwell Riverside Center.

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

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

Our kindergarten and eighth grade students collected pop tabs and made cards for the families who stay at the Ronald McDonald House.



CLASS OF 2021

We celebrated St. Augustin Class of 2021 on Wednesday, May 26.

Subject Area Awards

Math: Gregory Pease

Social Studies: Cate Sullivan

Language Arts: Lilly Hutchins

Reading: Veronica Smith

Science: Alex Gaskell

Religion: Johnny Ruan

Art: Audrey Lynner

Music: Riley Hogendorn

PE: Eli Wees

All Academic Award: Cate Sullivan

DCHS Presidential Scholarship Recipients

Nathan Mauro

Max Piazza

DCHS Scholarship Recipients

Conrad Krantz

Cate Sullivan

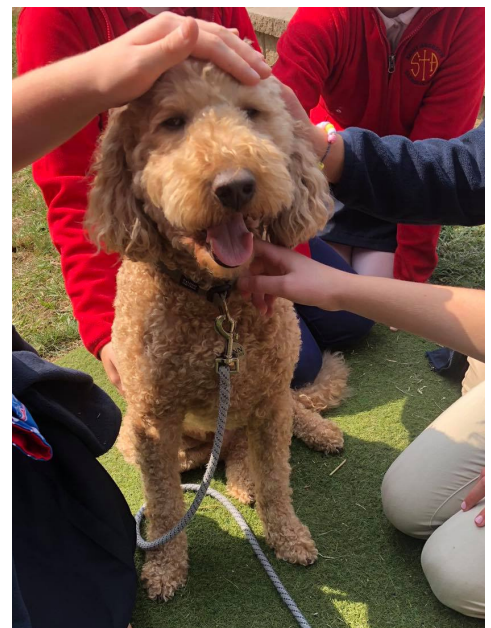
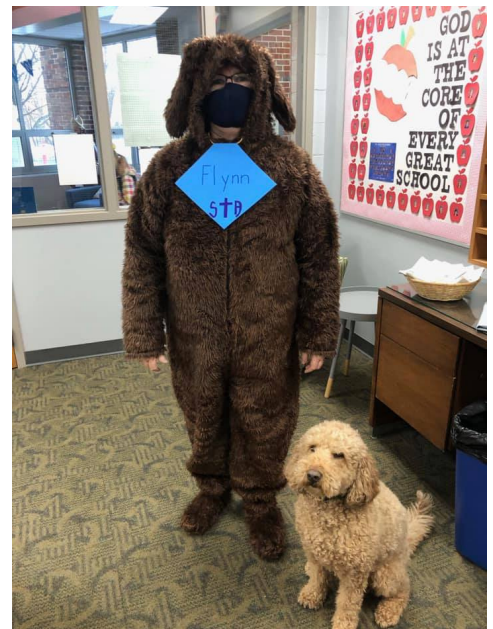
Veronica Smith



THERAPY DOG FLYNN

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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