



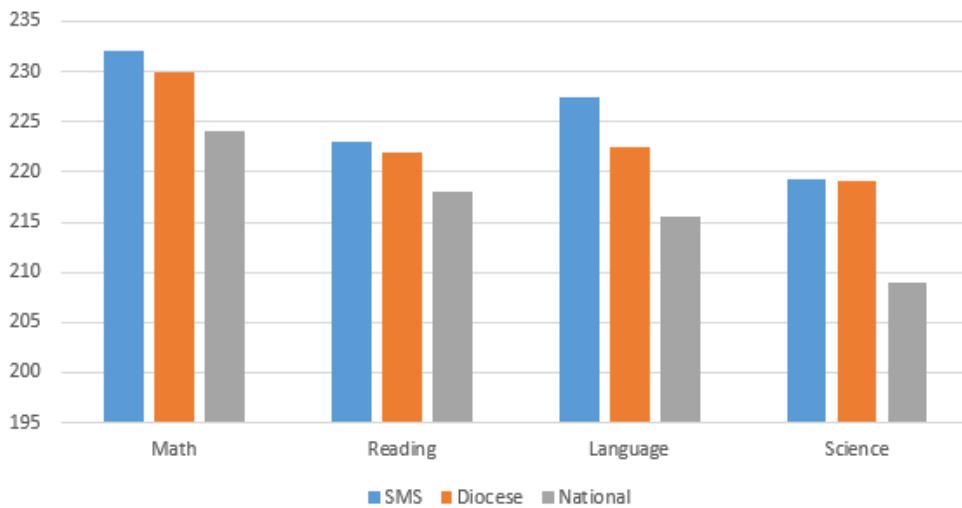
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Grow in Knowledge

8th Grade



To Grow in Knowledge is the first prong of the St. Mary School Mission. Students at St. Mary School take the NWEA Measurement of Academic Progress test three times a year. The assessment helps the school create individual learning plans for students and to identify areas to strengthen instruction.

At a time when many schools across the nation are seeing huge dips in standardized test scores, St. Mary School continues to see scores well above the Diocese and National averages. This is a direct result of the hard work by students, the dedication put in by their teachers, and the strong commitment of teamwork between the families and St. Mary School.

Along with strong test scores, St. Mary School has seen a continued rise in enrollment. The school is happy to be home to 229 students for the 2022-2023 school year. This is the highest enrollment in over 25 years. The school has also been blessed with long-standing teachers and staff that add to the stability and consistency of the school and the education provided.

The school is excited to be able to once again take part in field trips, have volunteers in the building, perform our musical programs in person, bring back fun activities like the parent Coffee Club, and invite guest speakers into the building.

Upcoming Events:

November 23-25
Thanksgiving Break

November 28
No School - P.L. Day

December 21
Christmas Concert

December 22 - January 2
Christmas Break

January 16
No School - MLK Observance

January 23
No School - P.L. Day

January 29 - February 4
Catholic Schools Week

February 4
SMS Gala

February 20
No School - P.L. Day

February 27 - March 3
No School - Spring Break

CONSIDER INCLUDING ST. MARY SCHOOL IN YOUR ESTATE PLANS

A gift to St. Mary School can have a lasting impact on the future of Catholic Education. Contact Mrs. Jarchow for help guiding you through the process.



Follow in Faith

Following in Faith is the second prong of St. Mary School Mission. Students have religion class each day and attend Mass every Wednesday. All students K-8th attend Adoration the first Friday of every month where they can build their personal relationship with Christ.

Reconciliation is offered to students during the seasons of Advent and Lent, and the school gathers multiple times a year to pray the rosary together. Also during the Lenten season classes take turns each week leading the Stations of the Cross.

An important part of the school's religion curriculum is the Faith

Friend and Prayer Partner Programs. In the Faith Friend program, older students are paired with younger students to help mentor them at church and during the school year. In the Prayer Partner program, parishioners are paired with students and they pray for each other throughout the school year.



A Note from the Principal

For the 2022-2023 school year there are 15 teachers and myself on staff. Between all of us there is 254 years of experience in education at 18 different schools, and collectively we hold 21 degrees. The commitment to mission that our teachers have is amazing. They see each child as a gift from God and work endlessly to insure that each student reaches their highest potential.

At a time when teachers are leaving the profession in record numbers, SMS staff continue to seek out opportunities for professional development, research and implement new teaching strategies, and strive to make everyday the best day of learning for their students. Strong teachers make for a strong school.

To continue with improving the school, the staff is taking part in an adult segment of learning in Theology of the Body. This new training is reflective of how we are growing in your Catholic faith and identity.

As a staff we are committed to the school's mission of Growing in Knowledge, Following in Faith, and Serving in Harmony.

Blessings,

Mrs. J.



Save the Date!



This event, formally known as Mardi Gras, will be held once again at **Ready Randy's** on **Saturday, February 4, 2023**. Watch the school's website and social media platforms for more information in the months ahead. We look forward to seeing you there!



"Friends made at St. Mary School are friends for life. We learned together, we worshipped together, and we served together. St. Mary School is our 2nd family."

~8th Grade Graduate

Serve in Harmony

The third prong of the school's mission is to Serve in Harmony. Service to the local community and the world around us is an important part of the St. Mary School Mission. Already in the first quarter of the school year students have stepped up to lend a helping hand.

Student Council has served at the Wednesday night Catholic Formation dinner, packed backpacks for the local Happy Kids Backpack program, and sponsored a pumpkin decorating contest for the school.

The whole school took part in the local "Stuff the Bus" campaign that was held during Homecoming week. All donations benefited Five Loaves, the local food shelf in New Richmond.

During the month of November



Students volunteering at Feed My Starving Children on Halloween

SMS is holding the Hearts for Haiti Campaign. For every dollar a student brings in, they will have a heart with their name hung in the front hallway. All monies raised will help benefit St. Antoine School in Haiti. Immaculate Conception Parish, St. Patrick Parish, and St. Mary School have partnered together for a number of years to support and help the students of St. Antoine.

Serving others brings us all closer to Christ.



Winners of the Halloween Pumpkin decorating contest.



Staff joining in on the Halloween fun.

Fall Fun



3rd Grade Saints presenting to students.



Student Council serving their parish community.



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Grow, Follow, Serve

St. Mary School

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Growing Kids Faithfully for over 130 years!

