

St. Mary's School

2024-2025

Annual Report



Mission Statement

St. Mary's Catholic School guides students to form an authentic relationship with God while achieving academic excellence to live as faithful disciples of Christ.

Philosophy Statement

The Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is to be the center of our lives. We are called to grow in faith, proclaim the Good News, and witness to Christ. At St. Mary's Catholic School we are committed to living out our faith by developing the whole person, creating community, and being of service.

Our school community strives to create an environment where individuals are challenged to achieve their God-given potential. Prayer and sacraments are central to our mission, and through them, individuals are given the opportunity to discover God's will and receive His graces.

Tuition Rate/Cost Comparison for the 2024-2025 School Year

	Grade School	High School
Avg. SMS Annual Tuition	\$3,517	\$4,670
Avg. SMS Tuition per Day	\$19.21	\$25.51
Avg. Private Tuition MN	\$8,502	\$14,524
*Private School Review		

Average Cost to Educate a Student

St. Mary's	\$7,639	\$10,493
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The average public school per pupil cost is \$18,057 as reported by Education Data Initiative, this includes both elementary and secondary schools. Catholic schools save the US billions a year in educational costs.



Catholic Identity Theme for 2024-2025: Forming Faithful Disciples

This year, our entire student body and staff focused on virtues.

"A virtue is a habitual and firm disposition to do the good. It allows the person not only to perform good acts, but to give the best of himself. The virtuous person tends toward the good with all his sensory and spiritual powers; he pursues the good and chooses it in concrete actions."

CCC 1803

The following virtues were explained, practiced, and recognized in students by staff:

Faith, Reverence, Stewardship, Generosity, Gratitude, Honesty, Mercy, Justice, Zeal

Accredited through MNSAA since 1991

Our school is accredited with the Minnesota School Accrediting Association. An important part of being accredited is to have a viable, visionary strategic plan. Below are our achieved goals and future goals.

Strategic Plan Goals Achieved for 2024-2025:

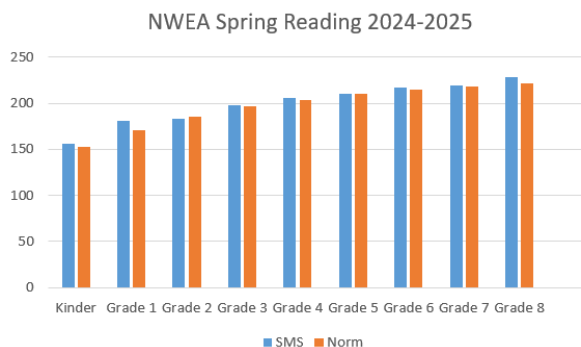
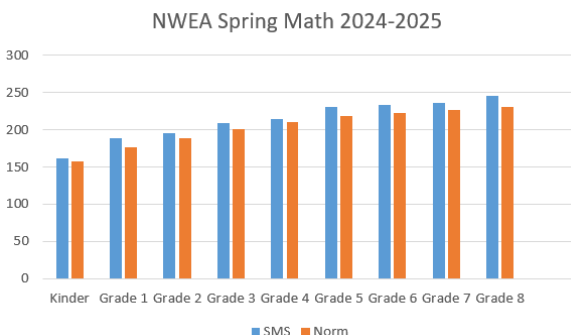
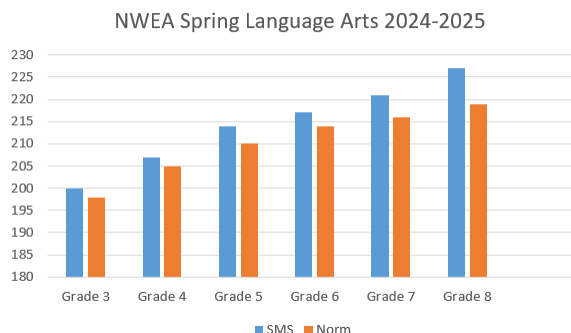
- Added a robotics club for grades 3-5 and 6-8.
- Implemented a new form of student government (House System) in the high school creating more student-led activities.
- Installed additional cameras on campus and “rekeyed” all of our doors.

Strategic Plan Goals for 2025-2026:

- Add a high school Psychology course.
- Install larger windows in the lower hall classrooms.
- Update the computer lab by installing all new desktop computers.

Assessment Results:

NWEA tests are given to students in grades K-8. The following are results from spring testing. SMS scored above the norm. Blue bar represents our students, red is the national norm.



Overall ACT Scores 2024

St. Mary's - 23.5
Minnesota - 20.7
National - 19.4

Financial:

	Elementary School	Middle/High School	Budget
Income			
Tuition	\$403,803	\$610,642	\$1,065,360
Tuition Discounts	-\$61,906	-\$78,123	-\$135,687
Fundraising	\$171,167	\$184,683	\$399,000
Other	\$46,406	\$138,205	\$208,189
Total Income	\$559,471	\$855,408	\$1,536,861
Expense			
Salaries/Benefits	\$569,453	\$944,654	\$1,729,636
Instructional	\$33,736	\$178,105	\$164,250
Admin/Facilities	\$229,985	\$303,743	\$544,538
Total Expense	\$833,174	\$1,426,502	\$2,438,425
Budgeted Parish Subsidy to School	\$901,564		

*If you have any questions or comments,
please call the school.*

A special **thank you** to Sr. Agnes Pia,
John and Karen Moosbrugger for
serving St. Mary's School.

