# ST. AUGUSTIN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

2022 - 2023 REPORT



## PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

Since 1926, St. Augustin Catholic School has provided a quality education to students in prekindergarten through eighth grade in an environment that nurtures spiritual, intellectual, social, and personal growth.

The faculty and staff at St. Augustin Catholic School are committed to developing Christ-centered disciples. We implement a differentiated, innovative curriculum. We cultivate responsible, service-oriented citizens. We provide a safe, caring environment.

Our partnerships with parents are key to our success as a Catholic School. Our collaboration with the parish and our broader community allow us to fulfill our mission.

Thank you for your continued prayers and ongoing support.

#### Mrs. Kristel Spike

PRINCIPAL



## MISSION & VALUES

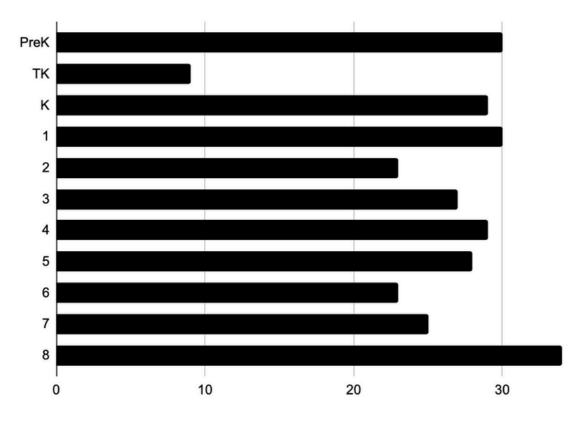


Our mission at St. Augustin
Catholic School is to provide
meaningful educational
experiences for our students in
an environment inspired by
Gospel values, which nurtures
faith, community, prayer, and
service.

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 selfesteem 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



2022 - 2023 Total Enrollment: 287 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.

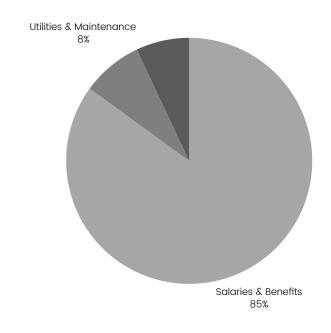
#### FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The cost to educate a student at St. Augustin Catholic School for the 2022 - 2023 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

#### Catholic Tuition Organization

The Catholic Tuition Organization provides tuition assistance to help lowa families send their children to school in the Diocese of Des Moines. When you give to CTO, you receive a 65 percent lowa tax credit on every dollar you give, greatly lowering your lowa 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 2022–2023 school year, CTO distributed \$52,285 to St. Augustin Catholic School students.

#### <u>Scholarships</u>

In the 2022-2023 school year, we distributed \$25,180 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.

JA Biztown JA Finance Park

Living Stations of the Cross

Christmas Music Program

Spanish

Discovery (TAG)

DARE

Eighth Grade Buddies

Peer Tutoring

Band

Choir

**Spring Musical Production** 

Mock Trial

Real Food 4 Kids Cooking Club

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



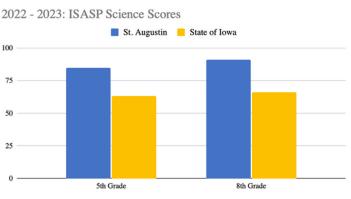


## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

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.





Science: Percent Proficient by Grade

### 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.

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 care bags for nurses in the ICU of Methodist Hospital.

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 made cards for homebound parishioners.

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 2023

We celebrated St. Augustin Class of 2023 on Wednesday, May 24.

#### Subject Area Awards

Art: Jacob Gaskell

Social Studies: Grayer Krantz

Math: Alexander Rahe Music: Colette Lovell

Language Arts: Mylee Dirks Science: Margaret Lock Religion: Toby Nielsen

Reading: Catherine Ruan

PE: Roman Willkom

All Academic Award: Grayer Krantz

#### **DCHS Presidential Scholarship Recipients**

Grayer Krantz Roman Willkom

#### DCHS Scholarship Recipients

Mylee Dirks

Grayer Krantz

Colette Lovell

Milly Lorbiecki

Liam Sullivan





## 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 lowa Human-Animal Bond Society.









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