



The Bemidji Catholic Community

St. Philip's School

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Our Mission: St. Philip's Catholic School is one of the valued ministries of St. Philip's Parish, Bemidji, Minnesota. Our mission is to provide a quality Catholic and academic education to the students entrusted to our care, preparing them to succeed in our diverse and changing world.

St. Philip's State of the School Report (June 2019)



2018-2019 Enrollment

Enrollment at the end of the 2018-2019 school year for grades Kindergarten - 8th grade was 290 students. Adding in Pre-Kindergarten two day (12 students), Pre-Kindergarten three day (14 students) and KPREP (16 students), brings total enrollment to 332.

Projected 2019-2020 Enrollment

As of 6-10-19, there are 346 students enrolled in St. Philip's School for the 2019-2020 school year. 25 students are in Pre-K, 15 in KPREP and 306 in grades Kindergarten - 8th grade. We have waiting lists in Pre-K, KPREP, Kindergarten, and grades 7th & 8th.



Pre-Kindergarten & KPREP

We have 2 classes of Pre-Kindergarten. One class meets on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The other meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays. KPREP is a class for students who are turning five in the summer and fall of the school year and will be attending Kindergarten the following year. KPREP classes meet Mondays - Fridays.

Preschool License Renewed

Our Pre-Kindergarten license was renewed as we passed our audit this spring.



After 22 years of exceptional service, our Art teacher, Mrs. Ruth Oswald, retired. We are grateful for her skills and the quality art projects she taught our students throughout the years. She will be greatly missed. We also say goodbye to Mr. Kyle Fodness, who taught 6th grade for the past two years. We wish him the best as he pursues new adventures. We are currently advertising these two positions, along with a Reading Corp Tutor, for the next school year.

Teacher Assignments for 2019-2020

All teaching positions will remain the same, with the exception of the following:

Mr. Drew Morris will move from 6th grade to 5th grade.

Mrs. Pat Snell will move from 8th grade Algebra teacher to full time 7th grade homeroom/middle school math teacher.

Mrs. Amy Sanden will move from 5th grade to 6th grade.

Rediker Computer Software Implemented



Last year we purchased new software to improve and update the day-to-day school information needs, and provide a parent portal. The portal allows parents access to their child's grades and school information. The portal will be activated for the upcoming school year. The software has enabled faster, more accurate information. Staff continues to learn more about the software and its abilities.



St. Philip's School Council

School Council Members include: Jaclyn Bergerson, Erin Curran, Christine Louvar, James Marcotte, Trudy Peterson, & Scott Winter. As Jaclyn's term comes to an end, we thank her for her service! We will be looking for Jaclyn's replacement in the near future.



St. Philip's 2019-2020 school calendar and supply list are posted on our website: www.stphilipsbemidji.org. Click on the "School" tab and locate them under "Documents".



Capital Campaign and Building Project

St. Philip's Parish and School began a Capital Campaign in the winter of 2019. By April, our goal of \$2,450,000 was exceeded. Donations will expand our campus, adding four new classrooms to the school and improving security, acquire land for future expansion, and enhance Holy Cross Cemetery. Classrooms are expected to be completed by November, 2019. We are grateful for the generous donations that have made these much-needed improvements a reality.



Facts about St. Philip's School

*Parish subsidy is 25% of school costs.

*Students received \$90,000 in financial assistance thanks to funds raised at the Spring Gala, ongoing donations from Ray & Bernice Sauve, as well as earnings from the following funds: Dondelinger Family Scholarship Fund, Jones Family Scholarship Fund, Mack Family Scholarship Fund, Michael John Mueller Memorial Scholarship Fund, Halcrow Family Scholarship Fund, Stephen DeBlied Memorial Scholarship Fund, Captain Scholarship Fund, Eleanor & Paul Patnode Scholarship Fund, Fr. Lemen Scholarship Fund and more.

*Teacher salaries are paid in part from St. Philip's Salary Endowment, created by the Marylou Mathiowetz Family to help make salaries more competitive.

*Our 2018-2019 Math Counts team came in third in the Northern Math League. 25 students participated.

*Two new 4th & 5th grade Track & Field records were set by our students this year.

*Our fifth graders displayed their artwork at the Bemidji 5th Grade Art Invitation at the Watermark Center.

*Friday's with the Father met Friday mornings for praise and worship. They also went on a mission trip to St. Mary's in Red Lake, a homeless walk, attended a Mercy Me concert and did many other service and faith projects.

*We held our 1st Color Run as part of the Marathon for Non-Public Education.

*Our Catholic United Financial School Raffle raised over \$16,000 for our school.

*Five of our teachers participated in Orton Gillingham Training.

*We continue to hear positive things about our Prayer Partner program from parents, parishioners, current students and alumni. Prayer Partners pair a younger student with an older student. They sit together at Mass, do activities and form a connection with each other.

Saint Philip's School Strategic Plan

Objective 1: St. Philip's School will maintain a safe, functional, and attractive learning facility.

Strategy 1: St. Philip's School will address safety concerns

Strategy 2: St. Philip's School will provide upgrades and modifications to the existing facility.

Strategy 3: St. Philip's School will prepare for increases in facility usage.

Strategy 4: St. Philip's School will increase the footprint of the school.

Strategy 5: St. Philip's School will improve its playground.

Objective 2: St. Philip's School will provide an environment that challenges / engages all students.

Strategy 1: St. Philip's will update its standardized assessment practices.

Strategy 2: St. Philip's School will establish programs to assist students with academic needs.

Strategy 3: St. Philip's School will complete its review of the curriculum

Objective 3: St. Philip's School will expand its use of technology.

Strategy 1: St. Philip's School will update its phone system.

Strategy 2: St. Philip's School will employ a full-time technology person.

Strategy 3: St. Philip's School will increase its use of technology for communication.

Strategy 4: St. Philip's School will increase its use of technology in the classroom.

Objective 4: St. Philip's School will attract and retain qualified staff.

Strategy 1: St. Philip's will prepare for the transition of a new principal.

Strategy 2: St. Philip's School will address the transition of seasoned staff.

Strategy 3: St. Philip's School will strive to increase the base salaries of all staff.

Strategy 4: St. Philip's School will provide for the continuing education of staff.

Objective 5: St. Philip's School will enhance marketing and development strategies.

Strategy 1: St. Philip's School will improve its marketing procedures.

Strategy 2: St. Philip's School will celebrate and market its 90th Anniversary.

Strategy 3: St. Philip's School will increase its marketed audience.

Strategy 4: St. Philip's School will reconnect with alumni.

Strategy 5: St. Philip's School will reconnect with former staff members.