



**Academic
Excellence** *for All* ★★

MISSION : *Nativity of Mary School provides a Catholic education that fosters academic excellence and spiritual growth while preparing students to become responsible citizens in a global society.*

2017-18 Strategic Plan Initiatives & Accomplishments

A SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE:

Nativity of Mary School ensures that we are a school of excellence by seeking certifications from outside organizations, licensing and accreditation.

Spiritual Growth: Fruits of the Spirit theme and Adoration time for prayer.

Academic Focus:

- Curriculum Updates: Language Arts
- Responsive Classroom: 6-8th Grade Training
- Standardized Grading: 1st & 2nd Grade
- Student academic progress increases on student tests
- Increased Technology Devices-K to Grade 8
- Preschool-Parent Aware Rated 4 Star (Top Rating)
 - One new Preschool 5 Day Class

Professional Development: Training for teachers in Technology, Maker Space, STEM, Assessments, Mental Health & CPR

School Programs:

- Safety Grant-New process for volunteers
- PTO first full year, hosting–Parent events and socials, planning meetings, Art Night and Craft Fair.
- STEM Grant – Maker Space materials
- Marketing Grant-Increased marketing with “Welcome Packet” and ads on Facebook
- New lunch program, managed by Nativity.
- Growth in student enrollment Preschool to Grade 8, from 337 in the fall to 344 this spring (Up from 334 in 2017-18)
- Nativity of Mary received notification in the Spring that we were accepted into the University of Notre Dame Grant program which will allow our school to implement Blended Learning and give us funds to update our infrastructure, add technology and curriculum, and provide meaningful professional development for staff.

2017-18 Year—Principal: Mindy Reeder **Pastor:** Father Nels Gjengdahl
Nativity of Mary School Advisory Council: Laura DePoint, Chair; Jeff Giles, Co-Chair; Virginia Downey, Secretary; Brian Comeau; Becky Egan; Jody Lazo; & Lydia Sokoto

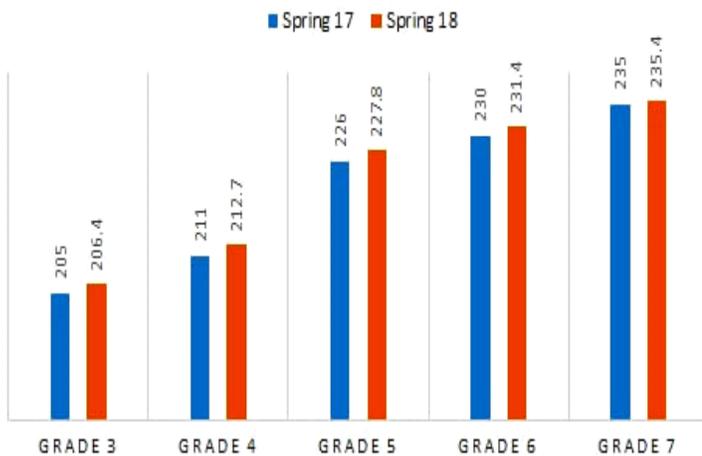
Faith & Service



Faith enrichment is the foundation of our school. In 2017 our theme focus for the year was Fruits of the Holy Spirit. Each month, we focused on a gift of the Holy Spirit. We began each day with prayer, gathered for weekly Mass, celebrated Sacraments and cultural events, and attended Adoration.

Students also continued to provide service to our parish, our community, and greater world, following Catholic Social Teachings. This year students cleaned up our parish grounds, collected jeans for the homeless, raked yards, served the poor through VEAP food shelf donations, collected Pennies for people with Leukemia, and visited area nursing homes/assisted living facilities to share the joy of our faith. Students also packed meals at Feed My Starving Children and created gift boxes for children overseas.

MATH GROWTH IN TWO YEARS



Academic Excellence

Nativity of Mary School participates in national assessments to ensure that each student's growth pattern is meeting their potential. Last year, we added the Formative Assessment System for Teachers (FAST) for K-2.

We continue to use NWEA (Map) testing for grades 3-8. In 2017-18, all of our 3-8 classes scored above average in both math and reading on the Spring 2018 assessment. See growth graph.

School Budget Update

Nativity of Mary School is a mission of the Parish. This means that each year, our budget is set with the Parish Finance Council and Trustees. When we planned for the 2017 budget, we anticipated a shortfall as a result of decreased fundraising revenue and increased scholarship need. To grow income, we created the first Nativity of Mary School Annual Appeal raising over \$70,000 in our second year. We also created a Fundraising Committee this year with the plan to implement a new fundraiser in 2018 and cut staff.

To rectify our negative budget moving forward, Nativity will continue with our annual fund, add the new fundraiser, sell 52 Club raffle tickets and increase grant revenue. In reviewing our income areas, the graph at the right indicates current sources of revenue.

READING GROWTH IN TWO YEARS

