MESSAGE FROM OUR SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Friends of Catholic Education,

Catholic Schools Week is coming soon January 26-31, and is one of the highlights of the year at our Catholic schools in the Diocese of Sioux City. Schools have planned a variety of activities for students, families, and community members and we hope you’ll join us. We stop each year at this time to reflect and appreciate the great gift that God and our parish communities have given us in the form of Catholic schools. To quote Father Ron Nuzzi, “Catholic schools do not have a mission, the mission has schools.”

Our schools are institutions of learning our subjects and our faith. We teach them how to serve as a way to live out their faith and to become good citizens. We also work to form the whole person: mind, body, and soul. Not only do we want them to succeed in meeting high academic standards, but in becoming glowing saints in heaven with our Lord Jesus Christ.

We would also like to take this opportunity to share our annual report from 2019, in which you will find highlights from our office and our schools this past calendar year. We have also shared academic data, and information on accreditation, staff development, and our advisory board and foundation who support our work.

In the Diocese of Sioux City, we are proud to offer an education that is distinctive among educational institutions in our communities. We are excited to have an opportunity during Catholic Schools Week to share what our students are learning and what they have accomplished.

Please join me in celebrating our schools’ accomplishments and saying thank you to those who help make Catholic Schools possible; teachers, staff, administration, board members, parents, and volunteers. Through their dedication and commitment, our students are learning, serving, leading and succeeding, to prepare them for a full life with their families, communities, the Church, and God.

Yours in Christ,

Patty Lansink Ed.S.
Superintendent of Schools

Our Mission

Essential to the educational ministry of the Church, the Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Sioux City are fulfilling the Church’s mission to teach as Jesus did. Together with the support of parents, teachers, administrators, clergy, parishioners and the community at large, we are committed to providing an education rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ where Catholic doctrine and values and academic excellence prepare each student for a life of faith, service and integrity.
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2019

Catholic Schools Week is one of the most exciting times of the year. Each school plans special activities to celebrate our schools’ accomplishments and to say Thank you to all of the wonderful people that make it possible. Through their dedication and commitment, our students are learning, serving, leading and succeeding, to prepare them for a full life with their families, communities, and the church.

MINISTRIES CONFERENCE 2019

Our bi-annual conference was a day of spiritual renewal and professional development. More than 500 teachers, staff and administrators enjoyed our featured speaker, Paul Kim. Kim utilized his many talents – music, beatboxing, comedy – to communicate the Gospel message of Christ. Sister Elizabeth Anne Allen, O.P., of Nashville, Tenn., shared her faith journey and message of faith in the classroom. “When you go into the classroom to teach, you don’t do it alone,” she said. “You have been chosen, called and sent for a purpose by a God who believes you can do it.”
Assessment of Catechesis/Religious Education (ACRE)

The ACRE test is administered in the Spring to all students in grades 5, 8, 11 in the Diocese of Sioux City. The test is published by the NCEA (National Catholic Educational Association), and it is an assessment designed to strengthen catechetical/education programs. Based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church and the most recent catechetical documents, the purpose of the ACRE is to evaluate the effectiveness of religious instruction.

Integrating the Catholic Faith

Our Catholic schools began a three-year arrangement with Aquinas College to share practical strategies to integrate Catholic identity across the curriculum. Sister Elizabeth Anne Allen, O.P. director of the Center for Catholic Education at Aquinas College, Nashville, Tenn. Sister Elizabeth Anne has been collaborating with our schools to assist all teachers to integrate the Catholic faith into all subject areas, not just religion. Sister Elizabeth Anne has presented at our annual administrator retreat, professional development workshops for our local schools and at our fall Ministries conference.
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Multi-tiered System of Support

Our diocesan schools implement Multi-tiered System of Support (MTSS) which is a framework that uses evidence and data to help integrate best-practice in academic, social-emotional, and behavioral supports to meet each student’s needs. Those supports are monitored to ensure all learners demonstrate proficiency in the Diocesan Standards and leave school ready for life.

Identify: All of our diocesan schools use Renaissance Star Reading and Math universal screening and diagnostics data to identify the area of need or acceleration.

Analyze: Based on the data, teams select an aligned intervention, and create a plan that specifies the need, the measurable goal, and specific information about the intervention itself (what intervention, happening how often, for what duration, in what setting, facilitated by whom).

Implement: Teachers carry out the intervention with fidelity, as described in the plan and collect data: the student’s attendance, the duration/minutes, comments, etc. A progress monitoring measure is frequently administered in order to track whether the intervention is improving student outcomes.

Reflect: Teams review the collected progress monitoring and intervention data to evaluate whether the student is positively responding to the intervention. Then, the team decides whether to continue the intervention, adjust the intervention, or fade out and to a new intervention.

TIER 1 - Universal Instruction:
The high-quality classroom instruction that ALL students receive that encompasses best practices and differentiated instruction.

TIER 2 - Targeted, Group Interventions:
The evidence-based supports provided to students who are identified as advanced or struggling that are typically implemented in small group settings, based on a similar need. Typically 5–15% of students.

TIER 3 - Intensive, More Individualized Supports: The supports implemented for students not responding to Tier 2 supports which provide more frequent, intense, and sometimes individualized interventions than Tier 2. Typically 1–5% of students.
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

State of Iowa Assessments*

*Some schools transitioning to new state assessment, ISASP in 2019-20 so comparison data not available for current year.

ACT Scores
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**2018-19**
- St Rose of Lima, Denison
- Emmetsburg Catholic School
- Pocahontas Catholic School
- St. Mary Catholic School- Storm Lake

**BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE**

**Bishop Garrigan:** Following the success of the day care program started in 2016 additional space was needed. Bear Care expansion at the Seton Campus offers childcare for children starting at 6 weeks-age 12 year round. More expansion is expected in 2020.

**Bishop Heelan:** "O’Gorman Fieldhouse." The new high school gym has 1,600 seats, air-conditioning, 6 basketball hoops, coaches’ offices. Dual Language Academy opened fall 2019. Starting in preschool students learn to read, write and speak in Spanish.

**Spencer Sacred Heart:** The Manzer Family Early Childhood Center is a 6,100-square foot addition to Sacred Heart Catholic School. The project features four classrooms for child care for two and three-year-old children and an expanded preschool for three-year-old children.

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BISHOP’S DINNER FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

This is a special evening each year that educators, staff, clergy, students and families come together to support and celebrate our 16 Catholic School systems throughout the Diocese of Sioux City in Northwest Iowa. One of the highlights of the Bishop’s Dinner for Catholic Schools is recognition of individuals receiving education awards.

Excellence in Education Award

Amy Illg- Sacred Heart in Spencer.
Linda Langel- Spalding Catholic
Candis Streit- St. Edmond, Fort Dodge

Good Shepherd Award

Matt Greteman- Kuemper Catholic High School, Carroll
Sandy Sawyer- Sacred Heart, Boone

Clergy Award

Father Patrick Walsh

Set Your Faith on Fire

Key note speaker Ennie Hickeman shared his message of an active faith to the crowd of over 650 supporters. An active faith asks people to act and follow Jesus, making disciples. He reminded the faithful that being at church is not the same thing as “being church.”

Sharing Their Faith

Our chair couple this year was Chris and Dr. Julie Lohr. Both Chris and Julie are products of the Bishop Heelan Catholic School system and Briar Cliff University in Sioux City. They are members of Holy Cross Parish.
### Our Catholic Schools
- Bishop Garrigan Catholic School
- Boone Sacred Heart Catholic School
- Kuemper Catholic School
- Danbury Catholic School
- St. Rose of Lima Catholic School
- Emmetsburg Catholic School
- St. Edmond Catholic School
- Spalding Catholic School
- Humboldt St Mary’s Catholic School
- Gehlen Catholic School
- Pocahontas Catholic School
- St. Patrick’s Catholic School
- Bishop Heelan Catholic School
- Spencer Sacred Heart Catholic School
- Remsen St. Mary’s Catholic School
- Storm Lake St. Mary’s Catholic School

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