

## *2021-2022 Annual Report*



## *Mission Statement*

St. Dominic Catholic School is inspiring minds,  
developing character, and seeking Christ.

# St. Dominic Catholic School

## *Knight Perspectives*

*What excites you most going forward as we continue to see growth and a desire of students and families in intentional discipleship?"*

**Mrs. Fischer:** Having been the principal of St. Dominic Catholic School for the past nine years, I marvel at all that has been accomplished. St. Dominic has certainly grown stronger in its Catholic Identity and all of the programming it offers for the growth and development of the whole child. I am thrilled to see that so many families are invested in their children forming a relationship with Jesus. I not only see this with our current families, but with our prospective families as well. I believe it speaks volumes to how we wish to surround our children with strong academics, wholesome relationships, and a never ending devotion to God. I am thrilled to pass on the leadership of the school to Mr. Francis Dempsey and the wonderful team of professionals in St. Dominic Catholic School as they continue to form Knights for Christ.

**Fr. Dennis:** "The Only Constant in Life Is Change." That's a quote from Heraclitus, one of the first Greek philosophers I learned about in seminary. This year, it appears that quote has come to roost. This year, we are saddened by Mrs. Jill Fischer, having been an outstanding principal, deciding that it is time for someone else to move our school forward. We were fortunate then in two ways. First, we are excited to announce Mr. Francis Dempsey as our new principal. This is his first experience as a principal but he comes with excitement and familiarity with our tradition at St. Dominic Catholic School. The second bit of good news is that Mrs. Fischer, who brought our school children to Christ, will now expand that role as the Director of Discipleship and Formation. As director, she will assist all members of our St. Dominic parish family to know Christ, love Christ, and serve Christ more fully. I couldn't be more thrilled with how the Holy Spirit has graced us. Let us welcome Mr. Dempsey and welcome back Mrs. Fischer.



# 2021-2022 Highlights



## Thriving

We ended the year 400 Knights strong! K4 is full for the 2022-2023 school year and has a waiting list 6 children deep. K3 is nearly full. Summer Fun Camp is full and more were asking to join. As of June 2022, we are welcoming in 28 new families.

## Rebooting

We saw a rebooting of many offerings put on hold the past two years. This was even the focus for teacher professional development throughout the course of the year – Rebooting Best Practices for Instruction!

- Our band and string orchestra held live performances at Christmas and in the spring.
- We showcased our students with a live performance of “The Little Mermaid” in March.
- All of our athletic teams resumed playing against other schools in league games and tournament play.
- Our favorite day of the whole year, High Interest Day, came back full force.
- We brought back some of our after school extra-curriculars, such as chess team, Young Rembrandts, Volley Knights, and Knight Ball.
- The Knights even went on field trips thanks to the support of our Home and School Association, including the annual trip to Madison for grades 5, 6 and grade 7 who missed the opportunity due to the pandemic.

We look forward to even more comeback programming in the fall and some new events never before offered at St. Dominic Catholic School.

## Accreditation

In 2021, St. Dominic Catholic School welcomed nine individuals from around the archdiocese to participate in our accreditation process. This was an opportunity to shine! Over the course of two days, the team worked to review all of our prepared documentation and evidence. They met the teachers and staff of the school as well as other representatives of our school and parish families. It was clear that the Holy Spirit was present in us, with us, and through us. Overall, very positive feedback was provided.



# *Inspiring* MINDS

A photograph of two young men in a classroom. They are both wearing blue t-shirts. The boy on the left is smiling and looking towards the camera. The boy on the right is also smiling and looking towards the camera, holding a small yellow frog. In the background, there are shelves with various items, a whiteboard, and other students working at desks.

Three of our 8th graders demonstrated the successful completion of the

## **Discovery Project,**

an opportunity offered through CMHS, by applying design thinking to solve a real world problem as well as explore marketing and entrepreneurship.

Four other 8th grade students participated in a class entitled "Landmark Moments in the United States History" that challenged their reading, writing and speaking skills through the

## **Discovery Project.**

8th grade student Erin B. won the state-level competition with her InvestWrite essay as part of the **Stock Market Game.**

Our 8th grade boys won the Archdiocesan **Elizabeth Ann Seton Volleyball Tournament.**

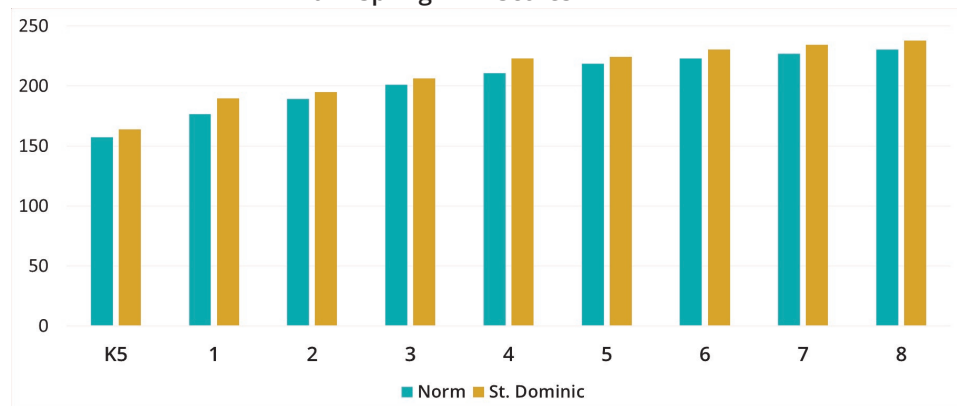


# Standardized Testing Snapshot

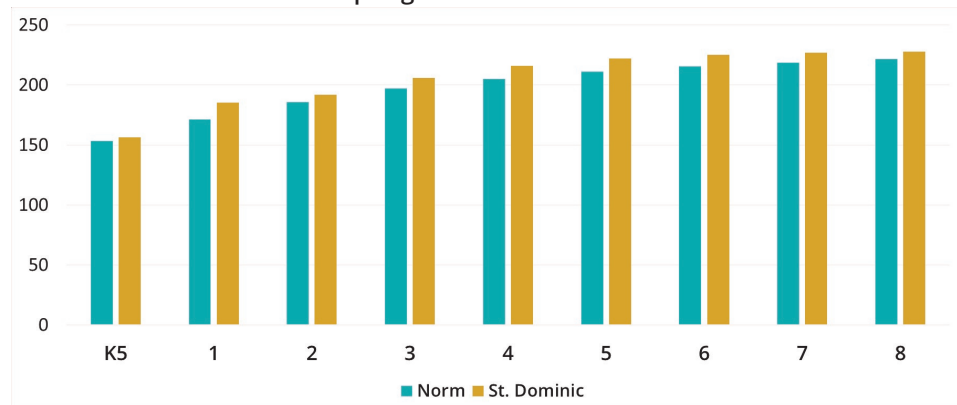
Monitoring student progress through standardized testing and classroom performance, our student performance remains consistent with our tradition of humble excellence. Individual student results may vary, but overall, the Knights continue to soar and haven't skipped a beat over the past two years after the Safer at Home quarantine.

- Both our ITBS and MAP data demonstrates that our students continue to perform above the norm grade level.
- When viewing grade equivalencies for our 3rd, 5th, and 7th grade performance on ITBS, we continue to score consistently at least two years ahead of grade level.
- All students who have been identified for support received it and made gains as evidenced by our MAP data.

## 2021 Spring MAP Scores—MATH



## 2022 Spring MAP Scores—READING





# *Developing* CHARACTER

Kayley Donohue  
received the  
St. Dominic

## *Service Award*

for living the gospel  
message to serve  
one another as  
modeled by Jesus.

Our 8th-graders  
completed  
a total of  
**1,983 hours**  
**of service** over  
the last three years.

## *Campus Ministry*

exploded with 70  
students across  
grades 6-8 on fire  
with their faith and  
hope that every  
Knight catches it!

## *Hands of Jesus*

Our Knights strived  
to serve the world  
by serving meals  
at St. Ben's,  
making lunches  
for Street Angels,  
blankets for  
Ronald McDonald  
House, and writing  
letters to veterans  
and our homebound  
members, to name  
a few examples.

## *St. Coletta*

The Knights formed a  
working and learning  
relationship with  
St. Coletta of Wisconsin  
Intergenerational Care  
Center in Brookfield.  
Clients joined us for work  
in our library and cafeteria  
and our students  
helped them clean and  
decorate their facility.



# Our Graduates

We wish to share the good news of which high schools our graduates will attend in the fall. No matter where they go or what they do, our graduates will always have a home at St. Dominic. Once a Knight, always a Knight!

6—MUHS    9—CMH    5—BEHS    5—DSHA    1—BCHS    4—Sussex Hamilton  
4—Pewaukee HS    2—Pius XI HS    1—Nicolet HS    1—Cumbres    Lomas HS Mexico

## St. Dominic Graduates are Prepared for Life

According to national research, the best investment a parent can make in a child is a **Catholic education**. Students attending St. Dominic Catholic School are well prepared to succeed in school, life, college, and career.

**Meet our 2022 Outstanding Student Award Recipients:** *Recipients exemplify scholarship, leadership, character, service, and involvement in extracurricular activities.*



Avelyn Brown



Ethan Origenes

**Avelyn Brown and Ethan Origenes** were intentional with their time as Knights for Christ. As scholars, Avelyn and Ethan demonstrated critical thinking and collaborative skills which supported their learning. Ethan received a perfect score on the MUHS entrance exam. They both

channeled their energies to apply Catholic social teaching and morals into all content areas. In addition to classes on campus, Avelyn also participated in a high school-level STEM course through the Discovery Project, in partnership with the Milwaukee Archdiocese and Catholic Memorial High School. Outside of the classroom, Avelyn and Ethan shared their God-given talents with areas of athletics and music. Ethan played tennis for St. Dominic Catholic School, as well as for Western Racquet Club. He is a member of the National Federation of Music, focusing his musical skills on local and state level competitions with the piano. Avelyn was a member of the Campus Ministry Leadership team, participated in our school musicals, and represents her swim team, Waukesha Express, on both the state and national levels. Ethan and Avelyn were also actively involved in Student Council, sharing time with the St. Dominic community and beyond. Both involved in parish life, Ethan supported pro-life ministries in October while Avelyn served as a cantor and acolyte for Mass. When not involved in the St. Dominic Catholic Parish community, the two served both the young and the elderly with a variety of efforts, including service with Hunger Task Force, St. Ben's Community Meal site, WIAA, and St. Mary's of the Lake chapel.

Respected by their peers and staff, Avelyn and Ethan worked to keep God at the center of their lives as they sought to be successful, selfless members of our society. They were, and will continue to be, Knights for Christ.



# Seeking CHRIST

## Year of Charity

We strived to love one another this year exercising the virtues of friendship, courtesy, purity, fortitude, prudence, respect, forgiveness, and responsibility.

## Life in the Priesthood

Several 7th grade boys enjoyed lunch with Fr. Tim and Deacon Alex Kren as they explored life as a priest.

## Eucharistic Adoration & Reconciliation

were offered 4 times during the year to help students grow closer to Christ.

2nd grade students prepared for and received  
**1st Reconciliation & 1st Holy Communion.**

## Met Us at the Manger

During Advent, students encountered those who traveled to the manger to meet the newborn King, learning about their important roles and praying with them.

## Family Rosary

was offered 3 times in the month of October.

## Intercessory Prayer

89 unique requests were lifted up in prayer for healing, strength, guidance, and peace.

Verse of the Month, Prayer of the Month, Virtue of the Month, and Armor of the Month strengthened students' understanding that all we do is rooted in  
**Scripture.**



# Vision 2022-2023

## New Administration, Faculty, and Staff

We look forward to welcoming the following new staff members for the 2022-2023 school year and seeing what their unique gifts bring to our school family.

Mr. Francis Dempsey: Principal  
Mrs. Erika Ufnowski: K5 Teacher  
Mrs. Pam Patterson: 5th Grade Transition  
Mr. Andy Stemper: 6th Grade Teacher  
Mr. Marshall Collins: Middle School Math Teacher  
Mr. Don Enger: Physical Education Teacher  
Mrs. Emily Briggs: Kindergarten Connection Aide  
Mrs. Abby Reese: School Counselor

We look forward to introducing some community events in the coming year that will serve to knit the Knight family closer together.

July 21: Popsicles and Playground  
August 11: Popsicles and Playground  
November 17: Moms' Knight  
March 16: Dads' Knight  
May 17: Food Trucks

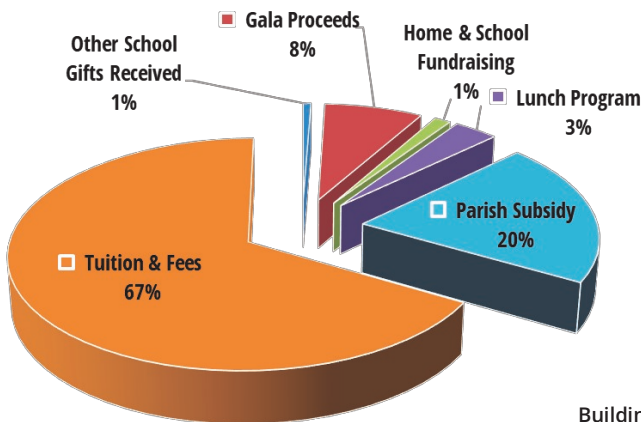


# Revenues & Expenses

The largest revenue source comes from tuition and fee payments, including extended care fees. The second largest revenue source for the school is the parish subsidy which comes from the annual financial stewardship of parishioners. **The parish has not raised tuition for five years, including the 2022-2023 school year.**

On the expense side, the highest expenditure by far is our investment in salary and benefits of our school and extended care staff. The next highest expenditure is for ongoing maintenance of facilities, including utilities.

## FY 2022 Revenues



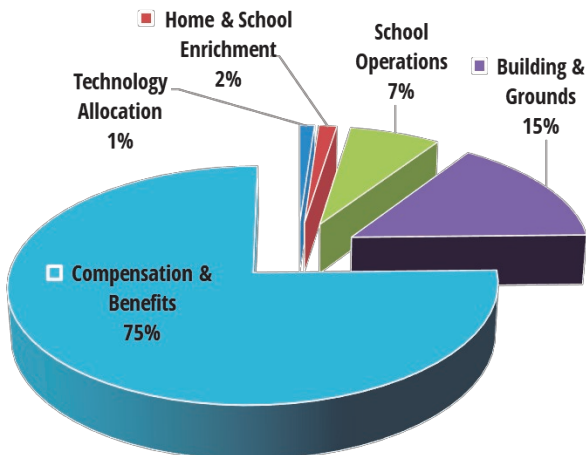
### Technology Expense Allocation

- Internet service
- Network administration/support
- Wireless network hardware/software
- Phone service/maintenance
- Security system maintenance/support
- Data backup services
- Virus protection
- Content filtering
- Website hosting
- Audio/Video maintenance/support

### Building & Grounds Expense Allocation

- Utilities
- Cleaning services
- Insurance
- Maintenance supplies
- Equipment repair/maintenance
- Building repair/maintenance
- Snow plowing

## FY 2022 Expenses



### School Operations

- Textbooks/Software & hardware
- Print service
- Equipment services
- School marketing
- Archdiocesan assessment
- Office & classroom supplies
- Consumables



# Alumni Achievements



## 2022 Marquette University

- **Bridget Hughes '14:** Invited to give the 2022 Graduation Commencement Speech

## 2022 Marquette University High School

- **Luca Kowalik '18:** MUHS Student Body President 2022

## 2022 Catholic Memorial High School Award Recipients

- **Grace Bisswurm '18:** D3 Track & Cross Country, National Honor Society
- **Ava George '18:** IB Career-related Program (IBCP) candidate, Spanish Honor Society
- **Hailey Hart '18:** IB Career-related Program (IBCP) candidate, Spanish Honor Society
- **Jane Kottak '18:** D3 Soccer, National Honor Society
- **Christopher Nicholas '18:** Fotsch Family Foundation Award, Classic 8 Scholar Athlete, IB Diploma Program (IBDP) candidate, National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society
- **Michael Nicholas '18:** Wisconsin Academic Excellence Scholarship, Classic 8 Scholar Athlete, IB Diploma Program (IBDP) candidate, National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society
- **Maxwell Rankin '18:** Nick Kapusniak Making A Difference Award, IB Career-related Program (IBCP) candidate, National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society

## In Gratitude

*St. Dominic Catholic School honors and gives thanks for the many people and groups that support our school. They are defenders of the faith, faithful to God and neighbor, living a life in relationship with Jesus Christ, and doing all things for His greater glory.*

**St. Dominic Parish Community**  
**School Parents and Volunteers**  
**Home & School Association**  
**Athletic Association**  
**Health Concerns Committee**

**Faculty and Staff**  
**School Advisory Commission**  
**Fine Arts Association**  
**Alumni Association**



We are the defenders of all that is sacred and true. We value our academics, our faith, and our commitment to one another in service and community. We strive to be courageous in our efforts and humble in our accomplishments. We honor history for it informs us, but embrace the present to prepare for the future. We have a legacy to uphold and a path to forge.

**We are the Knights!**



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