



### **Mission Statement**

The School of St. Philip is a Catholic community dedicated to educating the whole child to greatness of mind, body, and spirit.

# **Annual Report to Stakeholders Spring 2024**

Dear friends of the School of St. Philip,

This past year has been full of learning experiences for both me and the students. As a newcomer to the role of principal, I've learned many new things, most importantly how important family involvement and volunteerism are to the success of our school. I am so thankful for our families, volunteers, and benefactors who help year-round to make the School of St. Philip so wonderful.

Academic success has always been a priority at the School of St. Philip. Staff work diligently to assess, review and renew methodology to stay current and invigorate their classrooms. This year's NWEA scores are a testament to the hard work happening in our classrooms.

Enrollment has continued to be steady, but we are always looking for ways to increase our student population. This year we hosted a Spring Open House during which we shared projects that the students completed. We encouraged the community to attend and were thrilled that it brought a few new families into our school to look around and ask questions.

We are excited and prepared for the 2024-2025 school year. We are excited to continue all the good work that was started in years past. I am prepared to learn, grow and work to overcome challenges both in the classroom and out.

Joyfully in Christ,

*Andrea Dietrich*

Mrs. Andrea Dietrich, principal



## **Spiritual Growth and Development**

- Each day starts with an all-school flag and prayer service. We read and reflect on bible passages and pray for our marathon intentions.
- We received visits from Bishop Chad Zielinski, Father Tanner and Sister Mary Ruth. All shared information about their vocation and answered the many questions of students.
- We had two all day retreats to dive deeper into the seasons of the Church. On both days, students attended Mass, received the Sacrament of Reconciliation and spent time in Adoration. Advent Retreat activities also included the making and delivering of cards to all the care facilities in our community and projects that helped us prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus. Our Lenten Retreat included the making of backpack charms for Proworks, Inc. and activities which helped us explore the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Both days were enjoyed by students and staff.
- The whole student body gathered multiple times this year to pray the Rosary. We crowned Mary in May and celebrated our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class when they made their First Holy Communion. 182 pounds of food were collected for the Meeker Area Food Shelf in November and Birthday Bags were made for children in need during Catholic Schools Week. Letters to veterans and those serving in the armed forces were lovingly made and sent.
- Students celebrated Mass together every Friday. Each grade took turns providing ministries at their assigned Mass.



## **Accreditation Update**

The School's Strategic Plan (SSP) was reviewed with our families and staff. We worked on each of the goals and noted our progress. We revisit this document often ensure that we continue to make progress and guarantee that the School of St. Philip is the very best it can be.

You may access our latest School Strategic Plan (SSP) by visiting our school website: [www.schoolofstphilip.org](http://www.schoolofstphilip.org).



## **Accomplishments of 2023-2024**

During the 2023-2024 academic year, the School of St. Philip:

- Reviewed Language Arts curriculum and choose a new program for the 2024/2025 school year.
- Invested in 15 new iPads for the kindergarten and first grade classrooms.
- Updated our curriculum standards to incorporate the new diocesan standards for Math
- Implemented the statewide breakfast program into our school day.
- Re-established cherished activities and events that were changed or eliminated due to Covid.

## Goals for 2024-2025

- Design, align, map, and revise curriculum as we adopt a new Language Arts program.
- Develop and maintain a connection with alumni and donors.
- Create an endowment fund and a process for growing the fund.
- Continue to work on existing and new revenue streams to allow for a sustainable budget.
- Increase student enrollment through new and improved marketing strategies.

## Finances

This past year, we received several generous donations and held some successful fundraisers. Our fall marathon was again fruitful, and we are working on growing the "Believe it, Achieve It" event. The first ever School of St. Philip Rummage sale was well attended and successful. We also instituted an annual garbage bag sale that was well received by the community.



*Kindergarten Graduates*



*5<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduates*

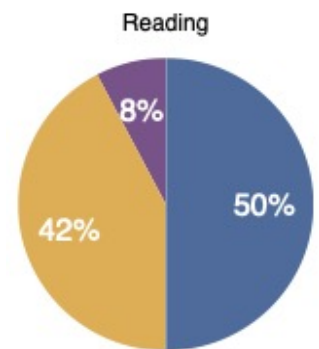


*2023 Marathon—We raised \$72,963.78*

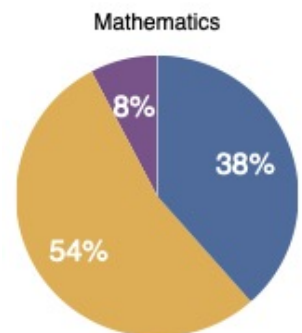
## NWEA ASSESSMENT RESULTS

During this past school year, the School of St. Philip continued to use NWEA tests for assessment of our students and curriculum. This is the sixth year that we have used this tool to gather data. The tests help us to measure individual growth for each student as well as trends for our school. Our whole-school results demonstrated that 92% of our students are at or above grade level in both reading and math. We are pleased with these results and will continue working each year to grow the number of students achieving above grade level status. Our teachers analyze test results throughout the year and set academic plans to ensure student growth on an individual basis. Students scoring below the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile receive special attention. As is true of all standardized testing, this is just a snapshot of our students' learning. It does provide valuable feedback for our teaching staff.

Reading		
Percentile Range	Grade Level Indicator	Grade K-5
1%-25%	Below Grade Level	4
26%-75%	On Grade Level	26
76%-100%	Above Grade Level	22



Mathematics		
Percentile Range	Grade Level Indicator	Grade K-5
1%-25%	Below Grade Level	4
26%-75%	On Grade Level	20
76%-100%	Above Grade Level	28



*Bishop Chad Zielinski's visit to our School*



*All-School Bingo for Catholic Schools Week.*



*Community members volunteering at the school.*



*Lenten Stations of the Cross.*