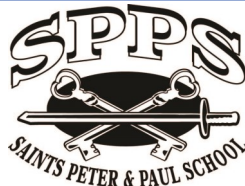


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Christ is the Reason for this School

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Mission Statement

Saints Peter and Paul School provides a Christ-centered, Catholic education challenging students to strive for sainthood through academic excellence, service, and lifelong faith.

Christ Centered Catholic Education

Teachers are always looking for ways to infuse the Catholic faith into their daily lessons. The school year is full of Catholic activities to celebrate Christ, such as Red Rosary Week, All Saints Day, Blessing of the Animals, Advent, Catholic Schools Week, Lent, Easter, and May Crowning of Mary. In May of last year our hope for a truly Catholic Science experience for 5th/6th grade students came to fruition! Catholic Outdoor Mission Producing Adventurous Sainthood Scientists (COMPASS) had an amazing first year with excellent science speakers and presentations, but also a candlelight Mass, campfire rosary and reflection and prayer time. The students from St. Paul's in Nampa joined us for the experience, providing an amazing opportunity for our students to network with other Catholics their age in this 3 day, 2 night experience at Camp John Paul II near Cascade.



Demographics and Financial

This year there are 94 students, up 14 from last year! The average number of students over time is 81 students since the 1981-82 school year. Overall the school is doing fine in the financial area with endowments and savings, but we are concerned about inflation. We continue to approve deficit budgets but generous donors help us make the ends meet! The 3 for 1 matching donation fundraiser near the end of the school year has helped tremendously. The budgeted average cost to educate a student for the 2024-25 school year at SPPS is \$6,061 down from \$7,733 last year due to the increased enrollment. As enrollment increased, the fixed costs are spread over a larger number of students. Tuition for the first student in grades 1 – 8 is only \$3,135 with discounts for subsequent children. The nationwide average is around \$5,000. The difference is made up by your donations, fundraisers (like Chocolate Fantasy), endowment funds, etc. One of the goals of our school is to provide an affordable Catholic Education to anyone who wants it. Thank you so much for the many ways you support the school.

Thank you to all the parishioners and donors who help support Sts. Peter and Paul School!

Staff Changes

Mrs. Sarah Warren is the new teacher aide in the morning and she teaches a combination of religion, science, and technology to our 5th—8th grade classes after lunch. She is a mother of 9 with 4 of those currently attending our school. She is a Idaho state certified teacher in elementary education with a specialty in math. She is a strong Catholic and her faith is very important to her and her family. We have been very blessed to have her as an addition to our staff. Miss Penny retired during the summer, and Bridget Arnzen is the new school secretary. We thank Penny for her many years of service to the school.



Service

During Catholic Schools week 2024 the students at SPPS put together care packages for 4 of our former priests. The **Camas Prairie Food Bank** appreciates our monthly donations through **Giving Tuesday**. Last year the families donated about 1500 dollars/items to the foodbank. **The students help clean the school at the end of each day** and continue many other service programs such as Veterans Day, supporting Dora, a 64 year old woman from Peru, and postcards for those praying for souls in November.

Infrastructure Improvements

SPPS received some federal money that was used to replace the front steps with a ADA ramp, new desks in the 7th/8th Grade room, and to add insulation to the attic above the school. The final phase of the insulation project will be to insulate the break between the old flat roof and the newer sloped roof. This was made possible by a donation for the **Knights of Columbus** and should be completed over Christmas break. “Paddle Up” funds from Chocolate Fantasy were used to install a water main on the “littles” playground to provide for watering of trees that will be planted in the spring. SPPS received a technology grant to replace nearly all the technology in the school, including the network, student devices, document cameras, SMART boards and some STEM supplies.



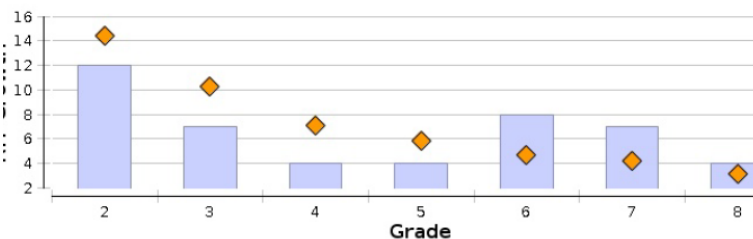
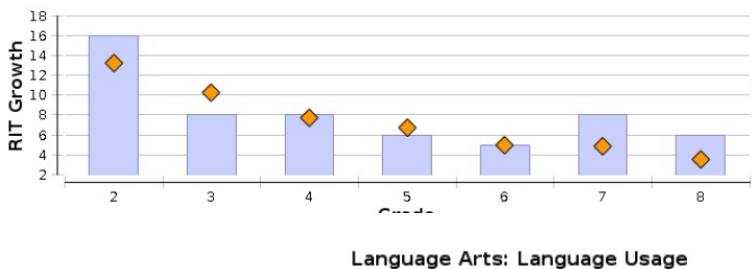
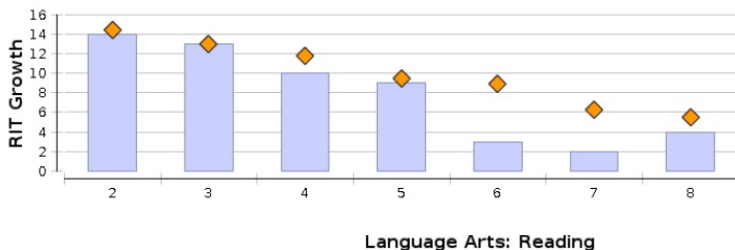
Mrs. Katie Rupp teaching the Kindergarten using the new document camera and SMART Board

Academic Excellence

Sts. Peter and Paul School is currently in the middle of the accreditation process. Catholic schools in the diocese are accredited by the Western Catholic Education Association (WCEA). The WCEA has just over 900 member schools

in the western United States. The site visit will take place on February 26th—28th. We will hear a report of findings, and that report will be reviewed by a committee at the WCEA and we will receive final results within a few months afterward.

All schools in the Diocese of Boise give students the **Measure of Academic Progress (MAP)** tests in the Fall and the Spring. The Growth Charts for last school year are shown to the left. **The blue bars represent class averages, and the yellow diamond shows what students’ projected growth should be from Fall 2023 to Spring 2024.** We want the blue bar to be at or above the yellow diamond. Overall, we had the most growth in reading. While this is one metric we can use to measure the academic progress of students, the teachers have developed end of course assessments for Math and Language for each of their grade levels to have a comparison. The teachers compile their data on the tests at the beginning of the school year and at the end. This information can be used along with MAP scores to target instruction in areas of weakness both individually, and as a class. About 80% of our students typically make the Honor Roll in any given quarter. SPPS is partnering with BLUUM, to further understand how to use data to best drive instruction.



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