



St. Joseph Catholic School

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RULE 14 NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS ANNUAL REPORT 2024-25

Statement of Mission: Responding to God’s call, we the community of St. Joseph School, dedicate ourselves with love to the spiritual growth and academic excellence of our children in order to prepare them for the journey through this life to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Purpose Statement: To prepare our students for a life that glorifies God.

Enrollment: St. Joseph School enrolls students in grades kindergarten through 8th grades. (Data from our preschool program is not included in this Rule 14 report). Students attending St. Joseph School reside in the school districts of York, McCool Junction, and Heartland Community. The table below shows the enrollment for the past five years.

Grade	2024-25	2023-24	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21
Kindergarten	11	10	10	10	11
First	10	9	12	10	10
Second	9	10	10	10	7
Third	8	9	9	6	11
Fourth	8	9	7	11	7
Fifth	11	7	11	7	17
Sixth	3	5	4	9	9
Seventh	5	3	9	9	4
Eighth	3	8	9	4	7
Total	68	70	81	76	83

Staffing for K-8 Program: 8 – FT certified staff; 3 - PT certified staff; 1 – Principal; 1 – Chief Administrative Officer/Pastor; 1 – FT secretary; 1 – FT cook/custodian; 1 – PT custodian

Academic Updates: Our curriculum is aligned with content standards of the Lincoln Diocese Education Office and the Nebraska State Standards.

MAP testing (Measures of Academic Progress) was adopted in the fall of 2021. MAP testing is conducted in the fall, winter, and spring, providing teachers with data to adjust instructional needs for students. The scores below are median score with a range of 1 – 99 for grade levels 3 – 8 (Median Score – the score in the middle of a list of scores. The point where half of the scores are above and half are below. Therefore, scores above 50 are better than typical and scores below 50 are not as good as typical).

**2025 Spring MAP SCORES NPR
Grades 3-8 as designated by Rule 14**

Grade	Language Arts	Math	Reading
Third	81	76	83
Fourth	76	57	69
Fifth	60	65	63
Sixth	*	*	*
Seventh	77	80	66
Eighth	*	*	*

*Scores masked with classes less than five students

Highlights:

Pumpkin Sale was held in late September. The funds from the sale of pumpkins were used to purchase new math curriculum and to support events sponsored by our Student Council and Home and School Association.

Catholic Schools Week was held the last week of January. To kick off the week, students sang at Sunday Mass and hosted coffee and rolls for parishioners. A Penny War was held again this year with proceeds going to Camp Kateri. Additional activities included an afternoon of activities, Living Rosary, Pep Rally, and dress-up days. Students were treated to an afternoon at Sun Theater for movies from the year 2000. The week concluded with the ever-popular VIP Day/Breakfast and class skits.

Intervention support to designated students in the areas of math and reading.

Music Highlights included a Veteran’s Day program performance, Christmas and spring music programs featuring grades K-4 vocal music, grades 5-8 choir and grades 5-8 band. Four students qualified for district honor band.

Learning Beyond the Classroom:

Service Projects:

Service projects conducted in the 2024-25 school year included a Sock Drive for the City Mission and Blue Valley, weekly recycling of paper products, managing the Little Library in East Hill Park and an end of the year school building cleaning. Students worked throughout the year to maintain the outdoor classroom and planted a school garden.

Athletic Events:

Students in 7th and 8th grades had the opportunity to participate in cross country, football, volleyball, wrestling, basketball, and track at York Middle School.

Field Trips by Grade:

Kindergarten – Helgoth’s pumpkin patch, Hastings Museum, Mittman’s Apple Orchard, Stuhr Museum, and community visits to the library, fire department, and police department

First Grade – Hastings Museum and Stuhr Museum

Second Grade – First Communion Retreat at St. Benedict Center in Schuyler, Edgerton Explorit Center

Third Grade – Wessels Living History Farm and Edgerton Explorit Center

Fourth Grade – Morrill Hall, State Capitol, Agfest at the fairgrounds, Pollinator Day

Fifth Grade – Hastings Museum, Edgerton Explorit Center

Sixth Grade – Hastings Museum, Edgerton Explorit Center

Seventh Grade – Hastings Museum, Big Apple

Eighth Grade – Hastings Museum, Escape Room, Amazing Pizza Machine, Prehistoric Putt