

Annual Report to the Community

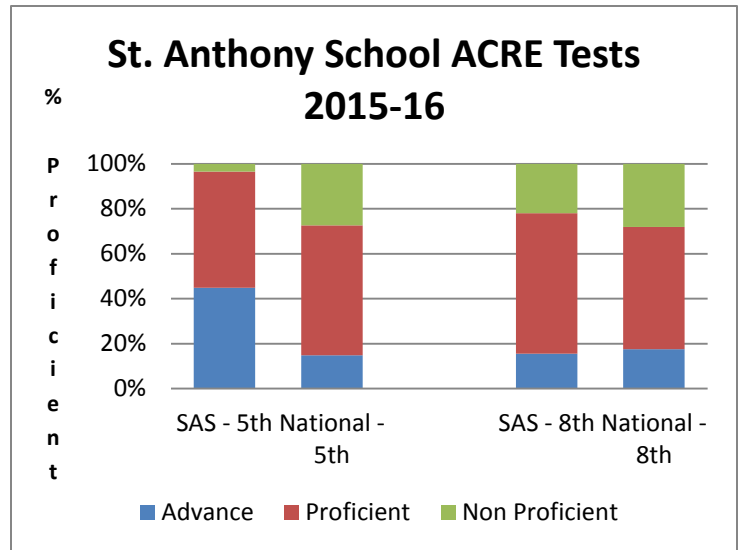
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Faith Formation

Catholic schools in the diocese of Des Moines have begun giving the IFG-Acre (Information for Growth—Assessment of Catholic Religious Education) assessment as a progress monitoring tool for our Religion classes in grades five and eight. This assessment has two sections – a Knowledge section and an Affective section that students are assessed on. In the Knowledge section students answer questions based on 8 domains:

1. God the Father, God the Son, & God the Holy Spirit
2. Church is One, Holy, Catholic, & Apostolic
3. Liturgy & Sacraments
4. Revelation, Scripture, & Faith
5. Life in Christ: Personal Morality & Catholic Social Teaching
6. Church History
7. Prayer – Religious Practices
8. Catholic Faith Literacy

These questions let us know how well our students are progressing in their understanding of the Catholic doctrine. In the Affective section of the assessment, students answer questions based on their own beliefs and attitudes. For instance, students are asked questions about the culture of their school, their prayer life at school and at home, Mass attendance, and attitudes about things such as reading Scripture, receiving sacraments, and prayer.



These assessments are sent to be scored and we do not receive individual student scores. That is not an option of the scoring service. Instead at St. Anthony School we receive the total class score of our 5th graders and 8th graders in an overall score, a score in each domain, and a total affective score. These scores allow us to review the work of Religion instruction in the whole school as this instruction builds across grade levels and over the years both at home and at school.

St. Anthony Scores above are compared to the ACRE test given in Catholic school across the country (National):



Financial Information

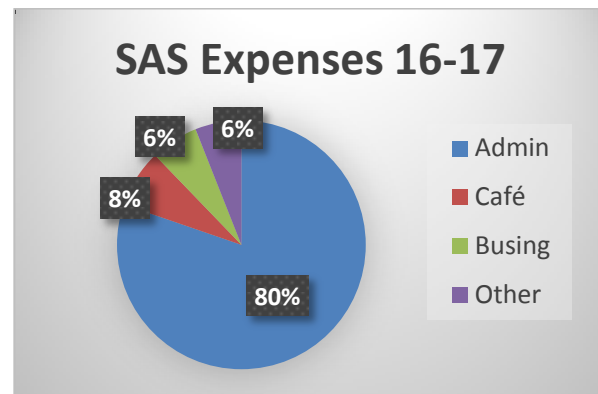
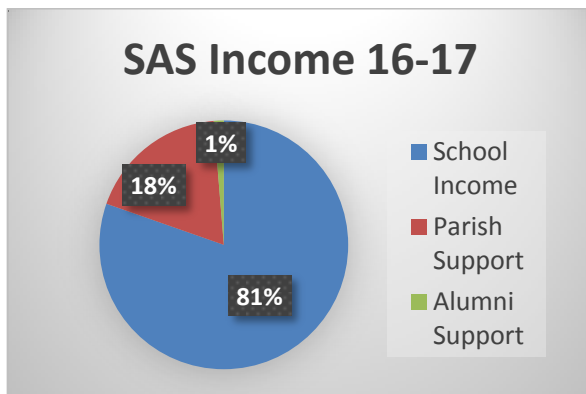
For the 2015-16 school year, the total actual cost to educate a student was \$5,100. Tuition was \$2,850 per student in our Regular classes and \$3,050 per students in our Spanish Immersion classes with discounts provided to families with multiple children enrolled. Much of the remaining cost is covered by parish contributions.

As you can see below, tuition, fees, and other school charges cover just about 77% of the cost to educate a student at St. Anthony School. The remaining financial requirement is covered by active, tithing parishioners. The generosity of the over 1,700 families that are member of St. Anthony allow us to:

- ◆ Provide a first-rate facility for our Religious Education program
- ◆ Provide a quality Christ-centered education for our students

For all these reasons and more we thank the St. Anthony Community for providing the necessary financial and faith-filled support for the school for more than 103 years.

Additional financial support comes from the parish budget, the Alumni Association, and the Home and School Association. The parish as a whole provides the building facility.



Demographics

This year's annual report focuses on our middle school students' Iowa Assessment scores for the 2014-15 school year. For this group of students, the following demographics apply:

Free or Reduced Lunch	30% of students in middle school
CTO (Catholic Tuition Organization)*	57% of students in middle school
Ethnic Backgrounds:	50% of middle school students are white 50% of middle school students are minority
Where are they from?	Our middle school students come from 12 different zip codes. Our entire student body comes from 22 different zip codes.

CTO (Catholic Tuition Organization)

The Diocese of Des Moines has established a scholarship tuition organization (STO), which provides huge tax advantages for donors. This organization, the Catholic Tuition Organization (CTO), works directly with all the Catholic schools under its domain.

Donations to the CTO are used to provide tuition assistance to families whose children attend Iowa accredited non-public schools and whose income falls at or below three hundred percent of the poverty rate. The Catholic Tuition Organization will give at least ninety percent of the money collected to eligible families.

A financial contribution to the Catholic Tuition Organization will give the donor an Iowa tax credit and the gift of knowing they helped to make a Catholic education available to many children who previously did not have the opportunity to attend the school of their choice. Go to ctoiaowa.org for more information.