St. John the Beloved School
Annual Report
2020-2021

St. John the Beloved School
905 Milltown Rd. • Wilmington, DE 19808

www.sjbdel.org

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE, COMMUNITY, SERVICE, WORSHIP!

Called to Serve!

Class of 2021
Our Mission

MISSION STATEMENT

The MISSION of St. John the Beloved School is to teach and model the Gospel of Jesus Christ, foster academic excellence, and encourage service to others.

BELIEF STATEMENTS

1. We believe that Reverence, Respect and Responsibility are the foundations of our Catholic School.

2. We believe that the whole child will be developed spiritually, intellectually, physically and socially.

3. We believe that the academic and Catholic religious formation of our students is a shared responsibility among the home, the school and the parish.

4. We believe that the academic needs of students are met through the quality of differentiated instructional techniques utilized in our programs.

Class of 2021
November, 2020

Dear Staff, Students, Families & Friends of St. John the Beloved School,

These past months have been different and difficult because of COVID-19. As we once again look into the value of Catholic education, we presently marvel at the dedication of our school principal, staff, teachers and student body as they reprogram our educational procedures to safeguard everyone and continue their studies. Parents and guardians likewise deserve recognition for their extraordinary efforts in educating their children. Thank you one and all.

Many school programs offer quality education and opportunities that allow children to develop into gifted, responsible adults. Catholic education not only leads in these areas but has been very successful in continuing to educate, virtually and in-class, to the present time.

The mission of the Church, to evangelize, must not stop, especially when the world is facing a crisis. Our St. John the Beloved School takes this responsibility seriously. Our parishioners, friends and entire school staff seek to make our school children advance in academia, social skills, athletics and moral behavior. Each child has unique qualities that our school works with to affirm his/her advancement. More so, each child is a Child of God that must be loved and taught to love and respect those around them.

As we progress into another academic year, may the Good Lord bless each one of you for supporting and making sacrifices for Catholic education. Our efforts make a difference in enhancing the world.

God Bless You!

Pastor
October, 2020

Dear Friends,

Called to Serve!

The 2020-2021 school year will always be remembered as the year of the worldwide COVID-19 Pandemic. This pandemic created many challenges that the school had to face head-on so that we could continue our mission – The Mission of St. John the Beloved School is to teach and model the Gospel of Jesus Christ, foster academic excellence, and encourage service to others. We are proud to state that we accomplished our mission and provided 180 days of in-person quality catholic education. We were able to do this due to our unwavering faith in our ability to work together as a community to provide a safe and healthy learning environment for our students. Our entire school was indeed, called to serve!

As you peruse our Annual Report, you will be impressed with the number of activities and events that took place. The pandemic did not shut us down! We found new ways to continue the work entrusted to us by our parents. The successes of this school year were made possible because of the dedication of our faculty, staff, administration and our school and parish communities. With an unwavering trust in the goodness of God, we moved forward in faith.

“I can do all things through Christ.” Phillpians 4:13

We take this opportunity to thank all those who made this year possible and a success as we Dream it…Believe It…Achieve It.

In St. John our Patron,

[Signature]

Principal

Class of 2021
With most of the world shutting down due to the worldwide pandemic, St. John the Beloved stayed strong with 180 days of in-person learning.
While the post Second World War years were booming, Bishop Edmund Fitzmaurice, of the Diocese of Wilmington, purchased a nine acre farm on Milltown Road to establish a Catholic parish in the growing suburbs between Wilmington and Newark Delaware. Some 500 families began congregating at the armory on Kirkwood Highway for Sunday Mass.

In 1955, Rev. John J. Sheehy, was appointed the founding pastor of the parish that was placed under the patronage of Saint John the Beloved. By 1957, the hall, school and convent were constructed simultaneously and dedicated. The former building served as the church until 1976.

Seven Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia moved into their new residence in August 1957 and began preparations for students to enter their new school. On September 4, 1957, Sister M. Eutropia, OSF, the grade school principal, along with four sisters and four lay teachers, opened the doors to approximately 500 students. The school at this time was a nine classroom structure.

With time, St. John the Beloved School expanded and was heralded with increasing enrollment from 500 in 1957 to 940 in 1963, requiring the scheduling of split academic sessions, under the principalship of Sister Edward Augustine, OSF. To meet the demands of this growth a new junior school was built in 1964.

The third principal of our school was Sister M. Synesia, OSF. In 1971, Sister M. Rita Thomas, OSF, assumed the principalship and introduced updated teaching methods while the school’s population continued to increase and once again in 1983, the need was recognized to enlarge the school. With the help of our fifth pastor, Rev. Daniel Gerres, and our fifth principal, Sister Patricia Hutchison, OSF, plans to renovate and extend the existing junior and senior school were developed.

The vacant areas between the two schools would join the educational buildings and house a new library/media center, two small reading centers, a religious education center, the principal’s office and multi-purpose office and allow a required computer center. Construction began in the winter of 1983 and was completed by the fall of 1984 when Sister Ursula Tisdall, OSF, assumed principalship.
In 1985, the school’s Long Range Planning Committee was established with the goal to provide for the future needs of the school in such areas as: budgeting, maintenance, funding, public relations and development. In 1986, the Christian Formation committee was established with the task to promote and review educational policies and programs that support total Catholic education. Another milestone was reached in 1987-88 with the completion of the Middle States process for school certification.

In 1987, the Rev. John Kavanaugh became our parish’s sixth pastor. In September 1988, Sister Elizabeth Doyle, OSF assumed principalship. In January 1989, the school was granted full accreditation. A Development Committee was also formed in 1989 to meet the long-range educational needs of St. John the Beloved Parish to provide quality spiritual and educational enrichment that would not be cost prohibitive for its parishioners.

Mrs. Joanne Capodanno became the principal in 1994. The 1998-99 school year brought more changes to the school. The Eagles Club, an after-school extended day program, opened its doors in September 1998. The process for the Middle States Certification was undertaken and reaccreditation was given in the spring of 1999. The computer lab was upgraded and a technology committee was formed. The building was also wired to provide access to the Internet.

Msgr. Charles Brown was installed as the seventh pastor of St. John the Beloved Parish in the fall of 2005. Mr. Richard Hart assumed principalship in 2008. St. John the Beloved School received its reaccreditation from the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools during the 2008-09 school year.

With the enrollment of 600 students in 2010, the expansion of our school with the addition of a separate building to house our new Early Childhood and Kindergarten Programs was accomplished. This also provided space for our new Art, Faculty, and Multi-purpose meeting rooms along with renovation of established areas, like the Nurse’s Office. The Computer Lab was updated to meet the technological advancement of the time.

In June 2012, Reverend William Cocco was installed as eighth pastor of St. John the Beloved. The Parish offices were moved from the rectory to the former convent. A percentage of the funds collected through the Diocesan Capital Campaign, of that time, helped to establish a trust for future school needs. Reverend Joseph Piekarski was appointed our Pastor in 2015 in time for the celebration of our parish’s 60th anniversary.

St. John the Beloved School was awarded the 2016 National Blue Ribbon being in the top 15% of outstanding schools in the nation. Mr. Hart was awarded the NCEA Lead, Learn, Proclaim Award and completed the Emmaus Service for Catholic School Leaders in 2018. In that year, remodeling of the first floor took place with a new security system including cameras and door locks were installed in the school and parish campus.

The roof of the parish hall was completely renewed and it’s interior continually remodeled. A security system was added to the building that houses our luncheon program, after care and athletic activities. The technological updating in all areas of our campus are ongoing from year to year.

The recent COVID pandemic was heroically undertaken by the parish and school staff with state and diocesan protocols strictly followed. The dedication of our teachers allowed our students to continue and complete their learning, via virtual and in-class, for the end of the 2019-20 and entire 2020-2021 academic years. With 513 students this 2021-2022 year, St. John the Beloved School continues to lead in Catholic education with Gospel values and Franciscan spirit into its sixty-fifth year.
Extended Care – The Eagles Club

During the academic year St. John the Beloved’s *The Eagles Club* Extended Care Program is designed to meet the needs of school families by offering after school care until 6:00 p.m. The program offers a nurturing environment where children can be safely supervised while completing their homework, eating nutritious snacks, and enjoying age-appropriate games and activities.

Athletics • Choir • Student Council • Band

All our children have the opportunity to participate in a variety of sports programs through CYM (Catholic Youth Ministry): girl’s volleyball, basketball, cheerleading, soccer, softball, track and cross country; boy’s football, basketball, soccer, wrestling, cross country, track, and baseball. This year several teams placed either first or second in their division. Athletics had a great year! St. John the Beloved also offers instrumental band and a student choir. Student Council is made up of students from all grades under the supervision of mentor Mrs. Diwanna Walus. They host several events including Open Houses, Middle States visits, and the school Spirit Assembly. The Student Council prepares and presents our daily televised morning announcements. They also offer Chick-fil-A as an option to all of the school. They raised over $8,000.00 for various charities this year.
COVID-19 Protocols

St. John the Beloved School maintained 180 days of in-person learning during the pandemic. We knocked down walls to expand classrooms. Rooms were measured for desk placement of social distancing. Water fountains were closed and water filling stations were installed. A new COVID-19 Protocol Handbook was created for our school. Desks, handrails, door knobs, bathrooms were all cleaned several times a day to help reduce any spread of the virus. SJB also maintained tuition rates to help families during this crisis.

Many Gifts, One Nation: A Day of Giving to Catholic Schools is a 24 hour online giving campaign sponsored by the NCEA and FACTS. On the Day of Giving, you can support SJB by making an online donation. All money donated went toward a new Reading program.

We had over 180 donations made in one 24 hour period! $27,115.00 was raised in that 24 hours. Our Parishioners generously donated into our Development Fund a total of $4,595.00 and a special benefactor met our goal by donating $20,000.00 for a grand total of $51,710.00.

Thank you so very much for your generosity and support of SJB.
Black & Gold $500 +
Anonymous
Anonymous
M/M Robert Allen
Belfint, Lyons & Shuman, P.A.
M/M Jason Colatriano
M/M Berado DiMarco
M/M Stan Kluska
James and Karen Make the
World Better Charitable Fund
M/M Mike Oleck
M/M Michael Oleck
M/M Shawn Riley

EAGLE’S NEST $150 - $499
Ms. Deborah Austin
M/M Richard Ayotte
Mr. Matthew Beaty
Mrs. Florence Beck
Mrs. Louisa Bell
M/M Benjamin Besosa
M/M Scott Denbow
M/M Joe DeSantis
M/M Matthew Foy
M/M Joseph Gonzalez
Mr. Jonathan Gray
M/M Bill Hargrove
M/M Keith Herrmann
M/M Robert Hoban
Mr. Jeff Johnson
M/M Jon Markey
M/M Angel Merced
M/M David Murray

2021 Day of Giving

M/M Charles O’Brien
Ms. M. Kathleen Phillips-Giles
M/M John Pechoski
M/M Anthony Poppiti
Mr. Jorge Rodriguez
M/M Oz Seaton
M/M Timothy Taggart
M/M Jason Zambotti

Friends of St. John $1 - $149
M/M Parick Aaron
M/M Jose Aguinaga
M/M Anthony Ang
M/M Anthony Angelini
Mrs. Dolores Ballintyn
M/M Edmund Banas
M/M Tony Battisto
Mrs. Marie Beckett
M/M Jack Birch
M/M Richard Birzes
Ms. Debra Bolton
M/M Greg Boulden
M/M Michael Boyer
M/M Peter Boyer
Mrs. Jenifer Brennan
Mrs. Sharon Breznitsky
M/M Stephen Brown
Miss Karen Burke
M/M Michael Cackowski
M/M Bruce Calhoun
Mr. Stephen Camoirano
M/M John Candeloro

M/M Abel Castellano
M/M Grant Chandlee
M/M Mark Chaump
M/M Anthony Ciconte
M/M David Collins
M/M Kenneth Conner
M/M Leonard Correale
Mr. Basil Costantino
M/M Basil Costantino
Ms. Susan Crosowell
M/M William Cummings
M/M John Cuocolo
M/M Anthony Cutrona
Mrs. Mabel D’Souza
M/M Rohit D’Souza
Mrs. Marion Davidson
Ms. Sheri Davidson
M/M Joseph DeAscanis
M/M Matthew Delle Cave
Ms. Maria deGordon
M/M Chris Devlin
M/M Stehen DiLenno
Mr. Ray DiVirgilio
Ms. Vicki Doble
Mrs. Elaine Doyle
M/M Joseph Durney
Mrs. Maryanne Enser
Mrs. Karen Fanning
M/M Adam Fenimore
Ms. Kelly Fitzpatrick
Mrs. Susan Foreacre
M/M James Forester
M/M Joseph Fowler
2021 Day of Giving

M/M John Garner
Ms. Jeanette Gilbert
Ms. Lisa Gonzon
Mrs. Diane Grandberry
Ms. Mary Ann Haley
Ms. Kristine Hamberger
Mr. Bill Hargrove
M/M Bryan Hart
M/M Michael Hart
Mr. Richard Hart
M/M Carl Hauser
Mr. David Hohman
Ms. Amanda Hormanski
Ms. Jessica Hormanski
Mr. John Humphrey
Mr. Richard Hussnatter
M/M Angelo Jaco
M/M Vladimir Kasolapkin
Miss Kathleen Kenney
Mrs. Mary Keogh
Mrs. Mary Kusters
M/M Rich Langiewicz
M/M Benjamin Lewandowski
M/M David Lewicki
M/M Peter Lutus
M/M Jason Maguire
Mr. Edward Maguire
M/M Domenic Maida
M/M Domenic Maida
Ms. Elizabeth Mangini

M/M Mark Manno
Ms. Marva Markman
Ms. Sarah Marvian
Mrs. Lillian McAllister
M/M Thomas McBride
M/M Glen McCormick
Mr. Bernard McKenna
Frances Mirelli
M/M Brian Mohn
M/M Chip Murphy
M/M William Murray
Mr. Christopher Murphy
M/M Chris Nolte
M/M Stephen Norman
M/M Robert Nowaczyk
Mrs. Faith Okoniewski
M/M Steve Oldiges
M/M Todd Oliver
M/M Michael Oller
Mr. Mike Oller, Sr
M/M Sean O’Neill
M/M Corey Pettingill
M/M Michael Porter
M/M Scott Prange
M/M Timothy Prock
M/M Keith Przybylski
M/M John Quinn
M/M Tim Reilly
Ms. Maria Resine
M/M Robert Rogers

M/M Eli Sackett
M/M Jason Sackett
M/M Rob Sanderson
Ms. Rita Sarmousakis
Mr. Robert Schmidt
M/M Geoffrey Schusteritsch
Miss Dawn Sciota
M/M Jerry Searfass
M/M Samuel Sheldon
M/M Christopher Sherlock
M/M Joseph Smiglielski
Mrs. Mary Lou Soltys
M/M Vincent Stancato
M/M Matt Sullivan
Ms. Susan Sweeney
Mrs. Marjorie Taggart
M/M Timothy Taggart
Mrs. Eileen Thomas
M/M Ed Thompson
M/M Joseph Tobin
M/M Jeremy Tokarczyk
M/M Angelo Trapani
M/M William Verlander
M/M Derek Vito
Mr. Frank Vito
M/M Lawrence Volzone
M/M Drew Watts
M/M Brandon Welling
M/M Ronnie White

THANK YOU!!!

Class of 2021
Graduates

Instruments of Peace
Class of 2021

St. John the Beloved School congratulated 56 graduates of the Class of 2021. Our graduates apply to and attend a variety of Catholic & Public High Schools throughout Wilmington. All of our graduates achieved entrance into a high school of their choice and have truly emerged to exceed all expectations. 42 or 75 %, of our graduates are attending Catholic schools while fourteen or 25 %, are attending public or charter high schools.

Thirteen of our graduates achieved a total of 13 High School scholarships.

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<th>Number of Scholarship/Grant Winners</th>
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Twelve of our graduates received the Presidential Award for Educational Excellence.
Graduates exhibit a strong foundation in the Catholic faith that is based on a deepening relationship with Jesus.

- Graduates practice the values of Reverence, Respect and Responsibility to inform choices in their lives and continue to model Franciscan values in order to lead a moral life.
- Graduates continue to be sensitive to others in need and to participate in service-related opportunities locally and globally.
- Graduates recognize the privilege and value of their education; they utilize their skills to lead and to collaborate with others.
- Graduates continue to participate in the supportive and caring community at St. John the Beloved in order to grow and to benefit from its strength.
- Graduates become examples of Christian leaders who are confident and who have the courage to “think out of the box”.
- Graduates embrace our school’s proud tradition of helping others. The Class of 2020 established a strong bond of friendship with their SJB Kindergarten buddies. Spiritual and academic activities throughout the school year allowed students to grow in leadership and responsibility as they showed their buddy what it means to be a “soaring eagle”. Our eighth grade students also embraced their parish community needs through their helpful presence at numerous parish activities and through the Adopt A Family Outreach Project at Christmas.
St. John the Beloved School
Financial Statements

School Administration
August 31, 2021

St. John the Beloved School maintains a system of internal controls over financial reporting to provide reasonable assurance that assets are safeguarded and transactions are executed in accordance with the Diocesan policy.

Rev. Joseph Piekarski
Pastor, St. John the Beloved

Richard D. Hart
Principal, St. John the Beloved School

Revenues

Expenses
# Statement of Revenue and Expense

Amounts in thousands

For the years ended June 30

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<th>REVENUES</th>
<th>2021</th>
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<td>Development and Fundraising</td>
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**Total Income**

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**Total Expenses**

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<td>PAYROLL PROTECTION PROGRAM</td>
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**Net School Surplus (Deficit)**

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<td>$772</td>
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General Information
St. John the Beloved School is a private non-profit elementary catholic school providing Pre-school through eighth grade elementary education. In addition to providing an elementary education, St. John the Beloved also provides an Extended Care program and collaborates with catholic youth organization and various organizations for seasonal athletic events and sponsors various fundraising events. St. John the Beloved School is affiliated with St. John the Beloved Parish and operates under the control of the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington. St. John the Beloved School is accredited from the Middle States Association of Schools and Colleges.

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies
Fund Classification
The financial statements have been prepared using a single set of self-balancing accounts. Funds collected under restriction are segregated from those funds with no restrictions. The fiscal year begins on July 1st and ends June 30.

School Equipment & Improvements
School equipment and property improvements are stated at cost.

Reclassifications
Certain reclassifications were made to conform to the Diocesan Financial Guidelines in preparing the 2020 financial statements. Accordingly, report classifications may vary with those in the annual School Financial Report submitted to the diocese.

School Equipment and Improvements
School Equipment and property improvements are stated at cost:

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Statement of changes in the Restricted Fund Balance

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St. John the Beloved Development Funds

The goal of the Development Funds is to sustain and improve the school through programming and capital improvements. The funds are raised through the generosity of parents, parishioners, and alumni. Earnings on the funds are through a money market interest-bearing account and a growth mutual fund administered through the Diocese of Wilmington. These are tax deductible and administered by the parish and Parish Finance Council only. Thank you to everyone who participated. May God bless you for your generous spirit!!
### ST. JOHN THE BELOVED
**ENROLLMENT TREND**

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### ST. JOHN THE BELOVED
**TUITION TREND**

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Many Gifts, One Nation – Tuesday & Wednesday, January 28 & 29, 2021
Many Gifts, One Nation was a fundraising event where all donations were totally dedicated to St. John the Beloved School. This event was our 2nd Annual 24 hour electronic Day of Giving, which raised over $51,000.00! Thank you to all for your generous participation. A job well done!

Honor Assemblies
The Breakfast of Champions and the Honors Luncheon are celebrated at the conclusion of the first and second trimesters.

Visit our website at www.sjbdel.org to access our calendar and newsletters or please call us at 302-998-5525 ext. 200 for more information.
The goals of Saint John the Beloved’s Home and School Association and Enhancement Association are the following:

- to support the Catholic education of all children of SJB
- to promote shared educational responsibilities of parents and teachers
- to organize the varied talents of parishioners and others in the community
- to contribute to the school financially as appropriate.

The 2020-21 Home and School Board members are:

Fr. Joseph Piekarski, Pastor  
Mr. Richard Hart, Principal  
Liana Ayotte, President  
Lauren Maguire, Secretary  
Maura Clark, Co-Treasurer  
Emilia Besosa, Co-Treasurer

Both Boards oversee various activities each year and raise funds to support these activities. These activities include: Coordination of Recess Duty Volunteers, Various Faculty Appreciation Activities, New Family and Kindergarten Picnic, Spirit Wear, Student Themed Contests, Spirit Rally, 8th Grade versus Faculty Volleyball Game, Breakfast of Champions, Breakfast with Santa, Santa's Secret Workshop, Chess Club, Science Olympiad, Math League, After School Programs, and Bid-a-Mania.
Dream It...Believe It...Achieve It...
United States Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools 2020-2021

176 Catholic Dioceses With Catholic Schools

Highlights:

**Total Enrollment in Catholic Schools**
- 1,626,291 elementary/middle schools
- 1,103,626 secondary schools
- 522,665

**Student Diversity**
- 21.2% racial minorities
- 18.1% hispanic/latino
- 6.1% unknown

**Non-Catholic Enrollment**
- 320,330
  - 19.7% of the total enrollment

**Catholic Schools**
- 5,981
  - elementary 4,812
  - secondary 1,169

**Schools Opened**
- 17 new schools opened
- 209 consolidated or closed
- 2,374 schools have a waiting list for admission

**Coeducational Schools**
- 98.7% elementary
- 70.7% secondary
- 12.7% male
- 16.6% female

**Full-Time Equivalent Professional Staff**
- Numbered 142,977
  - 97.7% Laity
    - Lay women 25.0%
    - Lay men 22.7%
  - 2.3% Religious/Clergy
    - Sisters 2.0%
    - Priests 0.1%

The student/teacher ratio is 11:1.

Twenty-nine states and the District of Columbia have legislation that provides some form of financial assistance to families to help them choose a private or faith-based education for their children. Based on the average pupil school per meal cost of $12.70, Catholic schools provide more than $22 billion dollars a year savings for the nation.
Students Achieving Excellence

St. John the Beloved is in its third year of using Renaissance Flow 360 as its nationally normed testing tool. This is a comprehensive assessment and instruction program for students in Kindergarten through eighth grade. Through periodic assessment – three times per year (September, February and May) we acquire data about each student’s levels of performance in the academic areas of Math and Reading Comprehension. Each assessment is administered electronically and takes less than 45 minutes per subject. Parents receive individual reports each time their child is tested.

The advantages of Star assessments include:

- **Speed and Simplicity**: Star Early Literacy, Star Reading and Star Math are efficient and easy to use, which helps teachers to quickly identify and eliminate any gaps in foundational math or literacy skills for their students. We obtain more accurate information to guide instruction.

- **Versatility**: Teachers use the Star assessments to screen students in all tiers of instruction three times per year, as well as set and manage learning goals, monitor progress in an intervention framework and personalize instruction for students. This more accurately documents student growth and progress.

- **Reliability and Validity**: Research proves the Star computer tests yield reliable, valid results. Independent groups, including the National Center on Intensive Intervention and the National Center on Response to Intervention highly rate these assessments as effective, scientifically based screening and progress monitoring tools.

- **Instructional Support**: Renaissance’s learning progressions for reading and math align to diocesan and state standards. This ensures that students are learning the skills they need to succeed in high school, college and future careers. Foundational skills are presented in teachable order so teachers can easily detect any gaps some students may have. Embedded educational resources provide opportunities for deeper study, enrichment and continued growth for advanced students who consistently exceed grade-level benchmarks.
The academic program is strengthened by our implementation of the following:

- **Academic Intervention and Support:** The staff and administration continually review academic standards and student performance in order to develop and to implement policies and practices that enhance academic outcomes. By looking at the task of engaging and motivating students in a meaningful way; developing pedagogy that incorporates 21st Century learning skills, teachers incorporate differentiated instruction, varied assessment and the integration of technology into every lesson.

In order to insure student academic development on all levels, a tiered approach to that goal was initiated over the past three years. Generally, St. John the Beloved School enjoys above average performance on standardized tests. We face the daily challenge to “have all the boats rise”. The establishment of an academic support team insures the identification of students who are struggling academically. The identification process is data driven through the use of screening assessments to determine the level of intervention needed.

Every year, all students in grades K-5 are screened for competencies in word decoding, reading fluency and comprehension. Students who scored below benchmark are eligible to participate in a Reading Assist tutoring program. This program offers support for basic phonemic skill development, decoding skills and comprehension. Students meet with a trained mentor three times weekly for the length of the program. A second level of intervention using this same approach will be for students who need specific skill reinforcement in Reading. These students receive individual instruction that is targeted to their weaker Reading skills. The coordinator of this support program guarantees a continuity of instruction for students receiving either level of intervention. There are regular periodic progress monitoring of students while in the program.

An instructional coach is working with our teachers to implement reasonable accommodations for our students who have received psycho-educational testing. The school counselor, instructional coach, and the Reading Assist coordinator function as an Academic Intervention Team providing guidance; establishing appropriate accommodations and interventions for the students who need academic support.

- **1:1 Technology 3rd – 8th grades:** The SJB 1:1 Program allows teachers to take full advantage of new learning technologies and online educational resources when all students are equipped with a computing device. Teaching technological literacy and computing skills is a priority in our school. Equipping all students with computing devices and incorporating technology into every course is the surest way to take full advantage of new learning technologies and produce students who are technologically skilled and literate.

- **Instructional Grouping 5th – 8th grades:** By academic aptitude: accelerated or average.

- **Continually reviewing and enhancing our textbook series:** Over the last five years we have upgraded: Social Studies, Grammar, Delaware History, Science, Reading, Spanish and Math. Presently all texts book series have been upgraded.

St. John the Beloved School achieved reaccreditation with distinction in April 2016 from the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools; our graduates are accepted to the high school of their choice. The academic program is further enhanced through Spanish Language for all grades and a selection of electives that includes music, art, math league and science olympiad. A developmental curriculum of study skills and social skills is coordinated by the school counselor.

St. John the Beloved School attained National Blue Ribbon status in November 2016 and currently maintains that status.

“Start by doing what’s necessary, then what’s possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible.”

~St. Francis of Assisi

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