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DAME
ACADEMY



ANNUAL **REPORT**

A MESSAGE FROM DR. JUNGELS



Greetings NDA Community,
The Notre Dame Academy experience includes a deep faith woven into an academically rigorous, supportive loving environment in which we care for each other and our greater community.

During our 2024-2025 school year, we focused on the little moments that created many wonderful memories. Highlights from my year included everything from hosting a Grandparents Day with over 400 guests to celebrating Top 20 thinking, learning and communicating strategies with accompanying virtues, playing drums with the fifth grade band at the middle school band concert, participating in beautiful school Masses with Fr. John and Fr. Paul, joining the 8th grade students for an incredible pilgrimage to three amazing shrines and simply watching a dad dance into the school with his daughter. I am so grateful to be part of these joyful holy moments.

We appreciate the support of our greater community that makes these moments possible. You nourish us and fill us with light, hope and love.

With gratitude,

Dr. Bonita Jungels
Principal

Cover photo: The playground equipment featured in the cover photo is a memorial gift from the Canis family in honor of Mr. Canis.



STATE OF THE SCHOOL

ACCREDITATION

Notre Dame Academy is dually accredited by both the Minnesota Nonpublic Schools Association (MNSAA) and Lumen. These organizations ensure NDA upholds a rigorous, nurturing and virtuous experience for our community.

We completed several items on our MNSAA School Strategic Plan including: completing a long term technology plan to track standards completed in all core subjects, and implementation of a new Behavior Management Plan.

BELIEVE AND READ RESULTS

Our Groves reading program is a research and phonetics-based system that has shown great results in introducing effective literacy techniques to our young readers.

We are closing the gap from below grade level to grade level/above. Students receive multiple levels of intervention, from whole group, small groups, and intensive intervention for those who need it.

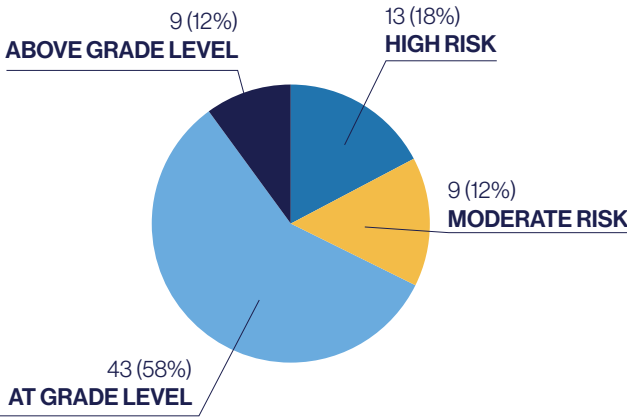
Next we look forward to working on: Creating a Volunteer orientation, completing a Comprehensive Security/Continuity plan per Homeland Security as well as creating a Development Plan and new Development database system.

We completed the onsite visit in April to become accredited by Lumen. We now look forward to working on a roadmap that will guide important initiatives over the next few years. Notre Dame Academy will focus on our Catholic identity as a staff as well as our mission as a Catholic school.

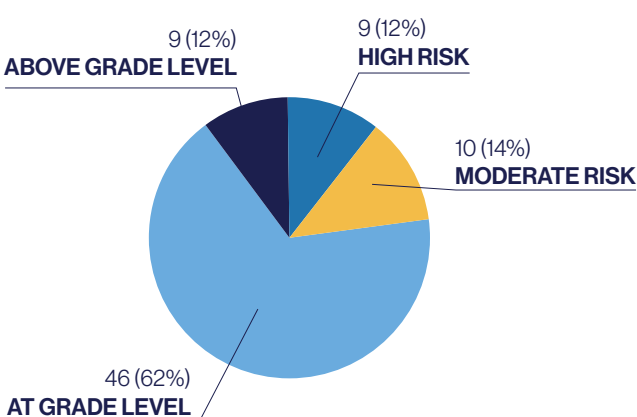
They are achieving grade level proficiency and growth through specific, targeted lessons and interventions and teachers are supported by coaches through feedback and strategies, which focus on meeting student needs.

ORAL READING FLUENCY
1ST – 3RD GRADE OVERVIEW

FALL 2024 RISK CATEGORY



SPRING 2025 RISK CATEGORY



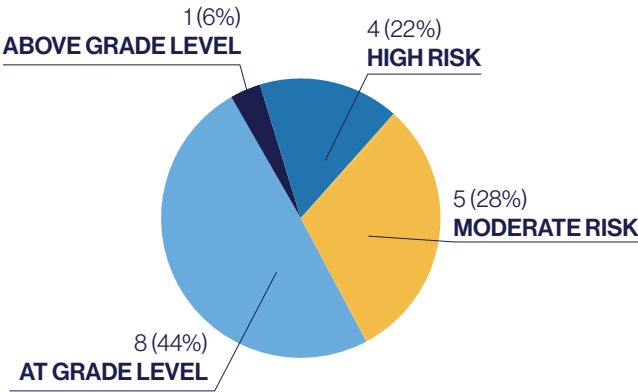
MAP TEST DATA

Each year NDA students in grades 1-8 take the MAP assessment three times a year to track their growth and allow faculty to see valuable information on student skills teachers can then differentiate and individualize learning for students. Grades 1-2 take an auditory assessment in reading and math. This

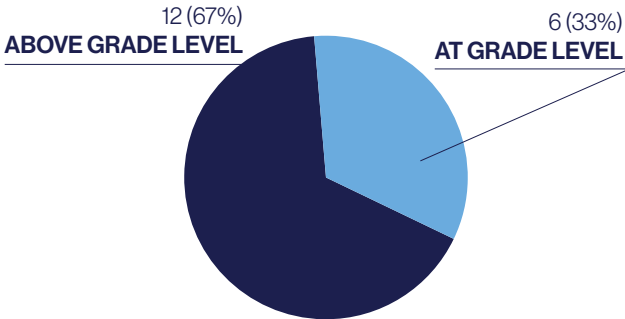
assessment is one snapshot in time but also provides valuable data. Grades 3-5 take reading, math, and language arts assessments and grades 6-8 also add science. The data shows that our students consistently outperform national norms.

LETTER NAMING FLUENCY
KINDERGARTEN OVERVIEW

FALL 2024 RISK CATEGORY



SPRING 2025 RISK CATEGORY



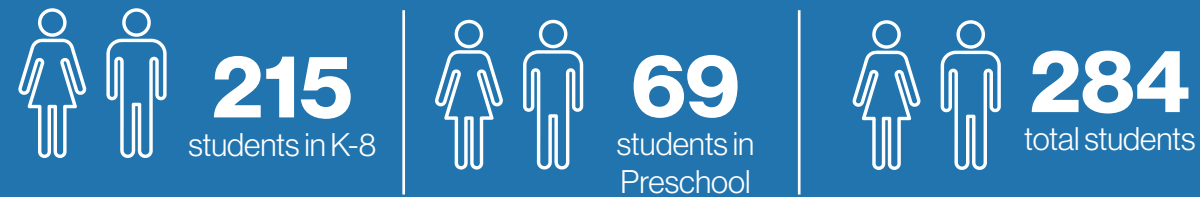
READING		
Grade	National Norm Score	NDA Mean RIT Score
1	171.4	181.3
2	185.6	193.2
3	197.1	204.9
4	204.8	209.6
5	211	214.4
6	215.4	218.3
7	218.4	223.4
8	221.7	223.6

MATH		
Grade	National Norm Score	NDA Mean RIT Score
1	176.4	187.8
2	189.4	202.3
3	201.1	212.4
4	210.5	217.6
5	218.8	228.3
6	222.9	232.5
7	226.7	236.1
8	230	240.6

LANGUAGE ARTS		
Grade	National Norm Score	NDA Mean RIT Score
3	198.3	203.6
4	205	209.3
5	210.2	214.8
6	214.2	222.6
7	216.5	227.2
8	218.8	228.8

SCIENCE		
Grade	National Norm Score	NDA Mean RIT Score
6	208.5	212.6
7	210.6	216.5
8	213.4	216.9

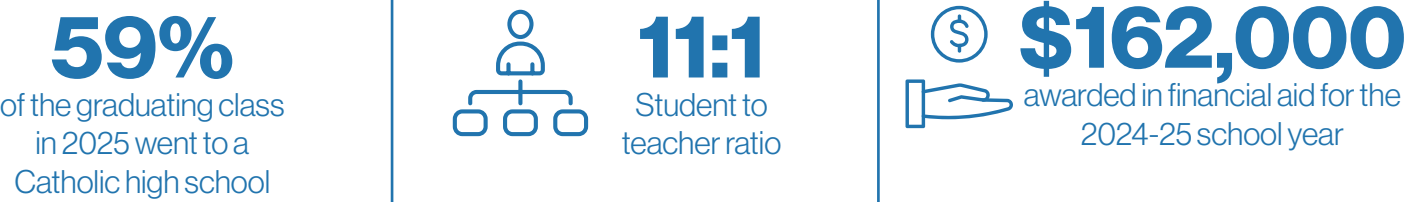
ENROLLMENT FOR 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR



CURRENT ENROLLMENT AND RETENTION SNAPSHOT FOR 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR***As of the print of this publication*



BY THE NUMBERS



“Our family has been incredibly happy with the teachers and staff at NDA. Every year we continue to be impressed by the care and effort each teacher gives our children.

– Current Parent

DEVELOPMENT



We are excited to welcome a new Development Director to Notre Dame Academy.

Brian Kirchoff has accepted the role of Development Director for our school and community as of September 2025. Brian will be an integral member of the NDA office team, executing

on goals for NDA's mission and development. Brian brings a relationship focus to the role and is a strong advocate for Catholic education.

Prior to joining NDA, Brian served in relationship-focused Talent Acquisition roles within the professional services sector. Brian

also served as Assistant Director of Admissions at the College of St. Benedict / St. John's University and Manager of Enrollment at the University of St. Thomas earlier in his career. Brian stepped away from the corporate world last year to focus on parenting and reassessment of his goals. During that time, he served as a Special Education Paraprofessional in the Minnetonka Public Schools. His experiences and passion for education have led him to the role at NDA and he is excited to become part of the community!

Brian is involved as a Class Committee member for St. John's University and serves on the Board for the Minnetonka Girls Basketball Association. He earned his MBA from the University of St. Thomas and holds a BA in Accounting from St. John's University. Brian and his wife Maggie live in Shorewood with their children Annabel (11) and Thomas (13).

2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR GIFTS AT A GLANCE



339 DONORS
PROVIDING FINANCIAL GIFTS

Students, parents, grandparents, staff, alumni, and parishioners made gifts of \$1 to \$50,000



\$20,000
GIFTS IN KIND

Gifts of services, expertise, and goods help reduce our expenses



3000 HOURS
VOLUNTEER TIME

75% of our parents volunteered more than 3000 hours



PRAYER

Our community grew closer to Jesus because we rely on a foundation of faith



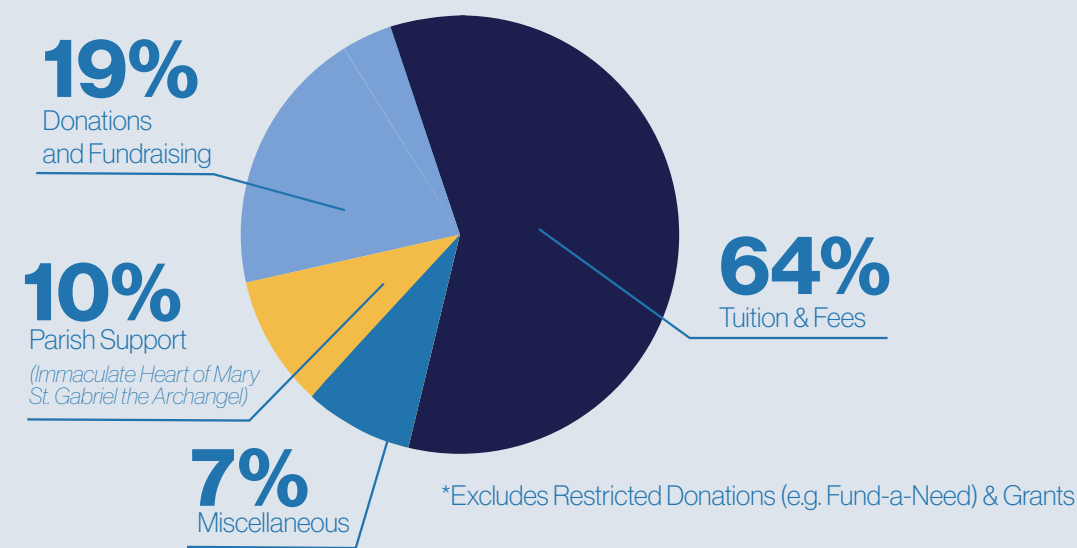
\$10,300
Cost to Educate a Student

\$6,295
Cost of Tuition

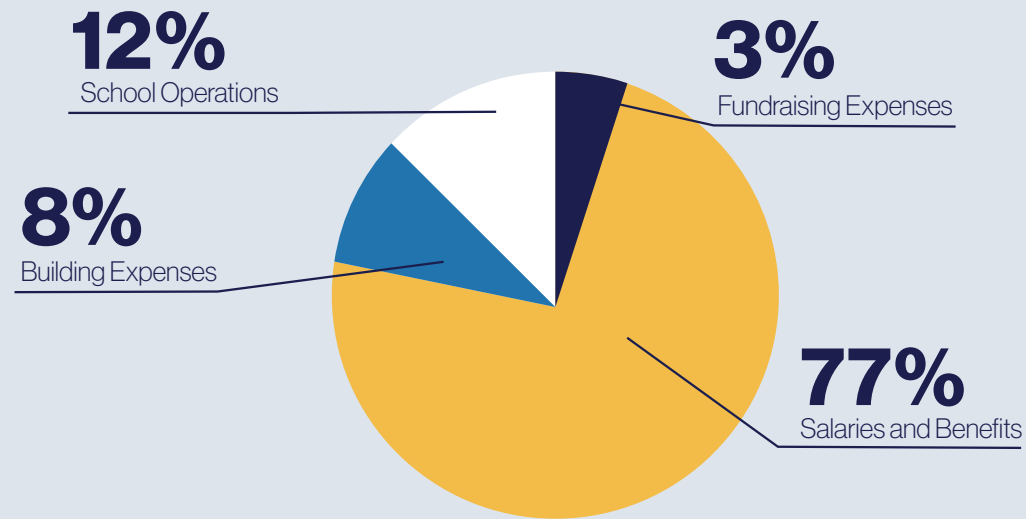


\$420,000
Fundraising Goal

2024-25 SCHOOL INCOME – \$2.38 M



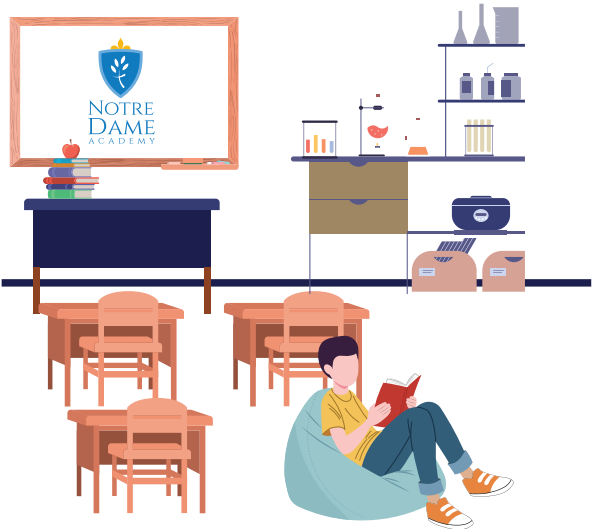
2024-25 OPERATING EXPENSES – \$2.24 M



Thanks to your generosity at Grand Beginnings, we raised \$122,000 during Fund-a-Need! This allowed Notre Dame Academy to accomplish many building upgrades. We are very grateful for your support in helping Notre Dame Academy be an amazing place to learn and grow.

NEW FOB ENTRY SYSTEM AND BUILDING PAINT REFRESH

We installed a new security fob system that allows greater control of the entrances. The entire school was painted including hallways, classrooms and the cafeteria, giving everything a fresh, clean look.



CLASSROOM GIFT

All teachers were given a \$1,000 gift to choose items to enhance their classrooms or student learning experience. Some items included new classroom libraries, STEM activities, an additional 3D printer, cool art supplies, new classroom furniture and fun organizational tools.

NEW CLASSROOM AND OTHER ROOM REFRESHES

The libraries were creatively combined to make a new Middle School classroom and the Archive/Repository Room was cleaned and organized to create a new meeting space. In addition, the main front offices and several classrooms were outfitted with new blinds.



MAKE AN IMPACT

Notre Dame Academy offers several options for you to give in the way that best suits your family's needs while supporting our mission.

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS OF STOCKS AND SECURITIES

Gifts of appreciated assets such as stocks, bonds, and mutual funds are an excellent way to support NDA and maximize tax savings.

PLANNED GIVING – LEGACY GIFTS

A planned gift to NDA ensures the continuation of excellence in Catholic education and creates your own legacy of support. You can do this by designating Notre Dame Academy in your will or making NDA the beneficiary of an existing life insurance policy.

EMPLOYEE MATCHING GIFTS

Many employers sponsor matching gift programs and will match charitable donations made by their employees, doubling the impact of your gift. To find out if your company has a matching gift program, reach out to your company's HR or Charitable Giving department.

IN-KIND DONATIONS

In-kind donations, most commonly professional services and material goods, further our work and help us to maximize resources.

MEMORIALS AND HONOR GIFTS

Making a gift to NDA is a powerful way to honor a loved one or to celebrate a special occasion. Not only will your gift express your love—it also helps give the gift of Catholic education. These gifts can be made in memory of someone who has passed away, in gratitude for someone extraordinary in your life, or to acknowledge achievements or milestones.

Want to Learn More?

Check out our giving page to learn more about all the ways you can make a gift today.

Want to Sponsor an Event?

Reach out to Brian Kirchoff, Development Director bkirchoff@nda-mn.org or 952-935-3500 to learn more about different sponsorship opportunities.

Questions?

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We are so grateful to those listed below – alumni, parents of alumni, current school parents, grandparents, parishioners, staff, businesses and foundations – for investing in the mission of Notre Dame Academy. Annual contributions made between **July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025** include cash gifts and sponsorships toward funding various opportunities including Day of Giving, Marathon, Grand Beginnings, Fund-A-Need, the Spring Musical, Annual Golf Tournament, and Memorials.

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DAY OF GIVING

NOVEMBER 19, 2025



Your gift is the difference



Together, let's provide the financial foundation our Catholic school needs to succeed.

FACULTY AND STAFF

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

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JOIN US AT ONE OF OUR UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY

31



Parents, Alumni, and Friends – grab your team of up to 8, pick a theme, grab your costumes and get ready to test your trivia skills.

APRIL

25



By attending or supporting the event you are helping decrease tuition costs, update our classrooms and meet a host of needs for students and teachers alike.

MARCH

19-22

School Musical

Every spring, NDA's Middle School puts on a musical production. Tickets are sold for five performances and sponsorships are also available for families or local businesses.

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Join us for the 5th Annual NDA Golf Tournament at Deer Run Golf Club in Victoria. Enjoy 18 holes of golf, a cart, lunch, happy hour, dinner and prizes for winners.