



Report on Our Schools

2014-15



**BISHOP HEELAN
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

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Highlights of 2014-2015 (and thru Nov. 1, 2015)

■ Academic Progress

- New 1-8 math textbooks were purchased.
- STAR Reading Assessments were started to monitor student achievement.
- Five Heelan students earned National Merit recognition.
- 98% of students went on to college, 83% to four-year colleges.
- 49% of seniors earned of 12 or more college credits.
- Heelan's Quiz Bowl Team qualified for the National Tournament.

■ Quality Staff and Programs

- Teachers received ongoing professional education.
- Heelan science teachers helped teach a summer science camp and another conducted summer research at ISU.
- Barb Swanson, kindergarten teacher at Holy Cross School, was a Teacher of Excellence at the 2014 Bishop's Dinner.
- Mary Fischer, Mater Dei School Principal, received the Good Shepherd's Award at the 2015 Bishop's Dinner.
- Sacred Heart School received STEM grants for robotics, fuel cell cars, coding, windmill studies and other classroom projects.
- Mater Dei won a Healthiest Iowa Award from the State of Iowa and become a certified Blue Zone school.
- Sacred Heart School began offering Beyond the Bell after school.

■ Community Service by Students and Volunteers

- LIFE Team Middle School students took Urban Plunge trips to help those in poverty in Minneapolis and Des Moines.
- Bishop Heelan students served others in Mission Mississippi.
- All students served the community in the annual special Homecoming Week Service Day.
- Middle school and high schools students provided Thanksgiving Dinners to needy families.
- Heelan "Miracle Makers" helped a seriously ill child.
- A new TeamMates program matched volunteer mentors with elementary students to enhance success.
- Numerous school projects helped others.

■ Living Our Faith

- Prayer begins and closes each school day.
- Students attended Mass together every week.
- Weekday Masses continued in the Heelan High Chapel.
- Elementary school projects reinforced prayer and faith.
- Fr. Shane Deman joined Heelan High as school Chaplain.
- Retreats helped faculty and principals to nourish their faith.
- Featured Heelan speakers addressed faith and values.

■ Athletic Achievements

- Memorial Field received a new synthetic surface track.
- Girls Basketball went to state in 2015.
- Girls Volleyball went to state in 2014 and 2015.
- Girls Soccer became State 3A Champions!
- Boys Soccer went to state.
- Boys and Girls Track athletes went to state.
- Boys and Girls Cross Country runners competed at state.
- Football 2014 were state champion runner-ups and the 2015 team completed an 8-2 season.

■ Advancement Success for the Bishop Heelan School System

- The Pride Campaign funded the opening of the new \$15 million Fine Arts Building in Fall 2014.
- The Annual Fund and Heelan Auction brought in \$437,000 to support our schools.
- The Gold Club raised \$142,000 in 2014 and continues to raise funds in 2015 for a goal of \$200,000.
- The Monsignor Lafferty Tuition Foundation brought in \$710,000 in 2014 to support grants for 600 students.
- Missouri River Development (MRHD) awarded Bishop Heelan \$100,000 for the new Memorial Field Track.
- The Gilchrist Foundation awarded Heelan nearly \$18,000 for accoustical music shells for the Fine Arts Auditorium.
- Intel awarded a \$10,000 grant to Holy Cross School.
- Ho-Chunk donated a bank building to BHCS to serve as a new administration building.



Student Performance

Iowa Assessment Scores for Proficiency 2014-15

All students in grades 2-8 took the full battery of Iowa Assessment tests in language arts, math, science and social studies. The Iowa Assessments are one snapshot of student growth and proficiency that is used to monitor student learning and instruction.

Students are given a *National Standard Score* (NSS) score that describes a student's achievement on a standard scale. BHCS reports Iowa Assessment scores for grades 4, 8 and 11 in our yearly Annual Progress Report to the state of Iowa.



Student Percent Proficient by Grade (Rounded Scores)

Grade 4

Reading	Math	Science
State of Iowa 76	State of Iowa 80	State of Iowa 80.5*
Sioux City Schools 67	Sioux City Schools 73	Sioux City Schools 81
Bishop Heelan 84	Bishop Heelan 86	Bishop Heelan 95

*5th Grade Level

Grade 8

Reading	Math	Science
State of Iowa 75.5	State of Iowa 76	State of Iowa 84
Sioux City Schools 71	Sioux City Schools 69	Sioux City Schools 79
Bishop Heelan 90	Bishop Heelan 84	Bishop Heelan 93

Grade 11

Reading	Math	Science
State of Iowa 80	State of Iowa 83	State of Iowa 80
Sioux City Schools 75.5	Sioux City Schools 76	Sioux City Schools 75
Bishop Heelan 88	Bishop Heelan 95	Bishop Heelan 96

Complete Composite Percentile Rank of Average Heelan High Student by Grade.

9	97
10	96
11	94

ACT Average 2015

Bishop Heelan	23.8
State of Iowa	22.2
Sioux City Schools	20.7
National	21

System at a Glance 2015-16

Namesake

Bishop Edmond Heelan, 1919-1948
Sioux City Diocese

PK-12 Enrollment

1,600

Employees

175 faculty and staff members

Parish Affiliations

8 parishes

Faith

Catholic and other faiths

Choice

Area's only private multi-school system

Heelan High School Alumni

11,000

Our Schools and Principals

Bishop Heelan High School	Chris Bork	Grades 9-12
Holy Cross St. Michael		PK & Grades K-2
Holy Cross Blessed Sacrament	Michael Sweeney	Grades 3-8
Mater Dei Immaculate Conception		PK & Grades K-4
Mater Dei Nativity	Mary Fischer	Grades 5-8
Sacred Heart School	Kate Connealy	PK & Grades K-8

Accreditations and Memberships

Diocese of Sioux City
North Central Accreditation
Iowa Department of Education
National Catholic Education Association
Iowa High School Athletic Association
Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union
Iowa High School Music Association
Iowa High School Speech Association



Our Schools by the Numbers

\$5,675

K-8 Tuition



\$7,710

High School Tuition



70%

Receive Financial Aid

543
High School students

1,600
PK-12 students



23.8

Average ACT Score for the 2015 class



\$11

Million in college scholarships were offered to graduates in 2015



11%

non-catholic student body

8

Parishes support our schools



17

High School Clubs & Activities



84%

High schoolers participated in college credit courses



46%

received SILVER CORD community service honors



100%

Graduation Rate for the class of 2015

98%

of Heelan graduates WENT TO COLLEGE



175

Teachers



11,000

Heelan High Alumni



5

Heelan seniors honored for high test scores by the National Merit Corporation



19

High School Varsity Sports



47

Elementary students were in the Wizard of Oz Musical



5:1 ETHNICALLY DIVERSE

20

students average class size

653,109

meals assembled by 5-12 graders for the poor in Honduras since 2012.

