

June 3, 2021

## Welcome Mrs. Hefer!

St. Dominic School is excited to announce that Mrs. Judy Hefer will be joining our staff as our new 2nd Grade Teacher. Welcome Mrs. Hefer!

Hello St. Dominic School! My name is Judy Hefer, and I am very excited to be joining the faculty and staff of St. Dominic School. I have served as both a teacher and a principal in our Diocese. My recent teaching experience includes teaching 5th-7th grades on the Standing Rock Reservation at St. Bernard Mission School. When I returned to Northfield seven years ago, I expanded my work experience at Three Links Apartments as a Service Coordinator where the duties included my area of expertise - lifelong learning.



My husband and I raised our family here in Northfield over the past 20 years, and we are parishioners of St. Dominic. I think of Northfield as my home, however I am originally from St. Louis, MO. In my spare time I enjoy quilting and embroidery, playing cards and board games, going for walks, and traveling. (Yes, I am related to the Kitchen Manager!)

## Saying Goodbye....

It is with sadness that we announce that Mrs. Amanda Rauenhorst is leaving St. Dominic School. We are grateful for the many years she has given of her time and talents to help our youngest students to learn and grow!

We are hiring a new Preschool Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. If you know of someone who would be a great fit for our SDS family, please share the [job posting](#) with them.

**FREE**  
**SUMMER MEALS**  
Curbside Pick up Breakfast & Lunches

**WHO:** Anyone 18 years old and younger

**WHERE:** Northfield High School Door #1 1400 Division Street South OR Greenvale Park Elementary Door #2 500 Lincoln Pkwy

**WHEN:** Mondays & Wednesdays 11:30am-12:30pm starting June 14, 2021

Monday Meals include 2 breakfasts & 2 lunches  
Wednesday Meals include 3 breakfasts & 3 lunches

## Northfield Library Summer Program

Registration starts Monday for the [Summer Library](#) program!

## AIM Higher Scholarships

Summer Scholarship applications for NEW K-8 students and families are now being accepted through the AIM Higher Foundation. Scholarships are awarded on a rolling basis throughout the summer. Visit the [AIM Higher Website](#) for more information.

## iPad Accessories

TADS accounts were billed for missing or damaged iPad accessories (charging cables, cases...) and/or damaged iPads.

## SDS Finishes STRONG in Literacy!

At St. Dominic School, we just completed our second year with the Believe and Read literacy/writing curriculum in partnership with Groves Academy. As part of this second year in the program, our K-3 classroom teachers, along with our Enrichment Teacher, focused on closing the gap for as many of our students as possible.

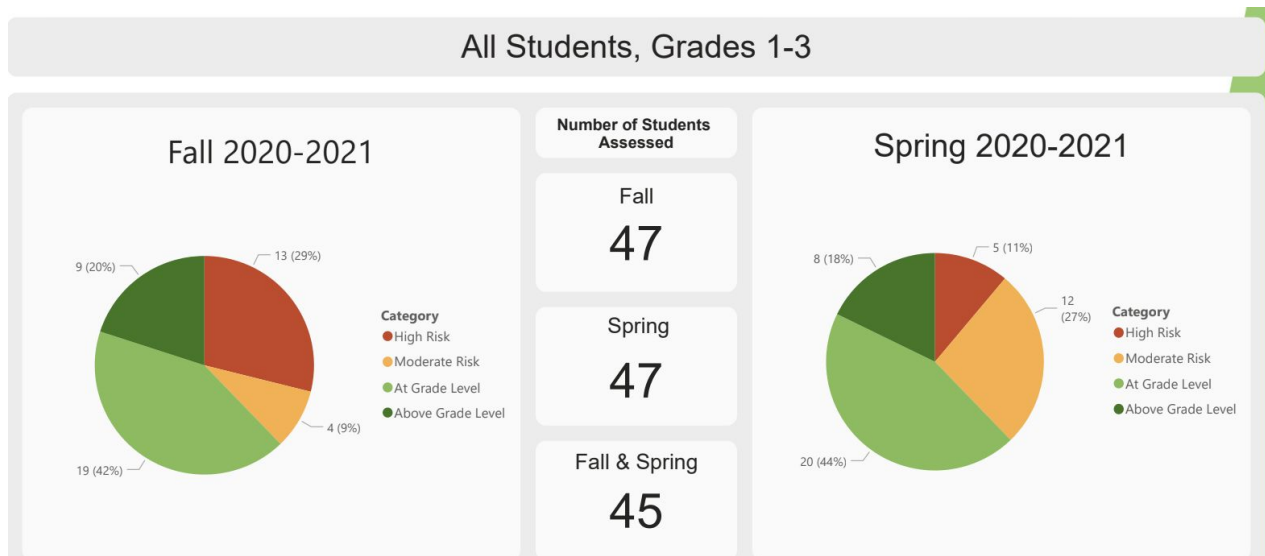
In addition to everyday whole group instruction, students in our high risk and moderate risk categories also received:

- 2-3 days per week of small group instruction with their classroom teacher
- An additional 2-3 days per week of individual/small group instruction with our Enrichment Teacher

The investment that our school and CSCOE have made in our students paid off in dividends during the 2020-2021 school year. We are thrilled with the progress our students and teachers made this year!

### Highlights!

- In Fall 2020, 29% of our Gr. 1-3 students were considered high risk for not meeting grade level benchmarks in Literacy. By May 2021, we reduced our high risk students to only 11%.
- Every one of our 3rd grade students moved out of the high risk category by the end of the year. This means that every student has closed the gap for literacy and is ready for 4th grade.
- In our 1st grade classroom, we closed the gap for 28% of the students in just one academic year!
- All of our teachers and St. Dominic School have met the criteria to be a Certified Believe and Read School!



Tier: ■ Low Risk ■ Moderate Risk ■ High Risk

## 1st Grade Students' Progress Throughout 2020-2021

In fall 2020, only 50% of our students met 1st grade literacy benchmarks. By spring, 78% of our students had met their literacy benchmark. Within one school year (*during a pandemic*) we were able to close the gap for 28% of our 1st grade students!

