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St. Robert School Earns Exemplary Awards for Academic Excellence and Technology Integration

SHOREWOOD, WIS., June 20, 2016—St. Robert School completed its centennial school year on a high note with the Archdiocese of Milwaukee awarding the school Exemplary Recognition School Awards for both Academic Excellence and Technology Integration. The esteemed awards were earned by 11 of the Archdiocese's 109 schools.



“St. Robert School’s 100-year commitment to the highest standards of scholarship and human ideals is the foundation for contemporary innovations and creativity aimed at preparing each of our school’s 300 students to be Life Smart. The Archdiocese’s Exemplary Awards provide recognition that reflects the hard work and dedication of our faculty, students and parents,” said Lauren Beckmann, school principal.

The Archdiocese’s Exemplary Recognition Program, based on the National Standards and Benchmarks for Effective Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools, is a process for identifying schools meeting rigorous standards of excellence in any of four categories. Schools are selected for category-specific site evaluation visits based on narrative applications. Evaluation teams are comprised of field-specific experts, including university academics and outstanding practitioners. The site visits include extensive interviews of representative faculty, parents, and students, along with a review of supporting artifacts and live observations of classroom instruction.

Distinguishing factors noted by the evaluation team were:

- The school provides rigorous and coherent learning expectations for all students.
- Classroom instruction is designed to engage and motivate *all* students, addressing diverse learning needs and accommodating students with special needs.
- Assessments are varied and aligned with articulated learner outcomes.
- Schoolwide data is utilized to monitor, review and evaluate the curriculum and student growth.

- The teachers are engaged in collaborative learning focused on continuous improvement of curriculum, instruction and assessment practices to assure the highest levels of student achievement.
- Students are engaged in creative thinking and development of innovative products and solutions.
- Students work collaboratively in a digital environment to support their own learning and contribute to the learning of others.
- Students use critical thinking skills to plan and conduct research, manage projects, solve problems and make decisions.
- Teachers incorporate contemporary tools and work processes to maximize content learning.
- The administrator inspires and leads the development and implementation of a shared vision for comprehensive technology integration and promotes and sustains a culture that provides a rigorous, relevant and engaging education for all students.

In addition to earning two Exemplary Awards, St. Robert School has distinguished itself in and out of the classroom. Some noteworthy accomplishments include the fact that the average class size is 18 students; students begin to learn Spanish in first grade; it is the only elementary school in the Archdiocese to teach French; 45 percent of the students participate in instrumental music programs; middle school students volunteered 554 service hours; and 121 students participated in athletic programs including basketball, volleyball and track. In addition, the school offers an array of after-school programs including music, drama, forensics, creative writing, chess, yearbook and the student newspaper.

St. Robert School is currently scheduling tours and enrolling new students for the 2016/17 academic year. For more information, please call 414-332-1164 ext. 4 or visit [http://www.strobert.org/school/Prospective Parents 0093](http://www.strobert.org/school/Prospective%20Parents%200093).

About St. Robert School

For 100 years, St. Robert School has served the community by partnering with parents to nurture the minds, bodies and spirit of children. The student body is comprised of 300 students in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. With an average class size of just 18 students, teachers are able to inspire the unique achievement potential of each learner. In its centennial year, the school achieved the esteemed distinction of earning Exemplary Recognition School Awards for both Academic Excellence and Technology Integration from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. For more information about the school's innovative curriculum and dynamic student life, please visit www.strobert.org/school.

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