

OLG SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

Accreditation Results

The MNSAA team delivered a report to Our Lady of Grace which praises and affirms our school and school community. Cited as OLG's most significant strengths were:

- A highly professional and dedicated administrative team, faculty, and staff who all work collaboratively to meet the mission of the school.
- A strong parent involvement, including an impressive number of volunteers, which provides valuable support for the teachers and the school.
- The curriculum, professional teacher development, and differentiated instruction foster a strong emphasis on academic excellence which, in turn, is shown in the students' commitment to learning.
- A commendable investment in current technology that supports the curriculum and enhances instruction and communication.
- A warm, welcoming school climate that shows students and staff living their Catholic Identity.

In its work, the MNSAA team interviewed over 300 students, teachers, staff, board members, parents, and others and visited every classroom at least once. The report's introduction concluded that:

OUR LADY OF GRACE CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2008-09 BOARD MEMBERS

Fr. Bob Schwartz, Pastor	Mrs. Maureen Trenary, Principal
Mrs. Sheila Letscher, Chair	Mr. Greg Appelhof
Mr. Michael Davies	Mr. Ted Garrity
Mrs. Angela Graf	Mr. Jeff Hansen
Mrs. Karen Larson	Mrs. Heather Rocheford
Mrs. Pat Wertwijn	Mrs. Mia Liebl, PSO

"Our Lady of Grace School has superb facilities, a national reputation for academic excellence, an enthusiastic and well-qualified staff, and parents who strongly support the education their children receive. Our Lady of Grace School also remains committed to its Catholic identity and its mission statement to be a Catholic community.

In our conversations with the children we heard words such as "opportunity," "faith," and "caring." These words, probably better than anything this report contains, characterize Our Lady of Grace School."

Copies of the entire accreditation report are available in the school office, and the full set of commendations and other comments from the report are posted with this issue of the *School Board News* on the school's home page. We are grateful to the administration and faculty for their work in guiding us through another wonderfully successful accreditation process and for the countless other ways they contribute to our faith community.

New School Board Members

We welcome Sheila Folkestad, Tim Karlen and Julie Sullivan as new School Board members beginning in the 2009-10 school year. Each will serve a three year term. Our "retiring" school board members are Greg Appelhof, Jeff Hansen and Sheila Letscher. We thank them for their diligent and valuable service to the school!