

St. Emily School

MEETING MINUTES

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM
November 20th, 2025

TOPIC: To foster Catholic education, advise administration and support the mission of St. Emily Catholic School.

Attendees: School Advisory Board Members
Facilitator: School Advisory Board President, Janine Schoen
Note Keeper: Janine Schoen (TBD)

MEETING MINUTES:

7:05 p.m. Fr. Presta led us in prayer.

Minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Pastor's Report:

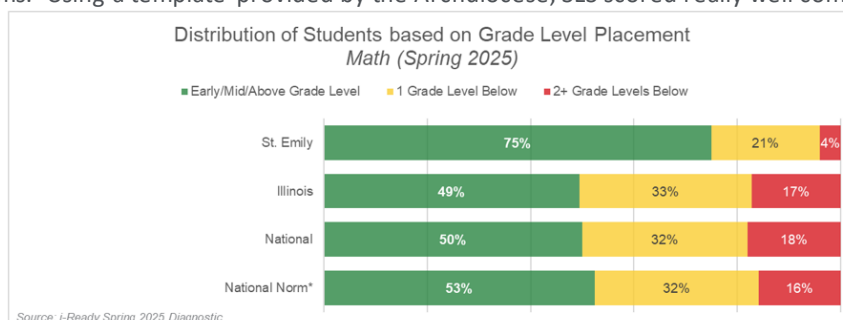
- Advent Calendars to be passed out to all classrooms.
- Fr. Carlos and Fr. Presta are planning to hear confessions of students in Grade 3 – 8 after Thanksgiving.
- Students will be attending mass on 12/8 for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holy day of obligation
- Children's Envelopes for Sunday Mass have been sent home to be used for what's left of 2025 and all of 2026.
- Fr. Presta has recently spent time teaching PreK3 – 3rd grade students, and will be returning to teach the remaining grades.

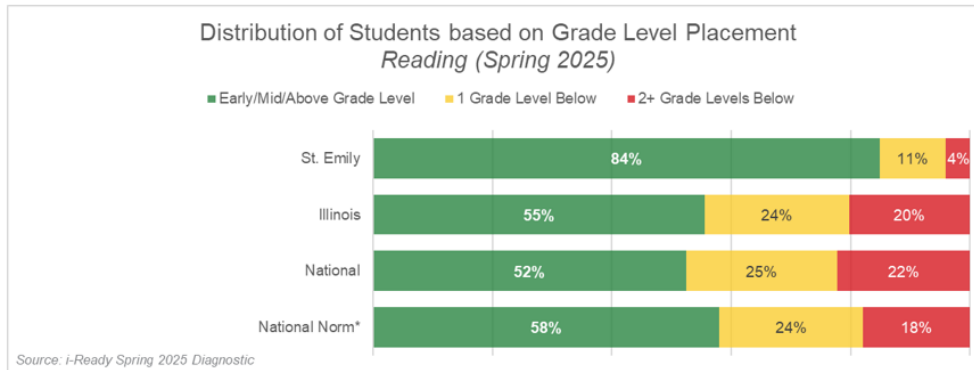
Principal's Report:

- At the end of the 1st quarter, 20% of the 5th – 8th graders earned high honors and 43% earned honors status.

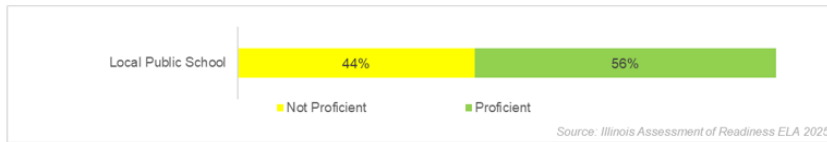
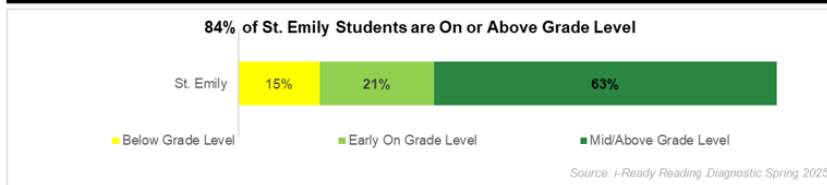
| | 6th Grade | 7th Grade | 8th Grade |
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| High Honors | 9 | 2 | 11 |
| Honors | 14 | 17 | 15 |

- Four 8th graders and eleven 7th graders were inducted in our chapter of the National Junior Honor Society
- Review of Spring i-Ready Diagnostics was conducted. SES Students did very well in comparison to national, state, and archdiocesan norms. Using a template provided by the Archdiocese, SES scored really well compared to local public schools.

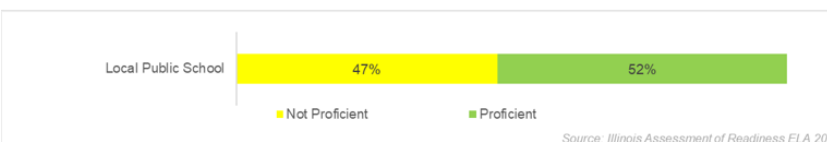
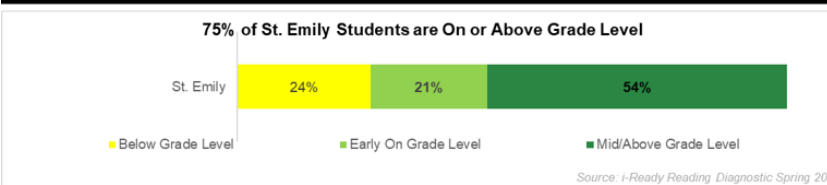




St. Emily and Local Public School District Spring 2025 ELA



St. Emily and Local Public School District Spring 2025 MATH



- 8th grade girls volleyball team is a conference champion! 7th grade girls volleyball placed 2nd in Conference.
- 8 athletes qualified for the IESA State Finals; 5 of our 8 athletes earned their personal best records with the other three just seconds off, and our boys team finished 20th in the state!
- 6 families attended the Discover Catholic Schools Open House. (4 PreK students, 3 Kindergarten students)
- Discussed opening the “specials” classes during Open Houses so families can see the Art, Music, Spanish, and Tech classrooms.
- Suggestion to plan in advance which early education classrooms would be open for future Early Childhood Open houses
- We currently have 1,224 Facebook followers and 614 Instagram followers.

Athletics Report

- Volleyball recap was reviewed. Congratulations to the 7th and 8th grade girls and their coaches; Ms. Bridget Gawlik and Mrs. Kelly Rizzo.
- Boys and Girls Basketball is now in the 2025 season and practices and games have begun.
- SES Basketball Teams need parent volunteers to help during the games: managing the entry door, concession stand, scorebook and scoreboard.
- 2025 Basketball Crosstown Showdown at Northwestern Welsh-Ryan Arena on December 16th. 8th grade boys basketball team will be scrimmaging St. Raymonds during halftime. Tickets are available for \$30 each- funds raised will benefit Athletics.

Development

- School Board led fundraising/development ideas were discussed. It was decided that School Board would hold off on fundraising.
- Development will therefore be removed from future School Board Agendas.

Finance

- The financial report was posted in last week's bulletin. No financial concerns were noted and the parish remains in stable financial condition.

FSA

- Lou Malnatis sales were down this year.
- Teacher's Luncheon was held with an Oktoberfest theme and was catered by Illusion Café.
- Noodle's and Company Dine and Share yielded approximately \$100 more than last year.
- Santa's Workshop is in full swing.
- Breakfast with Santa is approaching on 12/6 and will feature food, games and crafts. Both seatings are sold out.
- A teacher's luncheon will also take place in December.
- The Scholastic Book Fair is taking place during Discover Catholic Schools week
- Fun Fair is taking place on January 30th.

Marketing

- A routine has been established for Open Houses
- The 2026 Marketing Campaign is "We Saved a Seat for You"
- Current enrollment is 409

New Business

- SES is starting an AV (audio visual) club and as of the meeting 3 students have registered.
- School Advisory Board Vacancies – we currently have two vacancies. There is no formal process in place to recruit new members. Current members were asked to email Ms. Booth and Fr. Presta with any recommendations they may have for potential new members. Ms. Booth and Fr. Presta will ultimately make the decision and extend formal invitations to selected candidates.

8:15 p.m. Closing Prayer

Next meeting: November 20, 2026 at 7pm