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ST. WENCESLAUS ELEMENTARY

St. Wenceslaus School has served the community at Wahoo for over 65 years. Records dated back to 1920 indicate it was staffed by the Benedictine Sisters for 13 years. During the early years it encompassed grades one through ten. The Sisters lived in the school, and students were allowed to board there.

In 1923 the Notre Dame Sisters from Omaha agreed to teach at St. Wenceslaus. They have stayed on to the present date.

The first Marian Sisters came in 1967 and the first lay teacher began in 1956. The first lay principal was employed in 1973. Through the years the enrollment has gone from 109 students in 1923 to the peak year, 1963 with 298 students; present enrollment is 160.

St. Wenceslaus School now contains grades one through eight. The grades one through five are self-contained with a student-teacher ratio of 15 to 1.

The Religion Department at St. Wenceslaus has continued to be active through the years. Students plan their weekly Masses. All grades strive to bring Christian enjoyment to the people in our community. The students entertain at the Senior Citizen's Center, visit the elderly, and provide the music for the Saturday evening Mass.

Band has been a part of the curriculum at St. Wenceslaus since the first group was formed in 1958, the same year the 11th grade was added. Two years later the 12th grade was added.

1957 marked the year that Jr. High sports were introduced at St. Wenceslaus. At that time only boys' football and basketball were offered. Today, both boys and girls are offered a variety of athletic programs.

We feel that St. Wenceslaus School has been progressive and yet has retained the good aspects of its past. We are proud to continue to serve this community.