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John 1:5-7



Annual Report
July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

**ST. JOHN CATHOLIC
SCHOOL**

A Ministry of St. John
The Evangelist Parish

DEAR ST. JOHN COMMUNITY



As we reflect on another year of growth at St. John Catholic School, we want to express our gratitude to Ms. Bernadette O'Leary, who has dedicated her heart and soul to our community for the past 13 years.

After nearly 40 years in Catholic education, including 13 years as our principal, Ms. O'Leary leaves behind a remarkable legacy of love, faith, and excellence. Her commitment to nurturing the spiritual and academic growth of every student profoundly impacted countless children and families.

Her leadership, guided by NSBECS standards—Catholic Identity, Governance and Leadership, Academic Excellence, and Operational Vitality—helped St. John navigate both celebrations and challenges, including our Centennial celebration and the pandemic. Ms. O'Leary embodied the mission to make Catholic education accessible and welcoming, fostering an inclusive community that shines as a beacon of faith.

We are especially grateful for her thoughtful planning, which strengthened our Catholic identity, expanded our academic offerings, and secured another term of accreditation. Her efforts with the Endowment and Fair Share programs have ensured our school's future vitality, benefiting generations to come.

On behalf of the entire St. John community, we extend our deepest thanks to Ms. O'Leary for her exceptional service and leadership. We wish her every blessing in her well-deserved retirement, confident that the strong foundation she has built will continue to flourish.

"Well done," Ms. O'Leary—you are our Soaring Eagle! Thank you for your faith, guidance, and dedication to Catholic education. You have embodied our mission and drawn us closer to God. You will always be part of the St. John family.

With gratitude and blessings,
St. John Parish School

Thank You Father Crispin Okoth.



On behalf of St. John Catholic School, we extend our gratitude for your 16 years of unwavering dedication and service to our community. Your gentle smile, calm demeanor, and steadfast faith have left an indelible mark on all of us, especially the children. They adored you, not only as a spiritual leader but as a cherished presence in their lives, guiding them with kindness and grace.

We celebrate the many wonderful memories you've helped create at our School and Parish. From school Masses to your classroom visits, you consistently shared your love and wisdom, bringing warmth and joy to every encounter. The students, staff, and families of St. John will remember your generosity of spirit and the special connection you built with each of us.

As you move on to your new role as Parochial Vicar at Holy Spirit Parish in Kent, we wish you every blessing in this next chapter of your ministry. While we will miss you dearly, we are confident that your new community will be as fortunate as we have been to know your care and leadership. With hearts full of gratitude, we say "Asante Sana" for all you have done for St. John. May God continue to bless you abundantly in all that lies ahead.

With love and appreciation,
St. John Parish School

NEW FACULTY



Stephanie Lynch St. John School welcomed Chef Stephanie Lynch, who brings over 30 years of culinary experience. Her background spans catering, fine dining, large-scale food operations, and consulting. In addition to her professional career, Chef Stephanie has spent the last decade involved in her son's education and serving as Auction Chair at Ballard H.S. Most recently, she worked in food service at Bishop Blanchet High School. Chef Stephanie is excited to continue the tradition of offering fresh, healthy, and creative meals at St. John, while adding her own innovative touches to our lunch program.



Jana Kohler St. John is pleased to welcome Mrs. Kohler as our primary PE teacher and second-grade assistant. With a distinguished athletic background as an All-American in Javelin and Heptathlon, Mrs. Kohler ranked 19th in the U.S. for Heptathlon in 1986 and qualified for the Olympic trials in 1997. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Sport Management and Health & Physical Education from Slippery Rock University in 1984 and began her coaching career at the University of Pittsburgh, where she focused on field and multi-event athletes. After coaching, she served as Athletic Director and Health & PE teacher at Holy Names Academy from 1997 to 2010 before teaching in Seattle Public Schools for thirteen years. Missing Catholic education, Mrs. Kohler returned to St. John, where her grandchildren are in sixth and third grades.

RETIRED



Frances Quevedo After 28 years of dedicated service, Mrs. Frances Quevedo, who began working as the Front Office Assistant at St. John in 1996, announced her retirement. Known affectionately as "Mrs. Q.," she provided an unwavering presence in the school office, managing phones, tracking attendance, and handling countless daily tasks—whether delivering forgotten lunches or prepping ice bags for recess. Beyond her meticulous record-keeping, Mrs. Quevedo was a listener, offering comfort and support to students and staff alike. We are grateful for her years of service and wish her all the best in retirement. We love you and thank you!



Mary VandePutte After 13 years as the School's Development Assistant, Mrs. Mary VandePutte announced her retirement last spring. Throughout her tenure, Mrs. VandePutte has worked diligently behind the scenes, providing invaluable support for all aspects of development. Her attention to detail in fundraising, tracking donor contributions, and preparing financial data for publication has been exemplary. We extend our gratitude to Mrs. VandePutte for her commitment to our school's mission and wish her all the best in her retirement. You will be missed!

IN MEMORIAM



Anthony (Tony) Paul Baxter (1949-2023)

Tony Baxter, a beloved member of the St. John community, left an indelible mark through his dedicated service to both our School and Parish. Alongside his wife Lorna, Tony led the St. John Youth Group for many years, fostering connections that endure to this day. Tony was a regular at nearly every St. John School auction, where his generosity to the school was evident and deeply appreciated. His passion for mentoring young people and his active participation in the church reflected his deep commitment to nurturing faith and community. Tony's kindness, humor, and unwavering support will be missed by all who knew him, and we honor the lasting legacy he leaves at St. John.



James Edward Volk (1932-2023) James Volk, a steadfast member of the St. John Catholic School and Parish community, passed away on April 3, 2023, at the age of 90. A Navy veteran with a strong work ethic, Jim and his late wife Jan were active supporters of St. John, with all of their children attending the school. The Volk family consistently gave their time and talents to both the School and Parish, embodying the spirit of service that defines our community. Jim will be fondly remembered for his warm presence, devotion to family, and lasting contributions to St. John.



Arlene "Peach" Harrington (1954-2024)

Peach was a cherished member of the St. John School and Parish community for nearly four decades. Known for her kind heart, she devoted countless hours to both the School and the Parish, volunteering with the St. Vincent de Paul Society and serving as Den Mom for her sons' Cub Scout Troops. She was a familiar face in the 8:30 a.m. choir, where she sang for 25 years, contributing to the joyful spirit of parish life. Peach's passion for education extended beyond her professional life, as she continued to nurture young minds by volunteering in her grandchildren's classrooms. Her deep commitment to her family, faith, and service leaves an enduring legacy at St. John.



Lawrence "Larry" Everett Porter (1924-2024)

Larry, a beloved member of St. John the Evangelist Parish for 38 years, left us on March 15, 2024, at the age of 99. Larry was known for his warm spirit, regularly waving to kindergarten students through their classroom windows, and his kind gesture of bringing cookies to the staff. His commitment to faith, family, and community was unwavering, with a life full of service both to his country and his church. Even into his 90s, Larry's vibrant love of life could be seen as he helped at church, shared laughter with neighbors, or enjoyed the breeze at Shilshole marina. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.



Principal Search

We wish to express our gratitude to Matt Diefenbach and the Principal Search Committee, including Pam Schwartz from the Office for Catholic Schools, for their diligent work in selecting our new principal. After months of surveying parents and faculty, developing a job description, and interviewing candidates, they recommended Ms. Abby Mansfield, who began her role as principal of St. John School on July 1, 2024. A dedicated member of our Parish and School community for 15 years, Ms. Mansfield taught multiple subjects including middle school religion. She served in various leadership roles and is committed to fostering a welcoming, inclusive environment. The committee recognized her passion for St. John, commitment to Catholic education, and strong desire to nurture relationships between the School and Parish. Ms. Mansfield worked closely with Principal O’Leary over the following months for a smooth transition, and we are confident she will bring great joy and strong leadership to our school.



Partners in the Gospel

On July 1, 2024, as part of the Archdiocese of Seattle’s Partners in the Gospel initiative, 136 parishes were united into 60 parish families, including eight stand-alone parishes. Under the leadership of Pastor Fr. Colin Parrish, St. John the Evangelist became part of a new parish family with St. Benedict and St. Alphonsus. Over the past year, our faculty and staff actively engaged in understanding and discussing the Partners in the Gospel process during the input and consultation phase. This transition marks the beginning of a three-year journey, during which each parish family will work toward forming one new canonical parish while re-envisioning how to best serve their communities. Archbishop Paul D. Etienne commemorated this historic moment with a letter to the People of God, and parishioners welcomed Fr. Colin Parrish at an all-parish picnic, celebrating this new chapter in the life of our School and Parish.



Guest Speaker

We were thrilled to welcome back Dr. James Knight for another inspiring student assembly this year. Dr. Knight is an esteemed educator, coach, mentor, consultant, author, speaker, and equity and inclusion strategist. His work is deeply rooted in a Catholic perspective, focusing on leading with humility and serving others. Driven by his passion for people, Dr. Knight embraces a servant-leader approach, aiming to elevate those he serves through education and empowerment. His mission, “education+empowerment=elevation,” resonated with our students, leaving them inspired and equipped to make a positive impact in their communities.



7th Grade Service

Our seventh graders, as part of their Missionary Discipleship Curriculum, organized a bake sale and visited Mary’s Place to help clean and organize supplies. They raised \$2,070, which was matched through the Mary’s Place Dream Big campaign, doubling their impact. We are grateful for our community’s enthusiastic support in making this effort a success.



The Seattle Opera Returns to St. John School

The Seattle Opera returned to St. John School with a vibrant production of *Monkey & Francine in the City of Tigers*, performed for Grades K-5 and Drama Elective students. This year’s opera masterfully blended folktales from India, China, and West Africa, telling the story of Monkey and his clever sister, Francine, as they outsmart a hungry crocodile and the greedy Lord of the Tigers. Featuring a unique mix of musical styles, from Bollywood to Ethiopian jazz and classical, the opera emphasizes the importance of teamwork and the power of combining individual strengths to overcome challenges.



Jog-a-thon 2024

The 11th annual St. John School Jog-a-thon, presented by The Saki Group and Springfree Trampoline, is one of the most exciting days of the year for our students! Enthusiasm filled the air as kids donned their decorated

Jog-a-thon t-shirts, vibrant costumes, and wild hair-styles, ready to run their hearts out. The energy and excitement were contagious as the students took off with a cheer "Ready, Set...Go!" As our second-largest fundraiser of the year, we are incredibly grateful to our generous donors, whose contributions helped raise an astounding \$114,000. These funds go directly to our operating budget, supporting the educational needs of St. John students. Thank you for making this event such a success!



May is National Bike Month

This year, the Cascade Bicycle Club expanded participation to include rolling options like scooters, wheelchairs, skateboards, and walking as ways to engage in

active transportation. For the second consecutive year, St. John School won the city trophy for the most students riding to school in a single day. This year, we set a new record with over 300 students and families rolling to school.

Kids Heart Challenge Thanks to our incredible St. John community, our students raised over \$18,000 in the Kids Heart Challenge, ranking us #11 out of 366 schools in Washington. Alumna Mili Gentzkow and parent Chad Brown, our St. John Heart Heroes, inspired students by sharing the importance of heart health. Through this program, students learned about heart health, enjoyed fun activities, and supported kids with special hearts. The funds raised also earned new PE equipment for our school. We're proud of our students' dedication and for everyone's support!



Emergency Preparedness Highlander Six

St. John Catholic School prioritizes student safety through regular emergency preparedness drills, including fire, earthquake, and evacuation procedures. Partnering with Highlander Six, an All-Hazard Risk Mitigation Consulting company, our faculty and staff received ongoing safety training, ensuring the school is well-prepared for a range of emergencies. Throughout the year, students practiced essential safety protocols, such as Stop, Drop, and Cover, building evacuations, and family reunification plans, helping to create a secure environment for our entire community.





Playground Re-dedication

We celebrated the re-dedication of the Officer Jackson Lone Memorial Playground with a beautiful ceremony. Our Cantionis choir performed the Star-Spangled

Banner, and Vice Principal Kelley and Principal O'Leary spoke about the significance of the playground, dedicated to St. John alumnus Officer Jackson V. Lone, who tragically lost his life in the line of duty 19 years ago. Seattle Police leaders shared touching remarks about Officer Lone's legacy, emphasizing the importance of this space as a place of joy and laughter. Father Crispin blessed the playground, and we extend our gratitude to Mrs. Villanueva for leading the choir, our supportive parents and community members, as well as the Seattle Police Department representatives. A special thanks to Broderick Architects, Northwest Playground Equipment Inc., and Forever Lawn for their work in creating this renewed space for fun and play.

A Fête for Principal O'Leary

On May 19, St. John School hosted a memorable celebration honoring Principal O'Leary's remarkable 13 years of service to our school and over 40 years dedicated to Catholic education. The day began with a special Mass at 10:30 a.m., where the community came together in gratitude. Following the Mass, a reception featured a special presentation of student Irish dancers, live music, and the joyful participation of friends, families, and colleagues, all expressing their appreciation, sharing memories, and showering her with love. The event was a beautiful tribute to a leader who has profoundly impacted the lives of so many in our community.



Auction: The 39th Annual St. John School Auction

A Novel Soiree was a best-seller! Held at Fremont Studios, the St. John community came together to make this auction a success, whether through donating

items, volunteering, or raising bid cards high. The evening celebrated Ms. O'Leary and Father Crispin, featured a beautiful performance by the Cantionis choir, and showcased incredible classroom art. Through donations, sponsorships, live and online items, Fund-a-Need, and raffle tickets, we raised over \$321,000 for the school! Thank you for your generosity and to the many volunteers who donated their time. We are profoundly thankful for your support of St. John School.

Middle School Musical

Congratulations to our amazing *Frozen Jr.* cast and crew! The Middle School Musical was a wonderful performance, with students working together to deliver a fantastic show. Under the direction of Kari Aguila and her team, including David Benefiel, Erin Kalanquin, Meghan Villanueva and many dedicated volunteers, the students sang, danced, and captivated the audience. What a magical treat for everyone who attended! Thank you to our sponsors and volunteers who helped make this production a success.





A Send-off Celebration for Father Crispin

On June 30, our St. John community gathered to honor Father Crispin as he celebrated his last Mass with us. Ordained in 1990, Father Crispin has devoted 34 years to the priesthood, half of which were spent serving our Parish. The pews and aisles were filled with families, friends, and parish members, all coming together to express gratitude for his unwavering dedication and leadership. The celebration was filled with singing, dancing, laughter, and tears as we bid farewell to our beloved head angel. We wish Father Crispin all the best in his new position as Parochial Vicar at Holy Spirit

Parish in Kent and St. John the Baptist Parish in Covington. Thank you to all our volunteers, the Parish staff, the Catholic Women Association, and the Kenyan Catholic Community Choir for making this celebration truly memorable. Asante Sana, Fr. Crispin!

Catholic Schools Week

Students and staff enjoyed another successful Catholic Schools Week, celebrating the theme *Hearts Transformed, Minds Prepared, Mission Ready*. The week began with a joyful All-School Mass, followed by a vibrant Open House and Book Fair. Special activities engaged the entire St. John community, including a Monday tribute to parents and volunteers, a Tuesday Spelling Bee, and a Wednesday celebration where students honored their teachers with flowers and dressed as their favorite book characters. Thursday inspired students to envision their future selves through vocation discussions. The week culminated in an exciting Spirit Day, where the school was a sea of purple and gold. Students played games, and eighth graders challenged teachers in volleyball and basketball, while everyone enjoyed a free lunch courtesy of the Parent Association and the kitchen staff. Thank you to all our parents and teachers for creating a memorable Catholic Schools Week.



New Band Program

We are excited to announce the growth of our band program at St. John School, which featured both an Intermediate and a Beginning Band. This year, our dedicated musicians worked hard, practicing diligently before the start of each school day. Their efforts culminated in a wonderful performance at the spring concert, where they showcased their skills and passion for music. Thank you to Mr. White, our devoted band teacher, for his guidance and support in nurturing these young musicians. We appreciate his commitment and look forward to the band program's continued success.

Representative

Congratulations to Eli O., an eighth-grade student at St. John School, for his outstanding advocacy efforts! Eli met with Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal to advocate for federal funding of medical research and healthcare affordability for the Type 1 Diabetes community. We are proud of his dedication and thank him for representing our school and community with such conviction. This follows his visit to Washington D.C. last July to meet with Senators Cantwell and Murray. Keep up the great work, Eli!



Spelling Bee

The annual Spelling Bee had everyone on the edge of their seats. You could hear a pin drop as students faced off, spelling their words with impressive focus and determination. Four students from each grade level, third through eighth, competed in this year's contest. The competition was so intense that we had to extend the event into the following day to determine the winner. Congratulations to eighth grader Amelia E., who claimed the title of Spelling Bee Champion for the second consecutive year and to seventh grader Lila E., the talented runner-up!



National History Day

St. John eighth grade students excelled at the North Puget Sound Regional Competition for National History Day. Ten students qualified for the state competition. Notable achievements included Addy M. and Zoe V. earning 1st Place in Group Exhibit, Cora H. securing 2nd Place in Individual Exhibit, and Emerson S. and Myla S. taking 3rd Place in Group Exhibit. Additionally, Maria Elena N.S. and Jada W. finished 3rd in Group Documentary A, while Audrey B., Lucy R., and Sophia D. claimed 3rd in Group Documentary B. Students dedicated months to preparing their documentaries, exhibits, websites, and papers for this prestigious competition. Well done, eighth graders!



Exchange Students

St. John School participated in the Global Reach/Seattle Junior Study Abroad Program, welcoming Japanese exchange students Miu, Suzuki, Ami, Sasa, Hiona, Rino, and Yuu. These students stayed with host families from our community and engaged with middle school classes, sharing cultural insights despite being new to English. They bravely gave presentations on Japanese architecture, food, school life, and anime to St. John classes. The exchange fostered friendship and cross-cultural learning, and we warmly invite them back to St. John School anytime.



Ambassadors

The St. John Eagle Ambassadors play a vital role as our school leaders, embodying the spirit of community and service. These dedicated students assist with touring prospective families and supporting various school events, showcasing the welcoming environment of our school.

Through their involvement, they not only promote St. John but also develop essential leadership skills and a deep sense of care for others. The Eagle Ambassadors exemplify our commitment to fostering leadership and service in our students, helping to create a positive and inclusive atmosphere for all.

Service Projects

Our community generously gave its time and resources to support local food pantries, unhoused youth, farmworkers in the region, students in developing nations and our many neighbors far and wide. We are especially proud that many of these service projects were led by our students; they are truly empowered disciples. Service projects included: Blessing of the Backpacks, Martina Apartments, Hygiene Drive, Unbound Bake Sale, Donation Drives for Westside Baby, Holiday Food Drives – and so many other service events.



National Speech & Debate Association Honor Society Awards

St. John School proudly recognizes our 2024 National

Speech & Debate Association Honor Society award recipients, whose communication skills have positively impacted our school and community. Congratulations to Mattea W., Jada W., Zoe V., Emerson S., Olivia O., Parker M., and Noelle E.-L., who were awarded the Degree of Honor for completing over 75 competition and service hours. Special recognition goes to Maria Elena N.S. and Aspen P., recipients of the Degree of Excellence for over 150 hours. We also celebrate Ms. O'Leary, Aspen P., and Maria Elena N.S. for being featured in *Rostrum* magazine for their commitment to equity in speech and debate. Additionally, congratulations to our competition award winners: Aspen P. for Most Inspirational Speaker, Frannie M. for Humorous Interpretation, and Zoe V. & Emerson S. for Dual Interpretation at various competitions.

Math Team

The St. John math program continues to excel, highlighted by our Math Olympiads team of fifth and sixth graders. They meet regularly to practice problem-solving skills and compete in five contests each season against teams from every state and 30 countries. Last year, our team placed in the highest bracket, scoring in the top 10% of all competitors! Additionally, our eighth graders – Addy M., Amelia E., Aspen P., Daniel R., Fritz W., Keane B., Maria Elena N.S., Nathaniel M., Parker M., and Olivia O. – shone at the Seattle Prep Math Games, tackling challenges such as math questions, a graphing relay race, and an escape room. Their enthusiasm and teamwork underscore the strength of our math program and the commitment to excellence at St. John School.





Volleyball Champions

The seventh grade boys' volleyball team triumphed at the 2024 CYO Volleyball Championship, held at Bishop Blanchet High School. The boys showcased

their grit and determination, coming from behind to secure the title. Their impressive teamwork and perseverance were on full display as they played hard and supported one another to achieve this well-deserved victory. Congratulations, champions!



Middle School Field Trips

This year, our students enjoyed enriching field trips that enhanced their learning experiences. The eighth grade class had an incredible week in Washington D.C., exploring the rich history and

culture of our nation's capital. They visited significant sites, including the Capitol, the Holocaust Memorial Museum, the Library of Congress, and the monuments at the National Mall, with a few students participating in the wreath ceremony at Arlington National Ceremony. The seventh graders traveled to the Washington State Capitol, where they met with Lieutenant Governor Denny Heck, and toured the Capitol building. Their adventure continued with a visit to the Burke Museum, providing valuable insights into Washington's history and culture. Meanwhile, the 6th grade students headed to Camp Hamilton to study environmental science. We extend our gratitude to the teachers and chaperones for their months of preparation and dedication, making these invaluable field trips possible.

Track Championship

The St. Al/John track team had an outstanding performance at the CYO Championships held at Renton Memorial Stadium. Eighth graders Aspen P. and Max M. took home the Pentathlon titles, while the girls in grades 4-8 secured a 1st place finish. Several students earned medals in various events, and the entire team placed 2nd overall. Congratulations to our athletes and parent volunteers for their hard work and success!



Basketball Champions

The seventh and eighth grade boys' basketball teams both won the CYO Basketball Championships this year, a testament to their hard work and dedication. To celebrate this incredible achievement, we hosted our first-ever 'Trophy Parade' in February. The teams proudly marched around the blacktop, presenting their trophies to the school, while the community cheered them on. We look forward to many more trophy parades in the future as these students continue to demonstrate the power of teamwork and perseverance!





Alumna Bea Franklin '15

University of Arkansas graduate and standout athlete, Bea was honored as the 2023-24 Southeastern Conference (SEC) H. Boyd McWhorter Women's Scholar-Athlete of the Year. This prestigious award is given to the top student-athletes in the SEC, and Bea's accomplishments both on and off the field exemplify her dedication to excellence. A finance major with a 4.0 GPA, Bea was also the SEC and College Sports Communicators Scholar-Athlete of the Year and served as a two-time president of the SEC Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. Her impressive soccer career includes leading Arkansas to an SEC Championship, earning First-Team All-SEC honors, and being named SEC Midfielder of the Year. Bea's leadership extended beyond the soccer field, as she also played for Arkansas' basketball team. In 2024, she was selected in the third round of the National Women's Soccer League (NWSL) Draft by the Chicago Red Stars. Bea continues to inspire with her determination, academic achievements, and athletic success.



Alumna Amilia "Mili" Gentzkow '23

Mili was honored as the American Heart Association's 2024 Puget Sound Teen of Impact Winner. She participated in a nine-week campaign to raise funds and awareness about heart disease, motivated by her journey as a heart defect survivor born with Tetralogy of Fallot. She underwent two open-heart surgeries and a cardiac cath procedure, which inspired her advocacy for improved outcomes for others. During the campaign, Mili spoke to large groups, hosted a community Barre fitness class, and made hundreds of friendship bracelets for her donors, raising an impressive \$64,707. She reflected: "The greatest thing I gained from this campaign was a better understanding of myself, and through that, the courage to make a difference." Congratulations, Mili, on this remarkable achievement!



Alumna Daphne Miller '20

Daphne graduated as Valedictorian of Holy Names Academy in 2024 and is now a freshman at Boston College, majoring in neuroscience on the pre-medical track. Alongside her rigorous studies, she continues to pursue her passion for dance as a member of the Boston College Irish Dance team and is actively involved in BC's Student Admission Program, helping to welcome and guide prospective students. Daphne is excited about the opportunities and challenges ahead as she embarks on this next chapter of her academic journey. Congratulations, Daphne, on your impressive accomplishments and continued success!



Alumnus Leon Neal Jr. '17

A Washington State University football player, Leon earned his first varsity letter during the 2023 season, appearing in seven games. He made key contributions on special teams against Northern Colorado, Oregon, Arizona State, Stanford, California, Colorado, and Washington. Leon was honored as WSU Scout Team Player of the Week three times for his performances at Oregon State, Stanford, and Washington. A standout in high school, Leon attended Seattle Prep, where he was named all-around player of the year as a freshman, and Garfield High School, where he earned first-team honors as a corner during his junior year.



Alumna Gwen Sawicki '20

Gwen graduated this past spring from Holy Names Academy as Salutatorian and is now pursuing a degree in computer science at Hamilton College in upstate New York. A dedicated athlete, Gwen rowed throughout her four years at HNA and is thrilled to continue her passion for rowing as a member of Hamilton's crew team. She is also actively involved in Hamilton's Outdoor Club and recently accomplished the impressive feat of hiking New York State's highest mountain. Gwen's academic achievements and adventurous spirit reflect the values of perseverance and exploration nurtured during her time at St. John.

New School Improvements

Exciting developments took place at St. John Catholic School this past spring. Concrete was poured to enhance various walkways throughout the campus, ensuring safer and more accessible paths for our students and families. The foundation for our new play structure was also successfully laid. Thanks to Broderick Architects, Northwest Playground Equipment Inc., and the generosity of our community, we raised more than \$378,000 through a two-year Fund-a-Need campaign. This renovation provided new, multi-sensory age-appropriate play structures, lush synthetic playground grass, and an engineered pad system for fall protection. Students were able to enjoy all the improvements made, and we are grateful for the support that made this project possible!



Construction on New Ventilation System Completed

Construction on the school's new Dedicated Outdoor Air System (DOAS) was completed at the end of August. The DOAS is an HVAC system specifically designed to precondition the outside air brought into the building. It provides many benefits, including cost savings, increased occupant comfort, and reduced energy consumption. We extend our thanks to Johansen Mechanical Inc., Broderick Architects, and Barnhardt Crane & Rigging for their contributions. We are grateful for the cool, clean learning environment now enjoyed in our classrooms.



Because privacy is integral to maintaining the spirit of our Fair Share Tuition Program, only those donors who do not have children currently enrolled at St. John School have been acknowledged here. We are grateful for the many ways our families generously contribute to the mission of the school. All donations were received between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024. Included are gifts to the following St. John School Funds: Annual Fund, memorials, Principal's Fund, Fund-a-Need, Parish School Support Envelopes, cash donations to the Auction, and Jog-a-thon donations over \$250. Not included in this list are gifts made to the school Endowment (listed in a separate report).

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St. John School received over \$51,000 in employer matching gift funds during the 2023-2024 school year. We are extremely grateful to these corporations for their commitment to the broader community and to our own families who take part in their generous gift matching programs. The following is a breakdown of the level of giving by each organization.

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Rockwell

ServiceNow

Starbucks

T-Mobile

Zevenbergen Capital Investments

Total Matching: \$51,151

CORPORATE EMPLOYEE GIVING

We are thankful for the many school families who gave through their employer's corporate giving program during the 2023-2024 school year. The following organizations participated:

Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Expedia, Expeditors International, JP Morgan Chase, Microsoft Giving Campaign, ServiceNow, Stryker, The Boeing Company, T-Mobile, United Way Contribution, UnitedHealth Group, and VMware

**Total Employee Giving:
\$10,536**

**Total Corporate Giving
via Paid Employee**

**Volunteer Hours:
\$6,011**

This year's Endowment Tailgate event was a touchdown success, thanks to Karen Bombino and the Endowment Team. Hosted by Ethan Stowell at Cortina, families enjoyed a delicious brunch while cheering on the Seahawks. The St. John Catholic School Endowment Fund, now over \$1.5 million, is held in trust with its principal invested to generate income for future needs. Managed by the Fulcrum Foundation, it helps support scholarships, capital improvements, and the school's operating budget. Contributions are tax-deductible and often eligible for corporate matching, ensuring St. John's continued vibrancy for generations to come.



Eagles Wings \$1,000-\$4,999

Michael and Kim Arnette
 Michael and Jennifer Bachhuber
 Robert and Margaret Bavasi
 Niels and Kathy Beck
 Andrew and Lauren Exnicios
 Ross and Rachel Hartwich
 Ethan and Amanda Johnson
 Sean and Cathleen Lonergan
 Ethan Stowell

Aerie \$500-\$999

Karen and Robert Bombino
 Matt and Amy BonDurant
 Peter Connelly and April McKee
 Mark Gleason and Maile Sullivan
 Robb and Shannon Mapp
 Corey and Carolina Marx
 Tyler and Helen McClenahan
 Microsoft Matching Gifts Program
 Scott and Kathleen Pozarycki
 Aaron and Sommer Walley
 Christine and Ryan Yokel
 Allan Quiaoit and
 Megan Yoshimura

Gold Club \$250-\$499

Claire Bonaci and Philip Sheridan
 John Brandt and
 Amanda Daylong
 Sarah Burt
 Gordon and Karen Capretto
 Tyler and Jessica Christofferson
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 Rachael and Kelly Groark
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 Glenn and Pam Singer
 Alexander and Christine Sourov
 Nicholas and Aleah Valley
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 Lisa and Tyson Zevenbergen

Purple Club \$100-\$249

Adobe Matching Gift Program
 Robert and Andrea Boorman
 Alan and Ciara Byars
 Jeff and Aya Casem
 Jeffrey and Claire Chang

Matthew and Maggie Diefenbach
 Michael and McKenna Eastment
 David Johnson and
 Stephanie Glassburn
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 Craig and Sarah North
 Beatriz Palomo
 Ryan and Madeline Pennington
 Salesforce Gift Matching
 Erik and Colleen Skipper
 Eric and Kelly Souder
 David Uvalle and Maria Reyes
 Derek and Stephanie Wade

Friends \$1-\$99

Joel and Kelly Daniels
 Jon and Carol Evavold
 Angelina Gelacio
 Brandon Hardenbrook
 Franco John and Monica Muliro
 Kevin and Sue McGowan
 Dennis Melton and Di Tran
 Ryan and Georgina Murphy

Total Endowment Giving

2023/2024

\$25,460

Balance in Endowment Fund

June 30, 2024

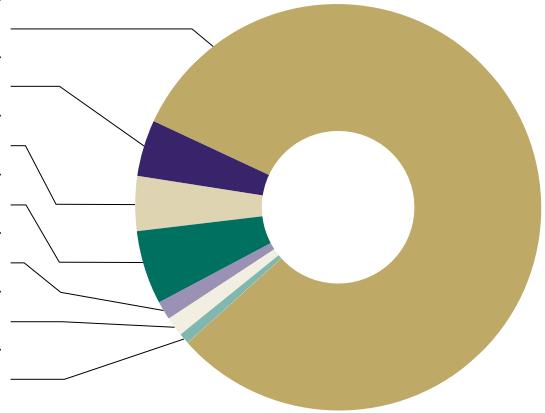
\$1,600,801

school FINANCIALS

July 1, 2023 / June 30, 2024

Revenue

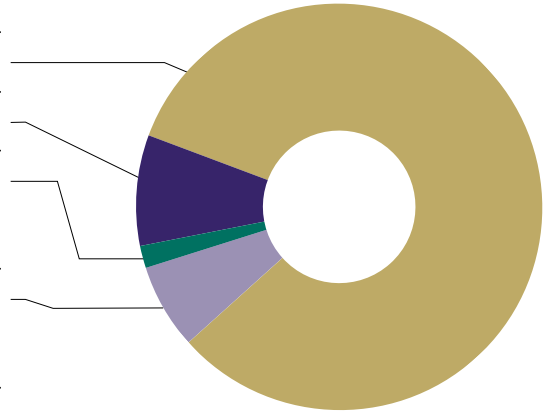
Tuition, Registration, Fees	\$5,896,466	(81%)
Auction	321,290	(4%)
Annual Fund	328,521	(5%)
Other Business Revenue	425,314	(6%)
Other Gift Revenue	102,025	(1%)
Jog-a-thon	114,583	(2%)
Endowment Distribution	50,000	(1%)



Total Revenues **\$7,238,199**

Expenses

Salaries & Benefits	\$6,081,364	(83%)
Instructional & Support Services	643,104	(9%)
Fundraising Expenses	126,644	(2%)
Jog-a-thon \$6,949		
Auction \$119,695		
Operations & Maintenance	513,409	(7%)



Total Expenses **\$7,364,520**

¹ Deficit From Operations	(\$ 126,321)
Other Revenue:	
² Fund-a-Need / Play Pit	\$ 378,428

Total Surplus **\$ 252,107**

¹ Cash reserves were used to fund several essential, large repairs and maintenance projects, totaling approximately \$135,000. A policy is now in place to help fund future projects.

² Fund-a-Need revenue is recognized at the time funds are spent. In 2023/24 \$378k was used to fund the new playground.



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