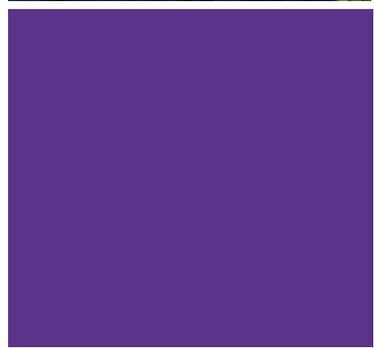
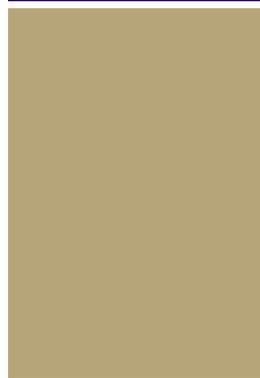
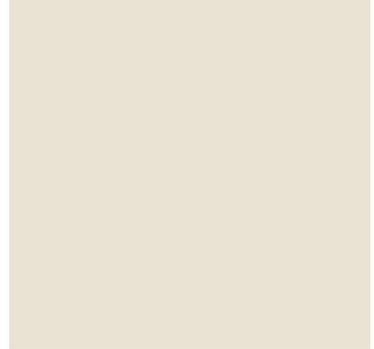


# 2024-2025 Annual Report

# St. John Catholic School

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Masterpiece;  
do the good works which  
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do.  
Ephesians 2:10



# Principal's Report

St. John Community,

*You are God's masterpiece; do the good works, which God has prepared for you to do.* This theme encapsulated the 2024-2025 academic year. This year marked a change in leadership, with a new Principal and Pastor - and the beginning of a 3-year discernment process to join parishes with St. Alphonsus and St. Benedict. I am grateful to our teachers, administrators, members of our School Commission, and Parish staff for their support, ensuring this leadership change was a seamless and successful transition for our school community.

In this report, you will see the many ways we lived out our mission: to be a welcoming Catholic community that celebrates diversity, inspires moral development, academic excellence, and the courage to act for the common good.

With your generous financial support, we were able to increase staffing, creating a designated STEM lead teacher position and hiring additional support staff. Our school website got a much-needed refresh, and we continued to expand our programmatic offerings across grade levels, including the expansion of our middle school elective offerings.

We are grateful for all the ways you support the St. John community, living out our Fair Share philosophy and helping complete the St. John mosaic masterpiece. A special thank you to our outgoing School Commission chair, Melissa Herron, for her years of dedicated service and to our middle school musical director, Kari Aguila, who took her final bow at the conclusion of this year's production of *Annie Jr.*

St. John is a special community - enjoy this small snapshot into the amazing work we do here. *You are all God's masterpiece, do the good works, which God has prepared for you to do.*



# School Commission

## Pastor

Fr. Colin Parrish

## Assistant Principal

Paul Kelley

## Parent Association

Rachael Groark  
Maile Sullivan

## Development / Admissions

Jonna Skokan

## Parish Representative

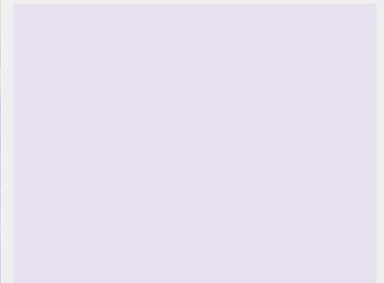
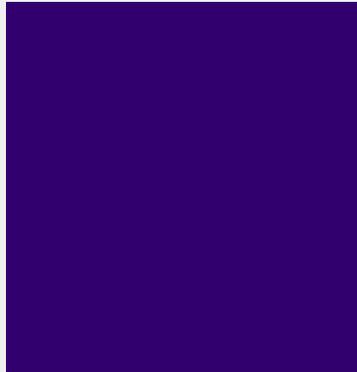
Teresa Gillett

## Principal

Abby Mansfield

## Members

Michael Arnette  
Melissa Herron - Chairperson  
Gary Hurley  
Lindsay Leeder  
Helen McClenahan  
Marianne McGah  
Shane Richards  
Lee Innes Rolfe  
Rula Saleh  
Eric Souder  
Lisa Zevenbergen

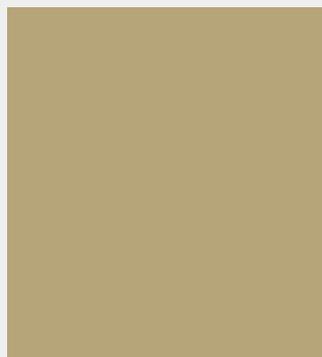


# Faculty & Staff News

During the 2024–2025 school year, St. John welcomed several new staff members who strengthened both our academic programs and school operations. Mary Baur served as a Grade 4 teaching assistant and interim reading specialist. Erik Skipper contributed as a math teacher and interim math specialist. The school office welcomed Melanie Muñoz-Solomon, who also supports Development, and Stephanie Wade. Beatriz Paloma joined the maintenance team and guides the care and upkeep of school and parish facilities. The year also marked the beginning of Abby Mansfield’s tenure as Principal, bringing new leadership and vision to the community.



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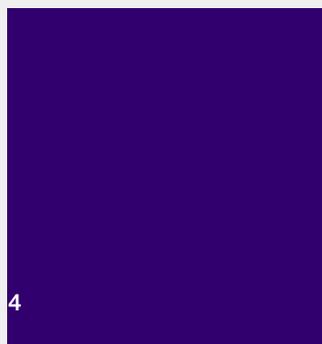
Beatriz Paloma



Melanie Muñoz-Solomon



Mary Bauer



Erik Skipper



Stephanie Wade



# Academic Achievements



The St. John School Speech Team had an outstanding 2024–2025 school year, excelling both in competition and in service to others. Together, team members contributed over 800 hours of service to the school, parish, and Seattle community, embodying the team’s commitment to leadership and compassion beyond the podium. Their dedication and talent were recognized with three National Speech & Debate Association (NSDA) Speaking and Service Awards, eight Competitive Speaking Trophies from local Catholic High School tournaments, two Leadership Awards from Bellarmine Prep Model U.N., 32 NSDA Honor Society Awards, and one team member earned a scholarship to Seattle Prep. The Speech Team continues to inspire through both words and actions. Thank you to Speech Teacher, Sue Pierce, for her leadership in preparing students to excel in all competitions.

Congratulations to 8th-grade National History Day students for their achievements at the Washington State competition. St. John students spent a large portion of the school year researching and creatively exploring the theme *Rights and Responsibilities in History*. Elle G. and Maisie K. placed 5th in the Junior Group Documentary category for their compelling film on the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, earning finalist recognition among 30 documentaries statewide. Noelle K., Lizah M., and Mila W. earned 1st Place in the Junior Group Performance category for their portrayal of Sister Helen Prejean’s work to abolish the death penalty, advancing to the National Competition at the University of Maryland in June. Thank you to Mr. Bretz, 8th-grade Social Studies teacher, for inspiring students to explore our shared history.



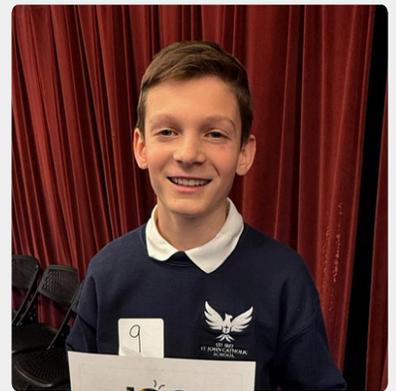
Eighth grader Elle G. served as a page at the Washington State Capitol in Olympia, representing St. John School with grace, curiosity, and courage. Through this unique experience, Elle gained firsthand insight into the inner workings of government, engaged with civic leaders, and embraced learning opportunities beyond the classroom. Her enthusiasm and professionalism reflected our school’s commitment to developing informed, confident, and engaged citizens.



We are proud to share that Sofia O. was featured in the February/March 2025 issue of *Rostrum* magazine, a publication of the National Speech & Debate Association. Sofia’s dedication to inclusivity, team spirit, and leadership has had a lasting impact on the St. John speech team, helping foster a welcoming and supportive environment for all. Her commitment to our core values and to building a strong, encouraging community earned her this well-deserved recognition.



During Catholic Schools Week, St. John students from grades 3-8 showcased their growth mindset in the All-School Spelling Bee. Eighteen winning spellers from the homeroom spelling competitions competed in front of students, faculty, and parents. Congratulations to our 2025 Champion, Kyle H. (Grade 7), and to all participants for their focus, determination, and spirit of learning.



Congratulations to Ava V., who is now a published poet. Ava’s poem, *My Music*, was selected for publication in the *Young Writers’ Anthology*, earning her the Talent for Writing Certificate of Merit. Her work was proudly added to the St. John library collection. Ava credits Mrs. Halley, her fourth-grade teacher, for inspiring and encouraging her to write and submit her poetry.



# Athletic Achievements



The St. Al/John Catholic School Cross Country team had another stellar season, finishing 2nd overall at the CYO Championships. The 6th-grade girls took 1st place in their division, with strong individual performances across all grades. Special thanks to Coaches Andrew Exnicios and James Bozsa, and our amazing volunteers for a great season.

St. John Catholic School proudly celebrated 75 years of soccer with one of its most successful seasons in recent history. Four teams advanced to the semifinals, with three earning spots in the finals. The 7th-grade boys and 7th-grade girls teams both finished as runners-up after hard-fought matches, while the 8th-grade boys captured the championship in an unforgettable overtime victory under the lights at Bishop Blanchet High School. It was a remarkable season that honored the legacy of St. John soccer, made possible through the dedication of our players, coaches and families.

Congratulations to our 8th-Grade Boys Volleyball Team on winning the 2025 CYO Championship! After a season defined by hard work, teamwork, and perseverance, the team captured the title with an exciting victory in the championship match at Bishop Blanchet High School.



The St. Al/John Track Team had a great showing at Renton Memorial Stadium, bringing home the CYO AAA Championship! Our 4th-8th grade athletes earned both the overall team and individual girls' and boys' titles, an outstanding display of talent and determination. Thank you to our wonderful coaches and parent volunteers for making the season a success.



# School Events

Our annual middle school musical, *Annie Jr.*, was a smashing success, with sold-out performances. After months of hard work, student performances were nothing short of amazing, delighting audiences and strengthening our school community. We offer a special thank you to Director Kari Aguila, who marked her final musical at St. John after five years of incredible leadership. Along with the entire middle school musical team, Kari has provided an unforgettable experience for our students, family, and friends, one that truly proved you're never fully dressed without a smile.

Our Family STEM Night was an innovative community event, thanks to the leadership of STEM teacher, Mr. Bretz, and our middle school Makerspace elective students. Families engaged in a wide range of hands-on science, technology, engineering, and math activities that sparked curiosity, creativity, and collaboration across all ages. This memorable evening highlighted the strength of our STEM program and the dedication of our teachers and students, who generously gave their time and energy to create an engaging learning experience.

The Sweetheart Soirée provided a joyful evening of family fun, bringing our community together through music, dancing, and shared celebration. Guests enjoyed a festive atmosphere made possible by the dedication of our Parent Association, volunteers, kitchen team, and maintenance crew, who worked behind the scenes to create a beautifully decorated and welcoming event. This cherished tradition continues to strengthen family connections and highlight the spirit of community at St. John.

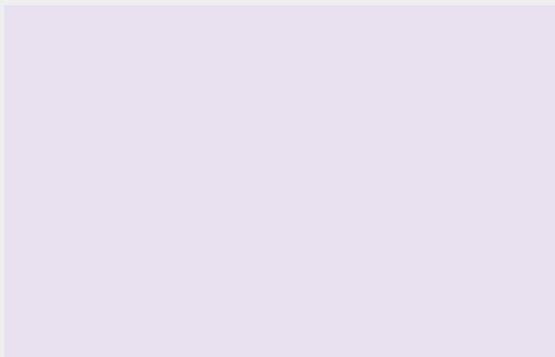


# Noted Events

Author and anti-bullying advocate Jodee Blanco visited St. John School to share her powerful story with students, staff, and parents. Her presentation on bullying, healing, and empathy inspired meaningful reflection and provided practical strategies for fostering kindness within our community. The school extends its gratitude to the Parent Association for hosting this important event.

In 2024, the Fulcrum Foundation continued to make a profound impact across Archdiocesan schools, distributing over \$3.3 million in support and scholarships. St. John Catholic School received \$23,850 through the Tuition Assistance Grant Program (TAP), providing direct support to families in need. Fulcrum’s generosity also funded professional development for staff, emergency relief, and essential vision and hearing equipment. We are grateful for the Foundation’s unwavering commitment to strengthening Catholic education and supporting our school community.

St. John School was honored to welcome four Japanese exchange students - Mashu, Sofia, Sara, and Kana - for a week of cultural exchange and connection. Through classroom presentations, shared traditions, and time with host families, our students experienced meaningful cross-cultural learning and built friendships that will last a lifetime. We extend our gratitude to the host families for their generosity and to our visiting students for enriching our community with their presence.

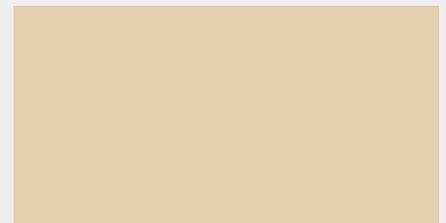


# School Fundraising Events

The *Come Sail Away* annual auction was a tremendous success, thanks to the generosity and enthusiasm of the St. John community. Led by Auction Chairs Lauren and Andrew Exnicios and Fundraising Administrator Chris Sourov, the event brought together parents, staff, and sponsors for an evening of celebration and support. The dedication of our volunteers and the generosity of our sponsors made this memorable event possible, strengthening both community spirit and the school's mission.

Our annual Oktoberfest celebration was a wonderful evening of community, fun, and support for the St. John School Endowment. Guests enjoyed spirited games, great food, and lively company while helping raise important funds for our school's future. We extend a special note of gratitude to Karen Bombino, our Events Coordinator, as this marked her final year in the role - her leadership, dedication, and care have left a lasting impact on our community. We extend our sincere appreciation to our Endowment Committee, led by Karen, our PA Leads Rachael Groark and Maile Sullivan, our talented kitchen crew, ESR Restaurants, and the many volunteers who made the event possible. The evening truly reflected the joy and spirit that define St. John.

The school Jog-a-thon in September delivered 1000 miles of combined running laps for St. John students and over \$125,000 in gifts to the school. The Jog-a-thon continues to be one of the most celebrated and fun events for students. Thank you to the families and friends of St. John who share their time and resources to this beloved event.

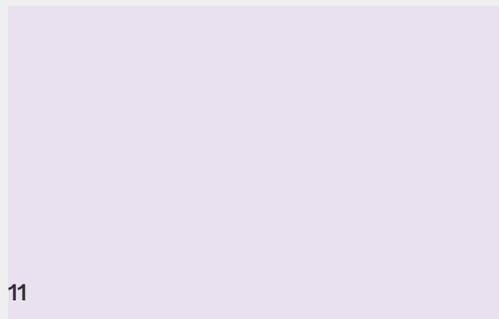


# Service Learning

St. John School is committed to serving others and giving back to our broader community. Throughout the year, our students, families, and staff organized and participated in numerous donation drives in support of Broadview-Thomson K-8 School and the St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank, providing essential food and hygiene supplies to individuals and families in need. In addition, every classroom supports an Unbound student, offering financial assistance to children and families in developing countries. Through these collective efforts, our students learn the importance of compassion, global awareness, and living out our faith through service - both locally and around the world.



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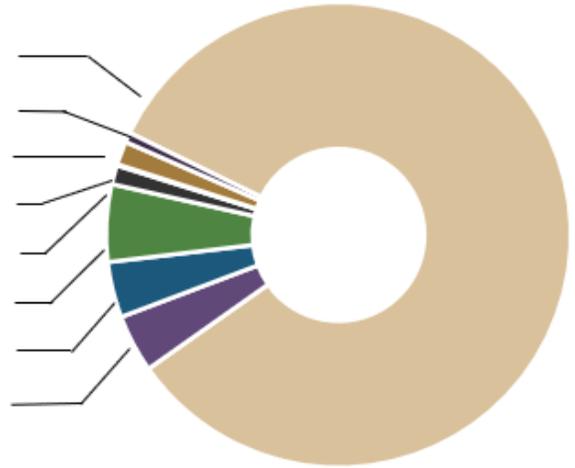


# School Financials

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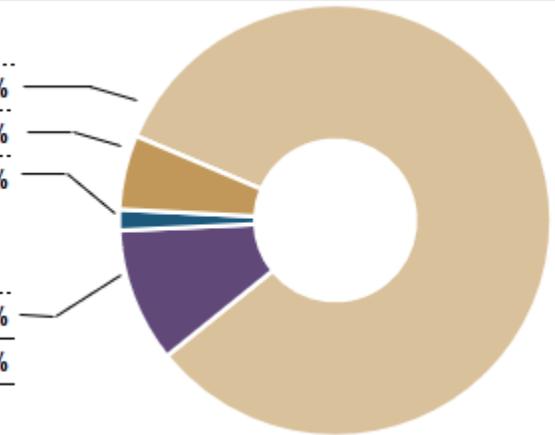
## Revenues

Tuition, Registration, Fees	\$6,439,669	83%
Endowment Distribution	\$52,000	0.7%
Jog-a-Thon	\$126,662	2%
Other Gift Revenue	\$6,700	0.1%
Other Operating Revenue	\$102,456	1%
Hot Lunch and Special Events	\$417,172	5%
Annual Fund	\$300,435	4%
Auction	\$311,713	4%
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$7,756,808</b>	<b>100%</b>



## Expenses

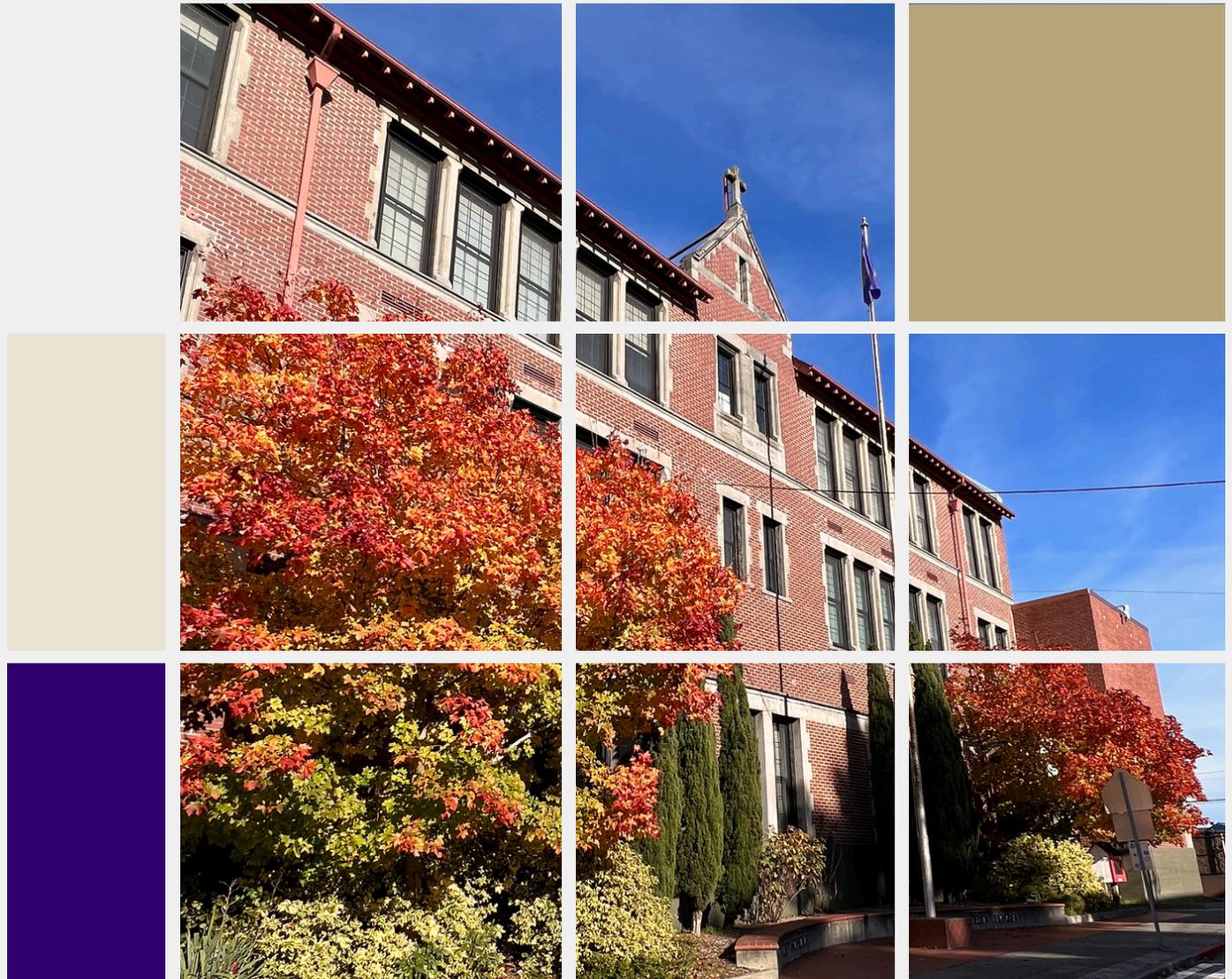
Salaries & Benefits	\$6,303,566	83%
Operations & Maintenance	\$424,066	6%
Fundraising Expenses	\$118,733	2%
<i>Jog-a-thon \$8,815</i>		
<i>Auction \$109,918</i>		
Instructional & Support Services	\$765,590	10%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$7,611,956</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Surplus from Operations</b>	<b>\$144,852</b>	



## Other Revenues

Use of Restricted Fund-a-Need Funds	\$106,304
Donation/Bequest	\$71,350
<b>Total Other Revenues</b>	<b>\$177,654</b>
<b>Total Surplus</b>	<b>\$322,506</b>
<b>Surplus Available for Designated Funds</b>	
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Less: Principal Loan Payments	(\$30,544)
Less: Payment for Fencing Around Playpit	(\$64,787)
<b>Net Surplus Available for Designated Funds</b>	<b>\$227,175</b>

Designation of Net Surplus for Future Uses		
Account Name	Amount	Notes
Disaster Preparedness Fund	\$9,231	Amount collected through student fees, net of expenses
Textbooks/Curriculum	\$47,500	Planning for additional curriculum updates in the next 1-3 years
School Repairs & Maintenance	\$47,500	Continue to build reserves for future large and/or non-recurring projects
Principal Reserve	\$71,350	Unrestricted bequest. Holding in Principal Reserve until use of funds is determined
Principal Reserve	\$51,594	Replenish Principal Fund; balance approaching \$0 at June 30
<b>Total Funds Designated - 6/30/2025</b>	<b>\$227,175</b>	



# Thank You

St. John School would like to thank those donors, both families and benefactors, who contributed to supporting our mission during the 2024-25 academic year. Your giving, beyond tuition, exceeded \$750,000 and helped support our annual operating budget while providing funding to secure our longevity. In the spirit of trust and guided by our Fair Share philosophy, we are not publishing the names of individual donors. Rather, we are extending our gratitude to all school families and friends of St. John School. Your continued support helps complete the St. John mosaic.



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