



CHILDREN ARE FULL OF POSSIBILITY. They enter school with a deep interest in the world around them, a tremendous appetite for learning, and a real need to make sense of that world in the present. Unleashing that possibility—unlocking that potential—begins with engaging these characteristics in vibrant settings for teaching and learning that help children figure out what matters to them, encourage them to take appropriate risks, and challenge them to cultivate their strengths. We help young people extend their fascination with the world and pursue fresh interests, fervent hopes, and emerging aspirations. By engaging them in the present, we empower them to create their own unique dreams for the future.



## YOUR SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY enable

St. Patrick's to offer distinctive learning opportunities that creatively fuel each student's imagination. Thanks to you, we are able to offer an outstanding, varied, challenging program that helps children discover their own unique interests and talents, shaping the learning process to inspire them to build their dreams and develop the habits of heart and mind necessary to realize those dreams.



is St. Patrick's top philanthropic priority. It provides the second-largest revenue stream for the operating budget, after tuition, and allows us to

extend and enrich
student learning
opportunities beyond
what tuition alone can
provide. It helps us bridge the
gap between tuition and the
actual cost of a St. Patrick's
education. Tax-deductible

gifts to the Annual Fund

have a direct impact on the

educational lives of each and

every student at St. Patrick's.

Here are just a few of the activities and initiatives that our generous community of supporters financed with their gifts to last year's Annual Fund:

The nature of the physical spaces in which teaching and learning occurs, both indoors and outdoors, has assumed even greater importance.

Adjusting the environment to provide healthy, appropriately-sized spaces and keeping them safe throughout the year enabled us to welcome more of our students—and, ultimately, virtually all of them—back to oncampus learning.





While the St. Patrick's program will continue to be characterized by in-person, face-to-face, and shoulder-to-shoulder relationships, digital access in the midst of a pandemic has been essential. Beginning in the Nursery School, all of our students have had one-to-one access via school-provided devices.



As important as well-deployed technology has been to keeping our students connected as part of our St. Patrick's Anywhere program, innovative HoundPacks took the route of the more physical and tangible, putting in their eager hands books and instructional manipulatives, design projects and science lab materials, wherever they might be.

A student's first field trip at St. Patrick's is likely to be a Kindergarten fall visit to a pumpkin patch—and the last to be the Grade 8 Civil Rights Movement trip to Birmingham, Selma, and Montgomery. Under the circumstances last year, the pumpkin patch came to the Foxhall Campus, and Middle School teachers reimagined the Civil Rights Movement experience to focus on District of Columbia moments in that history.





Regular curriculum development is essential to maintain and enhance the excellence and vitality of our program. Even during such a challenging year, members of the faculty and staff recognized the need for greater coherence in our multifaceted work of social and emotional learning, equity, diversity, and inclusion, and spiritual growth and development. Their collaborative efforts, supported by professional development funds, will enable us to plant and nourish these SEEDS with even greater care and effectiveness.

Above all, we were able to offer on-campus, in-person teaching and learning, along with a well-articulated distance-learning program, that kept our students engaged ... and healthy ... challenged ... and safe, even in the midst of a global pandemic.



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