

St. Mary's Fund FAQs

HOW MUCH SHOULD I GIVE?

We strongly encourage 100% of our families to partner with us to provide our students with an exceptional educational experience by donating to the St. Mary's Fund. The amount each family contributes is a personal decision. Gifts typically range from under \$1,000 to more than \$25,000. Every gift, of any size, has an impact on all of our students. And unlike tuition, contributions to the St. Mary's Fund are 100% tax deductible.

WHY IS 100% PARENT PARTICIPATION IMPORTANT?

Every single student benefits from the St. Mary's Fund. The collective community giving has a significant impact on our ability to provide programming to cultivate world-sized hearts and world-class minds. 100% parent participation also positions us better to receive grants and other outside funding.

DOES IT MATTER WHEN I MAKE MY CONTRIBUTION?

Yes! Gifts made this year will be used for the current school year and will benefit your children immediately. Please make your contribution or pledge by January 31. Pledge payments are due by May 31.



YOUR GENEROUS GIFTS MATTER

How to Give

ONLINE: To make your one-time donation by credit or debit card, visit www.smaa.org/give.

PLEDGE: Pledge online at www.smaa.org/pledge or complete the enclosed pledge form and return it to St. Mary's School. Pledges may be paid in installments by check or credit card and are due by May 31.

BY MAIL: Use the enclosed envelope to submit your donation form. Make checks payable to St. Mary's School.

MATCHING GIFTS: Many employers will match gifts made to St. Mary's School. It's an easy way to increase your gift.

As a 501(c)(3) corporation, your gifts to St. Mary's are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowable by law; tax identification number 33-0771131.

For further information, please contact Christine Downie, Director of Development at (949) 448-9027 x324 or christine.downie@smaa.org.



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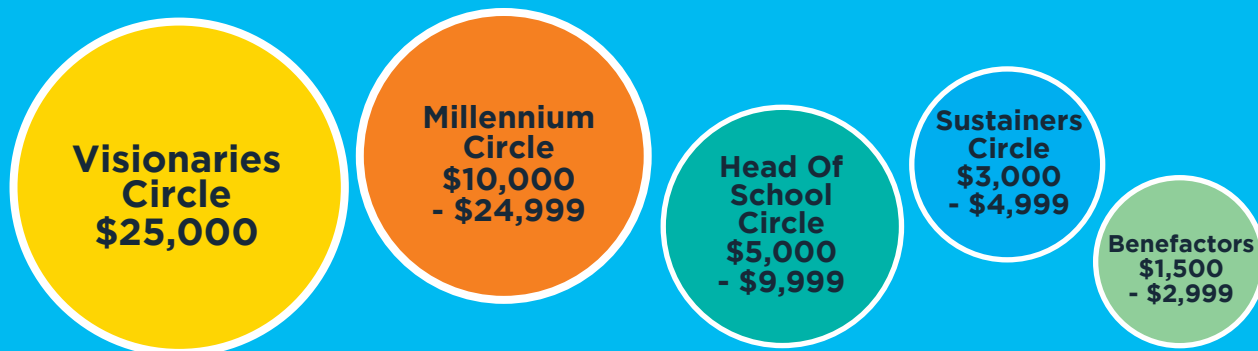
The St. Mary's Fund is the single most important philanthropic priority for our school. If you make one gift to the school each year, please make it to St. Mary's Fund. The St. Mary's Fund is one of the school's primary sources of operating income and as such ensures the strength and success of our programs. Your donation supports low student-to-faculty ratios and our ability to hire exceptional faculty to carry out our mission of developing world-sized hearts and world-class minds.

The St. Mary's Fund is put to work immediately to support the school. The Fund impacts every aspect of a St. Mary's education, from financial aid to faculty professional development, academics to athletics, technology to the arts.

This funding is imperative to the health of our school. Healthy funds represent the difference between a solid education and a truly exemplary one, where innovative ideas and state-of-the-art resources for teaching and learning practices are not held back by operating budget constraints.



Giving Levels



● **Patrons: \$1,000 - \$1,499** ● **Supporters: \$500 - \$999** ● **Friends: Up to \$499**

Donors at the \$3,000 level and above are invited to the Fall Leadership reception. All donors are recognized in our Report On Philanthropy.

100% PARTICIPATION IS OUR GOAL

Programs Enhanced by the St. Mary's Fund

Our fund strengthens and sustains the educational experience of a St. Mary's student each and every day. The following six areas represent the core elements of our unique curriculum. Every donor has the ability to choose where to direct his/her gift.

- Athletics • Science • Fine Arts • Faculty Professional Development
- Academic Programs • Faith Development • Technology and Innovation

