



REPORT ON **PHILANTHROPY** ST. MARY'S 2021-2022



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SCHOOL

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Dear St. Mary's Community

As we reflect on the 2021-2022 school year, it's important that we recognize and celebrate all that our faculty, staff and community were able to achieve. Our Board of Trustees and leadership are so proud that St. Mary's delivered an extraordinary IB education to all of our students while safely hosting many of our cherished community events. The year was filled with the full return of domestic and international Field Studies, Athletics, Intersession, Enrichment programming, Golf Tournament, Spring Musical, Gala, Chapel and more. And above all else, our Falcons soared academically, socially and emotionally.

True to our mission — world-sized hearts, world-class minds— St. Mary's continues to innovate and challenge ourselves to successfully deliver a 21st century education to every student. In this spirit, we have already begun meaningful work outlined in our 2022-2025 Strategic Plan. This highly thoughtful plan ensures that our priorities, energy and resources consistently focus on enhancing the St. Mary's experience.

We are proud to share our 2021-2022 St. Mary's Report on Philanthropy. This report demonstrates the tremendous impact our collective community has on each student. This past school year we witnessed record breaking numbers from volunteering, to event attendance to financial contributions. Our fundraising efforts— St. Mary's Fund, Scholar Program, Design The Future— inspired more than \$2,129,000 of pledges and donations. We appreciate and value your continued commitment and support of our school.

Contributing to the St. Mary's Fund, teeing off at the annual Golf Classic, running alongside your child at the Jog-a-thon, raising a paddle at the St. Mary's Gala, or volunteering in the Green Family Commons — all make a significant impact. Your student, family, faculty, staff and greater community benefit from your support.

Thank you for investing in our students, curriculum, programs, faculty and campus. Your partnership is critical to the health, culture and sustainability of St. Mary's.

Warmly,



Doug Patterson
Head of School



Sharon Taylor
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Serena Benson
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2021-2022 New Gifts to St. Mary's School
(Made between July 1, 2021, and June 30, 2022)

\$2,129,000

**2021-2021
NEW GIFTS**

St. Mary's Fund
\$1,009,000

Restricted Giving
\$684,000

Scholar Program, Design The Future
& other projects.

Events
\$276,000

Other Giving
\$160,000

As a result of your
generous support,
St. Mary's received
\$2,129,000 in New
Gifts for our ongoing
programs and special
initiatives during the
2021-2022 school year.

THANK YOU!

**2021-2021
FINANCIAL
SUMMARY**

**OPERATING
EXPENSES**
\$19,101,000

**OPERATING
INCOME**
\$19,014,000

**Tuition &
Related Fees**
82%

Contributions
8%

**Student
Activities
& Services**
10%

**General &
Administrative**
23%

Advancement
3%

Program
74%

***Unaudited Financial from
July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022**

718

Students
Benefited

\$3,076

Average Gift

68%

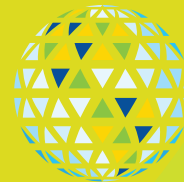
Of Parents
Gave

460

Donors

**\$1,009,000
RAISED**

**ST. MARY'S
FUND**



102

New Donors

129

Leadership
Donors
(\$3,000+)

99

Donors
Increased
Their Gifts

82%

Of New
Families
Gave

St. Mary's Fund BREAKS \$1MILLION!

On behalf of all our current and future students, thank you to everyone who generously donated to help us raise over a million dollars for the 2021-2022 St. Mary's Fund. A special thank you to our St. Mary's Fund Committee, chaired by Dawn and Skip Steele.

THANK YOU!!

The St. Mary's Fund continues to make a world of difference for our faculty, programs and most importantly our students!

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ST. MARY'S SCHOLAR PROGRAM DONORS

We thank the generous donors who gave over \$500,000 to the Scholar Program this past year. As we enter the fourth year of this program, we are excited to share that the first scholar student graduated last year. This school year, St. Mary's has four scholar students enrolled and thriving in Middle School.

"I am grateful for the scholarships that you have offered to my children and to families like ours. We do not have much and do not have the resources to attend a school like St. Mary's; however, we do have children who want to advance in life, and we value their education."

— Parent of a Scholar Student

The Scholar Program aims to provide ongoing scholarships to six outstanding middle school students each year, a goal we hope to reach next year. As a school, we continue to grow the Scholar Program thoughtfully and prudently, ensuring we find scholars that will thrive and succeed at St. Mary's. We also require total funding for all three years before offering admission. Through these scholarships, not only do the lives of these children and their families change, but the entire St. Mary's community benefits.



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL SCHOLAR PROGRAM

Last academic year, our first scholar student graduated from St. Mary's and now attends one of the top independent high schools in Orange County. This student started her St. Mary's journey as a shy, quiet student, transforming into a confident, outgoing, and very involved student by the end of her Middle School years. Her studies improved significantly during her tenure in Middle School, culminating in earning a high school scholarship. As a student-athlete, she played basketball, volleyball, and soccer and participated in the St. Mary's track program.

"I like how the teachers help us and care about us. I like being at school, and I like my friends too."

— St. Mary's Scholar Graduate

The Scholar Program offers a philanthropic opportunity for families that share the belief in the power of diversity and who seek to make this kind of profound impact.

We THANK YOU for your impact and generosity!



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On November 8, we welcomed our community back onto the fairways of Marbella Country Club for the St. Mary's 23rd Annual Golf Classic. Nearly 110 golfers dusted off their drivers and putters to support our school. We were blessed to have Newport Beach Dermatology & Plastic Surgery serve as the presenting sponsor of the tournament.

We are fortunate to have so many gracious families and businesses within the St. Mary's community that generously underwrote and supported our golf tournament. We also had many volunteers who kindly gave their time and energy throughout the course. A special thank you to Kathryn Mayes, our golf chair. She has kindly chaired our tournament for many years and has committed to do it once again this fall.

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RECORD BREAKING SUPPORT FOR STUDENT PROGRAMS

Falcons brought back the boogie! Thank you to everyone that participated in St. Mary's Solid Gold Gala. It was so great to see over 300 members of our community come together and celebrate all the amazing things we do to cultivate world-sized hearts and world-class minds.

Thanks to the overwhelming support of our event sponsors and community, we were able to raise a record-breaking \$695,393 through ticket sales, sponsorships, auction and Fund-a-Need.

The Fund-a-Need for the 2022 Gala goes directly toward the St. Mary's Scholar Program. St. Mary's values and encourages inclusivity. We believe a diverse community equals a stronger one. Because of this, we established the St. Mary's Scholar Program which provides full-tuition scholarships to qualified students. Through this funding, not only will the lives of these children and their families be changed, but our community will be changed for the better. We raised an incredible \$507,800 specifically during the Fund-a-Need for the St. Mary's Scholar Program!

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SILLERS' SEEDS GARDEN GROWS OUR PROGRAMS

Last fall, we proudly opened the Sillers' Seeds Garden, made possible by a generous donation from FLIK Independent School Dining (FLIK). From the beginning of our partnership with FLIK, our food service provider, St. Mary's has been committed to the concept of farm-to-table. The garden contains five large key-hole gardening systems maintained by FLIK, St. Mary's faculty, and students. Not only has the garden been integrated into our curriculum, but FLIK uses the harvest for lunch in the Green Family Commons.

The addition of Sillers' Seeds has enhanced the existing curriculum and created new units of study throughout the grade levels. Students are learning to plant in the garden and use the area for various learning opportunities. While learning about the rainforest, Grade 1 goes to the garden to study insects. In Grade 3, students research genetics by comparing traits in the garden. In Grade 7, the garden connects with the Biology curriculum, as students replicate and learn from Gregor Mendel's experiment with peas.

Not only does Sillers' Seeds bring science to life for our students, but it provides opportunities for students to connect. Our Kindergartners in their Community Unit of Inquiry work with Grade 5 students who teach them how to plant seeds. The Grade 5 students, during their Farm-to-Table Unit of Inquiry, conduct soil testing, planting, and harvesting food for lunch in the Green Family Commons. Sillers' Seeds has also provided unique opportunities for Summer Resort camps and Middle School Discovery courses.

Sillers' Seeds garden is a tremendous asset for our community and campus, improving curriculum and providing produce to use in the Green Family Commons. St. Mary's can experience and enjoy our farm-to-table partnership, from herbs to seasonal produce. We want to extend a special thank you to FLIK for making this dream a reality.

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With gratitude and appreciation, thank you to our countless volunteers who graciously give their expertise and time to our community and school last year. A special thank you to the following volunteers who provide leadership to our school.



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