



2023-2024  
ANNUAL  
FUND

INFINITE VALUE,  
INFINITE PROMISE

## AT ST. PATRICK'S, OUR CORE BELIEF IS THAT EVERY CHILD HOLDS INFINITE VALUE.

This fundamental principle underpins every aspect of the student experience. Our approach nurtures students' natural curiosity and unquenchable thirst for knowledge. Starting from play-based learning in the Nursery School to inquiry and project-based learning in the Lower and Middle Schools, our dedicated faculty encourages students to pursue their interests and explore what truly matters to them. St. Patrick's students are actively engaged and motivated, taking ownership of their learning journey and embracing agency and kindness in their actions. We cherish each moment of their growth and celebrate as they evolve into their best selves, filled with boundless potential for a future full of *infinite promise*.





## ST. PATRICK'S ANNUAL FUND IS OUR COMMUNITY'S TOP PHILANTHROPIC PRIORITY.

It provides the second-largest revenue stream for the operating budget, after tuition, and allows us to enrich and expand student opportunities *beyond what tuition alone can provide*. The Annual Fund helps to bridge the gap between tuition and the full cost of a St. Patrick's education, allowing us to maintain a healthy financial aid budget that supports economic diversity. Additionally, it ensures excellence in all that we do, allowing the Day School to make strategic choices and not compromise the student experience. Tax-deductible gifts to the Annual Fund have both a direct and immediate impact on the educational lives of every student at the Day School.





## Last year's Annual Fund supported these initiatives and many more:



**Formal training in Positive Discipline** for faculty members to support the social-emotional development of our students, particularly as we emerge from the height of the pandemic and attend to lingering social-emotional effects.

**Continued professional development** in the teaching of reading ensures teachers are staying abreast of best practices, particularly as they relate to the Science of Reading and the incorporation of direct phonics instruction, comprehension strategies, and verbal reasoning all while fostering a love of reading and literature.

**Engagement in rich educational experiences** off campus with a variety of field trips during a student's time at St. Patrick's. Starting with a trip to the farm in Kindergarten, to an all-day STEM experience in Annapolis for Grade 3, to the first overnight field trip in PA for Grade 4 and culminating with a multi-day Civil Rights trip in Grade 8 to Atlanta, Birmingham, and Montgomery, our students learn both on and off campus.



**Expansion of our athletics program** to include additional basketball teams in the Middle School and also baseball and softball as options for students to enjoy.

**An ongoing commitment** to keeping a St. Patrick's education within reach of families who experience a wide range of economic circumstances by robustly funding our Financial Aid Program and minimizing tuition increases.



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