



BUILDING A LEGACY
2023-2024 Impact Report

Welcome

Welcome to the 2023-2024 Impact Report! We are excited for you to turn the page and journey through St. Pius X - St. Matthias Academy's year in review. Our goal is to highlight significant people, programs, facts, figures, and moments that represent the IMPACT PMA had this past year, the promise of its future, and the opportunity to support its growth into becoming the highest quality comprehensive co-educational Catholic High School around.

This past year marked significant milestones for PMA. We celebrated 70 Years of Pius X High School, the 60th anniversary of the first graduating class of St. Matthias High School, and the 10th anniversary of our rededication to St. Pius X - St. Matthias Academy. We welcomed Mrs. Claudia Rodarte, the first alumna to serve as Principal of her alma mater. Her leadership and dedication resulted in the best overall year yet since PMA's rededication in 2013. From significant academic growth in standardized tests, deep runs in playoffs, to mesmerizing theater performances, Warriors gave it their all in every aspect of the school. We stayed centered on the most important part of our school, our faith, welcoming Archbishop Gomez to campus to lead the Los Angeles Archdiocese for its Catholic Schools Week Mass, hosting transformative retreats for 6-8th graders, and serving our brothers and sisters in need around the city.

We ended the year with hope, welcoming another strong incoming freshman class, propelling enrollment to just under 600 students, a new high since the 1990s. PMA has increasingly become an option for families from as far west as the beach cities, as far south as Seal Beach, as far east as Azusa, and as far north as Temple City. We also welcomed back over 80% of our staff, increasing our retention rate, and ended the year in a stronger financial position than the previous year.

We share this report with hope, gratitude, and a request for support. PMA has become the school it is today because of YOU. Your time, talent, and treasure are needed now more than ever. As we enter the next phase of growth, Vision 2030, your increased support will be necessary to propel St. Pius X - St. Matthias Academy to carry out its mission to provide ALL students opportunities to grow in faith, learn without limits, and live with a purpose. Join us today in support of this mission in transforming lives one student at a time. Thank you and Go Warriors



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Mission

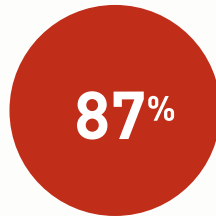
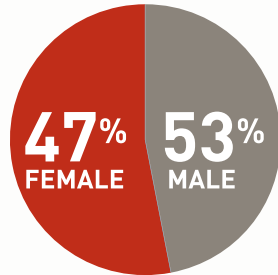
The mission of St. Pius X - St. Matthias Academy is to provide a challenging, Catholic, college-preparatory education in a supportive learning community that will positively affect the lives of teenagers, and provide opportunities for all students to grow in faith, learn without limits, and live with a purpose.

Vision

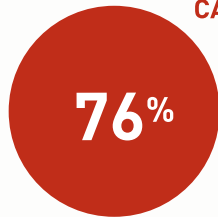
St. Pius X - St. Matthias Academy will excel in creating a Catholic educational environment where students recognize their significance in our school community, are encouraged and supported to seize opportunities to grow and lead, emerging as empowered, faith inspired and contributing citizens of their community and the world. We will be known for visionary leadership; innovative and passionate educators; inspired, tenacious and optimistic students; supportive families and an engaged community.

GET TO KNOW The Warriors

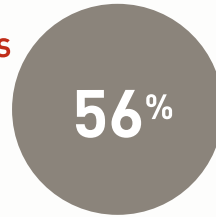
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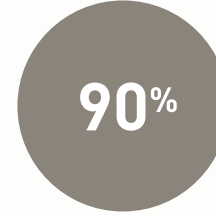
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ATTENDED CATHOLIC
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS



ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD
INCOME MEETS
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GUIDELINES



RECEIVING TUITION
ASSISTANCE



AVERAGE CLASS SIZE

117 Students receive Merit-Based Scholarships totaling \$315,826 in Merit-Based aid

Students who earn merit scholarships maintain above a 3.0 GPA, and demonstrate good character and citizenship. Each scholar is called to be an active member of the school community whether they play a sport, join the arts collective, serve as a student leader, or help out at their parish.

What WE DO:

39% Enrolled in Early College or Dual Enrollment

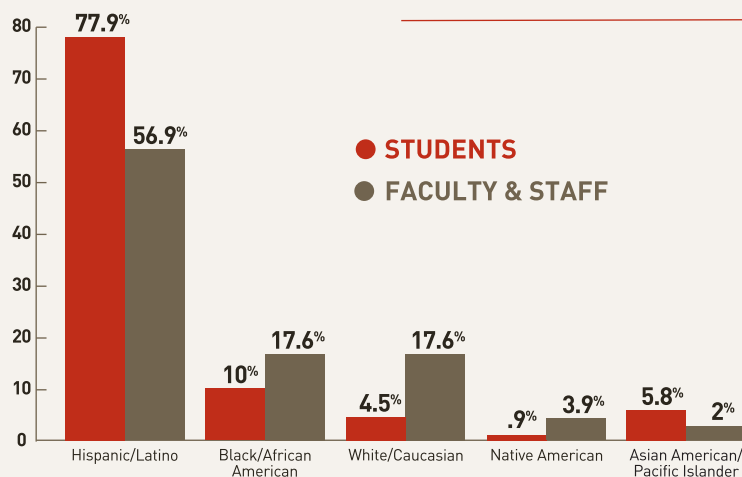
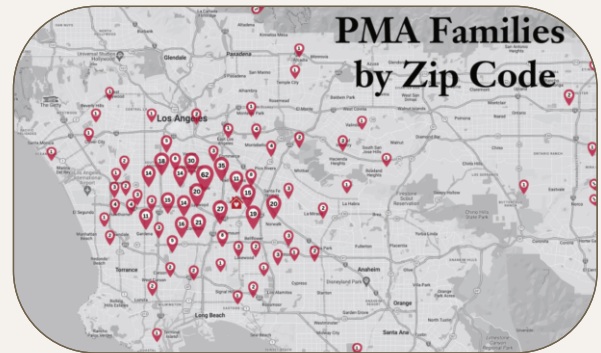
40% Enrolled in AP & Honors Courses

53% Play one or more sport

30% Involved in visual and/or performing arts

14,251 Hours of community service completed

PMA IS ON THE MAP!



Studies show that having a faculty and staff that represents the diversity of the student body has positive outcomes on learning and development. See how our commitment to diversity in admissions and hiring has come to fruition.

2024 CLASS VALEDICTORIAN



VIVIANA ALARCON Viviana Alarcon came to PMA from St. Helen Catholic School in South Gate, CA. She graduated at the top of her class and is now attending UCLA. There, she plans to study Public Health and Pre-Med. She hopes to attend med school and become a diagnostic medical stenographer one day. While at PMA, Viviana was a student leader. She was ASB Senior Class president, a Stage Manager for the theater, an Ambassador, and a member of the Onward Scholars Program.

When asked how PMA prepared her for college, Viviana said that the leadership skills she learned here have served her the most in her college journey so far. She also said that the 4x4 schedule, in which PMA students take four classes in the fall and a new set of four classes in the spring, has made her feel much more prepared for the fast-paced UC quarter system. She knows she will be able to stay on top of her work and keep up with the pace of the classroom.

She would like to thank the Science Department Chair, Mr. Diaz and the Onward Scholars Program Director, Mrs. Turcios-Rodriguez. She said, “they both believed in me and helped me persevere through the difficulties and stresses of high school life. I also want to thank my family for being my cheerleaders,” she shared “I’m grateful to my mom for giving me the Catholic Education I never thought I’d have” and her for baby brother Gabriel for making her laugh and reminding her to step back and see the bright side of things.

Learn more about Salutatorian Leah Alcoy on Page 9

CLASS OF 2024 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- USC Dean’s Scholarship
- University of Oregon Excellence Scholarship
- Loyola Marymount Arrupe Scholarship
- Loyola Marymount Presidential Scholarship
- J.G. Whittier Scholarship
- Mount Saint Mary’s University President Award
- Temple University Deans Scholarship
- University of San Francisco, Deans Scholarship
- University of San Francisco, Presidential Award
- University of San Francisco, Chancellor’s Award
- University of San Francisco, Full-Ride Athletic Scholarship
- Fresno Pacific University, Heritage Scholarship
- University of California, Los Angeles, Steve Tisch Academic Excellence Award
- University of Santa Barbara, Presidential Scholarship
- ArtCenter, Art Scholarship
- Otis College, Art Scholarship
- Pacific Northwest College of the Arts, Bridgetown Scholarship
- Pratt Institute, Presidential Merit Scholarship
- RISD, Student Success Scholarship



Class of 2024 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

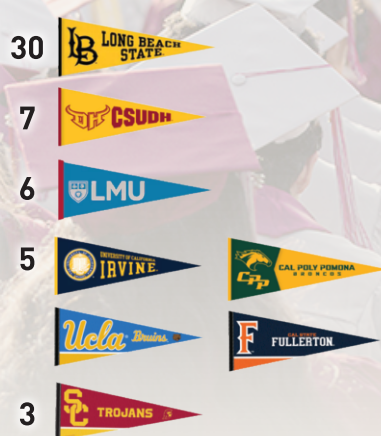
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 Arizona State University
 ArtCenter College of Design
 Azusa Pacific University
 Biola University
 Boston University
 California Institute of the Arts
 California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt
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 California State University, Bakersfield
 California State University, Chico
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 California State University, Monterey Bay
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 California State University, San Bernardino
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 National Polytechnic College
 New Jersey Institute of Technology
 Norco College
 North Carolina Central University
 Northern Arizona University
 Northern Illinois University
 Otis College of Art and Design
 Pacific Northwest College of Art
 Pepperdine University
 Pratt Institute
 Rhode Island School of Design
 Riverside Community College
 Rutgers University- Camden
 San Diego State University
 San Francisco State University
 San Jose State University
 Santa Monica College
 Santiago Canyon College
 Savannah College of Art and Design
 Seattle Pacific University
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 University of Arizona
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 University of California, Riverside
 University of California, San Diego
 University of California, Santa Barbara
 University of California, Santa Cruz
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 University of La Verne
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 University of Oregon
 University of Pittsburg, Bradford
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 University of San Diego
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 Waynes University
 Weber State University
 Whittier College
 William Penn University
 Woodbury University



CLASS OF 2024 TOP CHOICES



ACCEPTANCES TO TOP 100 SCHOOLS



Exploring THE SCIENCES



PMA offers 16 unique science courses for students to choose from. While the requirements are two years of science with a recommendation of 3-4 courses, more students than ever are engaging further in science through elective courses.

One of the most popular courses on campus is the forensics science course taught by Mr. Salazar. He comes to us with 29 years of experience in law enforcement, and his class is one of the most in-demand electives due to students' fascination with the subject matter and its real-life application. Mr. Salazar's goal is to help his students engage in Forensic Science on a deeper level than the crime dramas that, for many, sparked their initial interest. "I challenge students who say they want to go into this field to tell me what they want to do" whether that be someone who assesses the scene, collects evidence, analyzes evidence in a lab, or makes a case to the jury in the courtroom, etc. Salazar shared that what students find most surprising is how much of forensic science is careful and detailed work- "People's lives depend on the fact that these things are done correctly," he says. The forensics labs include crime scene recreations. One of the class favorites is the shoeprint lab, where they are given a series of shoeprints to take and analyze. Students spend the week trying to match the print to that of one of the teachers on campus. With the popularity of this course, you may see a PMA grad or two on the case as future crime scene investigators!



Hands-on learning is important across the science department. Mr. Pinedo, the biology teacher, shared that the labs are the students' favorite part of the class, and seeing their reactions is his! One of the most memorable projects is the polymer lab which relates to biomolecules and dehydration reactions. He says "Sodium alginate mixed with water forms a viscous solution. When calcium carbonate is added it



THROUGH Experiential Learning



polymerizes.” This essentially creates a very long stretchy string. Next year Mr. Pinedo’s goal is to recreate the lab with edible materials. But this year it’s just for looking!

Another favorite course at PMA is the Agriculture and Culinary Science course which is consistently full every semester. Taught by Master Gardener and Chef, Rod Dodd, this course teaches students how to take a seed from plant to harvest to table. The students have 12 raised beds under their charge and they tend to a beautiful garden filled with a variety of fruits, leafy greens, gourds, herbs, and more! The students then learn how to prepare what they’ve grown in PMA’s kitchen. The course ends with a field trip to Chef Rod’s farm in Long Beach where he and his team cook the students a meal made from ingredients grown in his own garden.



The science department regularly gets praise for being highly collaborative, supportive, and engaging for students. They are led by the department chair, Mr. Diaz. He is currently teaching PMA’s first AP Environmental Science course. He is grateful for his fellow science teachers, especially Mr. Salazar, Mr. Pinedo, and Chef Rod who have all been teaching their courses at PMA for about 3 years. His hopes for the future of the department are to continue to improve the labs offered and find more ways to incorporate experiential learning into the fast-paced learning schedule at PMA. It is certain that PMA students are engaging with difficult ideas, testing their skills, and developing an understanding and new appreciation of our world through the sciences!

Why Not PMA?



THE 2023-2024 ATHLETIC SEASON was historic for the Warriors with several teams across programs advancing to CIF playoffs. Mrs. Rodarte shared that last season was all about PMA students not underestimating themselves, getting out of their comfort zone, and accomplishing more than they believed they could.

PMA's football Coach, Devah Thomas, said he would tell the players, "It's not how you start it's how you finish that matters." The team had a slow start to the year, but the players took this phrase to heart and on more than one occasion came out on top against teams that they had lost to just weeks before. Ultimately Warrior Football gained the momentum they were seeking and ended up CIF Semifinalists in the 7th year of the program's existence.

Winter sports had an incredible season at PMA with playoff runs for both Boys and Girls Basketball and Soccer. The Boy's Soccer team had an impressive run going undefeated in the Camino Real League and becoming CIF Semi Finalists.

The Girl's Soccer team had a season to remember as well, becoming League Champions and making a run for playoffs. Mrs. Rodarte shared that her favorite memory of the year was attending the Girls Varsity Basketball CIF Southern Section Championship Game. The school organized a bus for students to be able to attend. She said, "It was a great game and, even though they didn't ultimately win, the energy in the crowd and the support everyone had for the girls was just electric."

The Boy's Basketball team had another banner season for the school, earning the title of Del Rey League Champions and going on to play in the open division, the second-best league in the country. Led by Captain, Tyrone Riley '24, they ranked #8 in the open division and ranked #25 in the country. Tyrone, with multiple D1 offers from schools like Cal & USC, followed his father's footsteps and committed to USE.

According to Coach Archie, the team's focus was going out there and being themselves. As many of the team members were returners, Coach Archie said "the players knew we were making history for the school and putting the program on the map. We just needed to keep doing what we've always been doing, but on a different stage. A highlight for the season was a game against Mater Dei where the Monarchs were easily in favor of winning, but our Warriors worked hard, surpassed expectations, and came out on top with the score 76-54.

With improvements to the weight room and facilities and the dedication of multiple returning coaches, more sports can practice year-round than ever before. The softball program in particular has grown with year-round training, adding a JV team, and helping the players get to know each other both as athletes and friends. Softball Coach, Antonio Salazar shared a similar sentiment when asked what he felt was softball's highlight of the year. There was a game where the score was 13-0 in the other team's favor and instead of throwing in their hats, the girls rallied together and brought the final score to 13-12 with the bases loaded. They were cheering each other on and they had such great attitudes about the whole game that coming that close to a tie felt just as good as a win. On all fronts this year, the Warriors were persevering in the face of self-doubt and achieving new levels of success as athletes and teammates.



See the Warriors in action!

A HISTORY - Making Season

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT: E-SPORTS HAS ENTERED THE CHAT

Another exciting development in the program last year was the launch of E-Sports, or competitive online gaming! While competitive gaming has been around for quite some time, it is fairly new to high schools, only becoming recognized by CIF in 2020. Students practice daily in the newly dubbed E-Sports Arena and have 7 Matches every week of their season. E-Sports, like any other high school sport, has opportunities for scholarships and the ability to play at the collegiate and professional levels. We are excited to see students engaging with this new program and hope you'll tune in to our E-Sports live streams.



*Follow us on Twitch and
checkout our season highlights.*



Highlights FROM THE YEAR

FOOTBALL

CIF Semifinalists, Division 8 Playoffs
Del Rey League Player of the Year Christian Harris
Dejour Meneffee Special Teams Player of the Year
Kevin Johnson Lineman of the Year

BOYS BASKETBALL

#8 Team in the Open Division, 2nd best
league in the Country
Ranked #25 in the country during the season
Won the Del Rey League Tournament 40-0
Player of the Year - Tyrone Riley
3.8 Average team GPA

GIRLS BASKETBALL

CIF-SS Runner Ups

TRACK & FIELD

Sadie Dixon - CIF-SS High Jump Champion

GIRLS SOCCER

CIF-SS Runner Ups
Camino Real League Champions
Camino Real Most Valuable Goalkeeper - Mariana Lopez

BOYS SOCCER

Camino Real League Champions
Div V Regional Semi-Finalists

2024 Grads GOING ON TO PLAY IN COLLEGE

BASKETBALL

Tyrone Riley - University of San Francisco (D1)
David Mack - Northern Illinois (D1)
Dayvon Gates - University of Redlands (D3)

FOOTBALL

Ed'mari Binion - Colorado State (D1)
Kevin Johnson - Weber State (D1)
Christian Harris - Lincoln of Missouri (NAIA)

TRACK & FIELD

Sadie Dixon - Temple University (D1)

PMA OFFERS THE FOLLOWING SPORTS

Cheer, Boys' Football, Boys' & Girls' Volleyball, Co-ed Track & Field, Co-ed Cross Country,
Boys' & Girls' Basketball, Boys' & Girls' Soccer, Baseball, Softball, and E-Sports.

Artist Spotlight LEAH ALCOY

LEAH ALCOY graduated as the Class of 2024 Salutatorian. Coming to us from Our Lady of the Rosary School in Paramount, Leah was an Onward Scholar, a dedicated student, and a stand-out in both visual and performing arts during her time at PMA. This landed her a full scholarship to the Rhode Island School of Design (RISD), which is one of the most prestigious fine arts schools in the country.

What you can expect from Leah's work is dream-like landscapes, portraits depicting herself and her loved ones, and lots of color and texture. Leah's AP Art portfolio was a turning point for her as an artist, helping her see a career for herself in this field. "I became interested in the idea of identity," she said, and she dedicated each piece in her portfolio to one of her friends, capturing their essence, aesthetic preferences, and way of seeing themselves. For example, a green beaded beetle represents her friend Christina's resilience and an amoebic backdrop that looks like something you'd find under a microscope represents Christina's fascination with science. Leah's primary medium is painting using gouache. She often uses embroidery, beading, and sculptural elements in her work to add dimension.



Everything in its Right Place



Homage



The Lover





IN ADDITION TO THE VISUAL ARTS, Leah is a talented actress and finds no better sense of community than she does in the theatre. Her portrayal of King Hamlet’s ghost is one to remember. In this production, the ghost is an otherworldly presence that consumes and ultimately takes over the good-natured, principled Hamlet with wrath and vengeance. RISD has a connection to Brown University, and in her first month of school she auditioned for Brown’s production of Legally Blonde the Musical and landed the role of Enid Hoops- “I’m both scared and so grateful” she said.

Leah wanted to share her gratitude for both her theater teachers, Ms. Ibañez and Mr. Sims as well as her art teacher Ms. Arreola. She is grateful for their mentorship and guidance, teaching her how to build a portfolio, how to properly audition, and for creating spaces where she felt safe to explore as an artist. We can’t wait to see where this journey takes her next.



EMPATHY COMMUNITY TRUTH
THE ARTS COLLECTIVE
AT PMA

Announcing The Arts Collective at PMA! Meet our Theatre Director Mr. Sims as he shares about the VAPA Department’s vision for the future, exciting updates, and upcoming events.



Catholic SCHOOLS WEEK:



This year, PMA had the honor of hosting the kick-off event for Catholic Schools Week in the Los Angeles Archdiocese with a visit from Archbishop Jose Gomez.

Bishop Gomez officially began Catholic Schools Week by celebrating Mass for the PMA student body and several leaders from the Los Angeles Archdiocese Department of Catholic Schools. The day included several student testimonials about the value of Catholic Education and student artists were showcased throughout the day.

At the end of Mass, Leah Delgado, PMA '25 presented Archbishop Gomez with a framed architectural drawing of the school's chapel that she drew in her art class. Several other PMA artists were highlighted that day as well. Over a dozen PMA students were selected for their work to be displayed at the Religious Education Congress the following week. Their work was hung in the event space and the featured students had the opportunity to meet the bishop and show him their work before transferring the pieces to be displayed at Congress. PMA was also grateful to partner with Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Elementary School, as their choir joined with PMA's praise band to provide beautiful music for the Mass. Each day of Catholic Schools Week is marked by a theme. The Bishop's visit on Monday was in honor of Clergy Day.

Tuesday celebrated parents. Principal Rodarte and several leadership team members passed donuts and coffee out to parents in the car line. Our students took to social media recording videos thanking their parents for supporting them and providing them with a Catholic education. Student Day was celebrated with free dress, ice cream, and a field/crafting day. All were in great spirits celebrating the Catholic school community we've built together.

Thursday, Community Day, was about partnership and service. Several advancement team members visited local elementary schools with refreshments and encouraging cards for teachers; meeting with the principals and





United in Faith AND COMMUNITY



front office staff. The students celebrated community day with a school-wide service project. In the days leading up to the event, students brought in necessary toiletries and snack items. At the end of the school day, students grabbed a bag, and assembly line style, packed one of each of these items, signed and inserted a prayer card, and sealed up the bag. Some 120 care packages were distributed to the Long Beach Public Library, where they are distributed to multiple branches and can be picked up by anyone who needs it. The week closed with a luncheon celebrating faculty and staff. Several theology teachers, campus ministers, and advancement team members represented the school at Congress the following week.

Catholic Schools Week was a true testament to all the dedication and passion that goes into the daily work that PMA's faculty and staff and its many stakeholders do to educate young people. And the many ways that students, empowered by the education and care they've received, can take their knowledge, skills, and hearts beyond the campus to transform the world.

See the video highlights from Catholic Schools Week.



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Golf N' Stuff Family Fun Center
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Michelle Gomez
Catalina Gonzalez
Claudia Gonzalez
Denise Gonzalez
Teresa Gonzalez
Fredericka Gooseberry
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2023-2024 REVENUES

TUITION/FEES

Tuition & Fees:	\$3,224,668.30
Summer School Tuition:	\$49,388.60
Registration/Other Fees:	\$414,833.92
Total Tuition & Fees:	\$3,688,890.82

DONATIONS & CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

Temporarily Restricted:	\$1,132,832.64
Unrestricted:	\$121,562.11
Catholic Education Foundation:	\$822,219.00
Total Donations & Charitable Contributions:	\$2,076,613.75

FACILITY RENTALS & MISC.

\$118,814.52

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

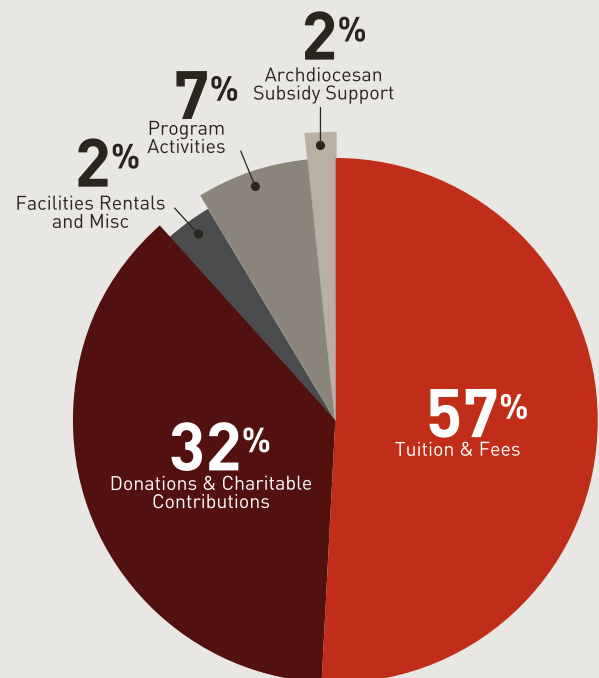
Student Store Sales:	\$13,873.10
Athletic Activities/Boosters:	\$173,748.26
Student Body/Campus Ministry/Yearbook:	\$97,186.76
Fundraising Receipts:	\$165,588.10
Total Program Activities:	\$450,396.22

ARCHDIOCESAN SUBSIDY SUPPORT

\$99,999.96

TOTAL REVENUES:

\$6,434,715.27



2023-2024 EXPENSES

SALARIES & BENEFITS

Salaries & Compensation:	\$3,714,441.95
Benefits:	\$966,389.56
Total Salaries & Benefits:	\$4,680,831.51

OPERATIONS

Office/Other Expenses:	\$114,811.85
Property Taxes/Utilities/Insurance:	\$386,082.99
Educational Expenses:	\$237,198.82
Buildings & Ground Maintenance:	\$169,381.90
Other Expenses:	\$37,241.88
Total Operations:	\$944,717.44

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

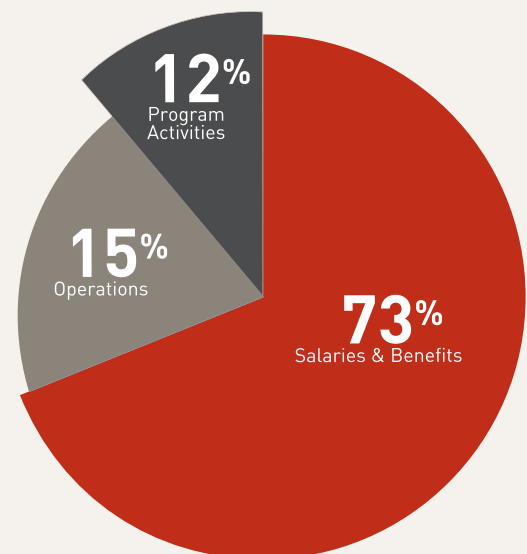
Food Service:	\$14,367.06
Athletic Activities/Boosters:	\$252,723.59
Student Body/Campus Ministry/Yearbook:	\$283,800.06
Fundraising Expenditures:	\$100,522.19
Marketing & Admissions/ Student Store:	\$46,017.00
Development & Alumni Operations:	\$66,884.57
Total Program Activities:	\$764,314.47

TOTAL EXPENSES:

\$6,389,863.42

PROFIT

\$44,851.85

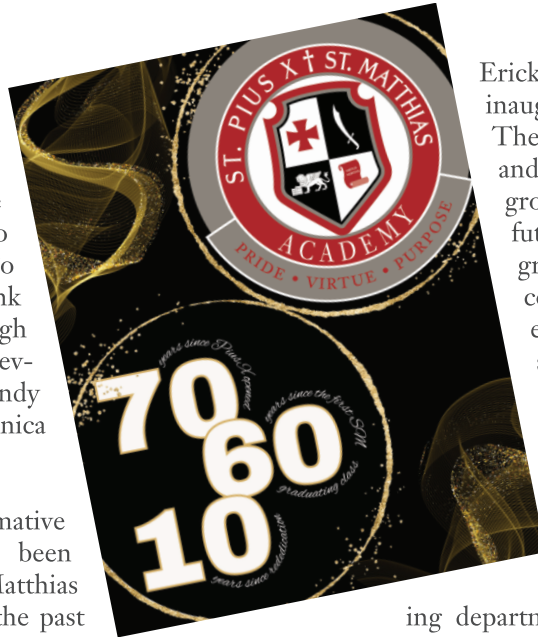


THE Impact Gala:

The 2023-2024 School year marked ten years since the rededication of St. Pius X - St. Matthias Academy. These were years of incredible growth, bringing the school from the verge of closure to the vibrant community it is today. To celebrate this milestone and thank those who carried the school through the last decade, PMA hosted its first-ever Impact Gala; honoring John & Cindy Smet, Erick Rubalcava, Veronica Zozaya, & Raul Salinas.

John & Cindy Smet are transformative philanthropic leaders who have been instrumental to St. Pius X - St. Matthias Academy's amazing turnaround in the past decade. John is the founding chair of the Advisory Board and, over the years, he and Cindy have invested in the school's capital improvements, facilities upgrades, academic programs, tuition assistance & scholarship funds, staffing, technological advancements, and most recently the construction of PMA's new theater, cafe, student plaza, & learning garden. Although their financial support has been invaluable, their commitment to serving alongside the school's leadership whether it be: a quick phone call to check in; leading a board meeting; strategizing academic program growth; or helping serve on a hiring committee; John & Cindy have put their heart and soul into supporting PMA.

Their influence spreads beyond PMA as the Smet Foundation has partnered with the Los Angeles Department of Catholic Schools through a variety of mentorship, educational, and professional development programs. John and Cindy are radically transforming the education landscape in Los Angeles Catholic schools; astutely identifying gaps in the system and addressing these issues by giving others the resources and education necessary to improve these conditions in a lasting way. The future is bright for young people today in Los Angeles Catholic schools because of John & Cindy Smet.



Erick Rubalcava and Veronica Zozaya were the inaugural President and Principal of PMA. Their leadership in academics, development, and faith guided PMA through a decade of growth and planted seeds for a promising future. Under Erick's leadership, the school grew by over 200 students, developed a consultative board, led the co-ed transition effort, several capital renovations, and strengthened the school's Catholic identity and academic programs. While serving as principal, Veronica was proud of her data-driven approach to academics, launching the Early College and Dual Enrollment programs, adding several athletic and artistic extracurricular opportunities, developing the counseling

department, adding a host of AP courses, and growing the selection of courses available to students. Both Erick and Veronica have been called to serve Catholic Schools in a greater capacity, with Erick now serving as the Chief of Mission and Catholic Identity for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and Veronica now serving as the Assistant Superintendent for the Our Lady Queen of Angels (OLQA) region of the Los Angeles Archdiocese. Their impact is felt here on campus every day, and we are so grateful for the example they set and the time, energy, and passion they gave to this school.

2023-2024 also marked 70 years since Pius X was opened and 60 years since St. Matthias graduated its first class of seniors. Celebrating these significant anniversaries, we honored the Pius X Class of 1962 for their consistent fundraising to support 4 merit scholars each year, the Sisters of Notre Dame for their leadership at St. Matthias High School, and the St. Matthias graduating Class of 1964. That night, Raul Salinas, Pius X '78 was inducted into the Alumni Hall of Fame, marking his dedication to uplifting his community through legal work. Learn more about our newest member of the Alumni Hall of Fame on the next page!



Celebrating THE DECENNIAL YEAR

The cocktail hour was held in the new portico and theater, and the O'Conner Gymnasium was transformed into a beautiful event space. The event was sold out with 300 guests attending to honor the school's history and those who made it possible. The night included live music, dinner by Chef Rod and several student helpers, a performance from the spring musical, *In the Heights*, desserts and drinks by Alumni-owned businesses, SnacksXO and Brown Soul Brewing Co, several heartfelt speeches, dancing, joy, and celebration.

The future is bright at PMA, and we are incredibly grateful for all those who have guided us throughout its long history into the present moment!



Scan here to see a highlight reel and read the event program. It includes more about the honorees, generous sponsors, and the history of Pius X High School, St. Matthias High School, and St. Pius X - St. Matthias Academy.



GENEROUS SUPPORTERS OF THE EVENT INCLUDED:

The SMET Foundation, The Los Angeles Archdiocese Department of Catholic Schools, The Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange, Stephanie Senteno and Miguel Tapia, The Catholic Community Foundation of Los Angeles, the Dan Murphy Foundation, Diane Martinez, Santiago Retreat Center, Supervisor Janice Hahn, The William Hannon Foundation, The Catholic Education Foundation, Garcia Wealth Management, Pius X Classes of 1962 and 1971, The Association of Catholic Student Councils, Specialty Family Foundation, Veronica Olona, The Family of John & Cindy Smet, the Santiago Retreat Center, and the Sisters of Notre Dame.

ALUMNI Spotlight

MEET RAÚL SALINAS the newest Alumni Hall of Fame honoree. Despite being one of the most influential legal minds on the national stage, he never forgets home! After graduating in 1978 from Pius X, he attended Loyola Marymount University and Georgetown University Law Center. Raul is the Los Angeles Partner in Charge of Frost Brown Todd, a national law firm recognized for its client success and civic engagement. He has litigated numerous high-profile cases for US and Latin American-based clients and recovered over \$20 million for a local municipality. His work extends beyond legal services. It also has impacted organizations from Habitat for Humanity and White Memorial Medical Center to the United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce where he serves as General Counsel. He is a member of the Board of Regents at LMU and sits on the Board of the Catholic Community Foundation. Raúl has a deep commitment to affordable housing, higher education, healthcare accessibility, and the promotion of small business entrepreneurs. Raúl's career is a testament to his passion for law and dedication to community service. While on the PMA Advisory Board, Raúl was instrumental in connecting the school with Cerritos College to create the Early College Program. Nationally, Raúl has been named among the Top 100 Most Influential by Hispanic Business Magazine. Raúl is married to Maria Salinas. They reside in Pasadena and have 4 sons.

The Class of '78 celebrating Raúl's induction.



ALUMNI Spotlight

HONORING OUR FOUNDERS

A warm congratulations to the Sisters of Notre Dame on celebrating their Centennial Anniversary. The sisters of Notre Dame were the founding order of St. Matthias High School, and their leadership and service has been instrumental to our school ever since. Several alumni from both Pius X High School and St. Matthias High School have gone on to become sisters of Notre Dame and several of the sisters have taught at both schools. We were so grateful to be able to send a group of students to celebrate the centennial anniversary with these incredible women. Our deepest thanks go out to all the religious who have shepherded our school into this current moment and we hope you will keep all alumni religious in your prayers.



ALUMNI IN THE NEWS:

We are proud to recognize Pius X Alumna, LaTanya Sheffield '81, who served as the Team USA Head Women's Track and Field Coach for the 2024 Paris Olympics! At Pius X High School, Sheffield was a sprinter and cheerleader. She went on to become an Olympian herself, winning two Olympic Gold Medals in the 400-meter hurdle event. Under her leadership, the US Women's Track and Field team brought home 6 Gold Medals, 4 Silver, and 4 Bronze. Additionally, the US took both the 1st and 2nd places on the podium in LaTanya's winning event, the 400-meter hurdle! We were incredibly proud and excited to see her lead the team on the world stage! Go LaTanya!



SUPPORT PMA



The support you give us has allowed PMA to make the last year exceptional! We've invested in vital areas such as campus security and beautification, ensuring students feel valued, safe, and at home at PMA. We have also continued our efforts to increase faculty & staff compensation, benefits, and professional development opportunities to attract and retain mission-oriented and highly qualified educators. In addition, we built a new student store, The Warrior Wearhouse, remodeled our Ceramics Room, created an E-Sports Arena, and purchased classroom monitors for our classrooms!

Join us today in supporting PMA's greatest needs! Let's keep the momentum. A gift to the Annual Fund directly supports PMA's greatest needs. These include campus modernization, tuition assistance and accessibility, and attracting & retaining highly qualified educators.



CAMPUS MODERNIZATION Keeping PMA Cool: Giving Tuesday

Giving Tuesday

Join us in the International Day of Giving on December 3, 2024. This year, our goal is to continue investing in our students' quality of life by installing HVAC in the O'Connor Gymnasium. With our growing student body and the success of our Volleyball and Basketball programs, the gym is more often than not at capacity. Installing HVAC will improve the experience of Mass, Adoration, assemblies, Pep Rallies for the students as well as the fan experience at home games. Our goal is to raise \$120,000 to install HVAC this year.



WARRIORS



Your Gift CHANGES LIVES

ACCESS

Maintaining the tuition at a number that is accessible to the community we serve is paramount. PMA will continue to offer a quality, Catholic education that is accessible to our community; however, this is only possible with your support:

- Over **90%** of PMA students receive some type of financial assistance
- Over **60%** of PMA family household incomes meet Federal Poverty Guidelines
- Tuition at PMA is **\$11,800**
- Each family on average pays 61% of the full tuition cost
- **\$4,375** = What PMA must raise per student to meet the cost of education
- **37%** of PMA's budget comes from funds raised by generous donors

While the tuition, at \$11,800 is among the lowest in Los Angeles and Orange County Catholic High Schools combined, the vast majority of PMA families cannot afford the full cost. Because of this, PMA has to raise approximately \$4,375 per student or \$2,651,600 in order to meet the true cost to education. While PMA in partnership with generous donors allocates \$3,111,900 to support families in affording PMA, the need is still great. According to FACTS, the amount of support our families truly need nearly equals the school's operating budget of \$5,340,000. Every gift that is given to PMA could make a monumental difference in the lives of our students and their families.

HUMAN CAPITAL

Teachers & Counselors are a school's greatest resource, and at PMA, the average full-time teacher salary for a staff that ranges from 20 years of experience to first-year teachers, is \$62,000. This is 85% of the average teaching salary, \$73,058, in LAUSD according to payscale.com. To combat high teacher turnover, the PMA administration has made efforts to offer competitive raises, increase support for new teachers, and set aside funding for professional development. Over the past 4 years, PMA has increased salaries by 22%, but we need to do more. Schools with higher teacher retention can spend more time meeting the student body's needs vs. onboarding new hoards of new hires. Therefore, the more support the school can give to teachers, the better academic and social-emotional outcomes will be seen among students.

Maximize your impact with a recurring donation. Pledging \$20 or more per month will enter you into our 20/30 Club. As we are wrapping up our current strategic plan, Vision 2026, your recurring donation represents your commitment to the next chapter of this school. Your support will carry us through 2030! Recurring donors will gain free access to home games at PMA, an invitation to a president's reception, PMA swag, and their names will be listed on every Alumni & Friends Newsletter.





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Important DATES 2024-2025

December 3, 2024 Giving Tuesday
December 6, 2024 Christmas Tree Lighting
January 10, 2025 Alumni Basketball Tailgate
May 5, 2025 Inaugural Jersey Retirement & Grand Reunion
May 25, 2025 Graduation
June 16, 2025 Warrior Cup Golf Tournament

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