



2018-2019 ANNUAL REPORT

CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY

Note From the Development Office:

St. John Paul II Catholic School has been truly blessed by the generosity of so many members of our community who believe in our vision of providing an outstanding, yet affordable, Catholic education. On behalf of all of the students of St. John Paul II, we extend a heartfelt thank you to all of our benefactors whose continued support enables us to educate the mind, heart, and spirit of our children! This report reflects all donations received between August 1, 2018 and July 31, 2019. Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy and completeness of this report. Please accept our sincere apology for any errors or omissions, and please notify the Development Office at 281-496-1500. Thank you for your generosity!

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Leave your mark on the StJP II campus with a brick paver in the Randall-Crosthwait Courtyard surrounding the statue of St. John Paul II. A paver is a lasting tribute that can honor members of your family, commemorate a special event, or thank a coach or teacher. Proceeds from brick pavers fund the StJP II garden and help pay for compost, fertilizer, seeds, and repairs. To place your order, download the Paver Order Form on www.jp2.org.



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ACADEMIC AWARDS

Graduating Class of 2019 Awards

Fischer Award

Pablo Escobedo and McKay Lawless

The Fischer Award is presented each year to one boy and one girl of the graduating class who exemplify the standards of excellence which St. John Paul II strives to instill in all of its students: the achievement of academic excellence; the development of individual talents and abilities through athletics, fine arts or other extracurricular activities; and the demonstration of outstanding interpersonal skills and strong Christian values in their relationships with fellow students and the faculty.

Saints Award

Zachary Rocha and Hannah Dvorachek

Board of Directors' Essay Award Winner

Michael Frain

SCHOLARSHIPS:

St. John XXIII College Preparatory

Zane Beyer, Ryan Gruen

St. Pius X High School

Zane Beyer, Conor Ulery

St. Thomas High School

Zane Beyer, Isaac Cabello, Pablo Escobedo, Ryan Gruen, JD Kollar, Caleb Sudkamp

Strake Jesuit College Preparatory

Ryan Gruen, JD Kollar

Presidential Award for Academic Excellence

These students achieved scores in the 95th percentile or above on the Complete Battery of the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS) and maintained report card grades of 90 or above in all subjects for the entire school year.

8th grade: : Sophia Aramburu, Liezel Baleva, Zane Beyer, Isaac Cabello, Analiese Carlile, Jeffrey Cohen, Pablo Escobedo, Francesca Finger, Karl Gomez, Ryan Gruen, Nicole Halter, Jeffrey Kollar, Joshua Martinez, Alexander Nguyen, Isabelle Nguyen, Theresa Nguyen, Kamden O'Connor, Cecilia Rider, Andrew Riemann, Catherine Shoemaker, Brendan Siswanto, Caleb Sudkamp

7th grade: Matthew Cavers, Alejandro Creixell, Elizabeth DeGeeter, David DeVauill, Adrian Doan, Hannah Dominy, Anna Dronet, Xavier Gallart, Lyndsey Gomez, Justin Hughes, Sebastian Khayat, Kaden Khoury, Youna Lucquin, Juan-Pablo Marinovic, Lucas Marinovic, Samantha Muro, Oscar Quinones, Michael Sena, Keenan Sencio-Sims, Kathryn Thorne, Victoria Tucker, Braden Walker

6th grade: Jenna Beyer, David Calderon, Mateo Cardenas, Viviana De la Rosa, Averil Garrity, Samuel Hildebrand, Sammy Khoury, Davis Kushner, Clare Nguyen, Nathaniel Otis, Peter Rider, Mariana Rondon, Peter Sutton, Matthew Watts, John Wedlake

5th grade: : Julian Carlile, Luca Chavez, Joshua Cline, Pablo Correa, Sophie Da Silva, Antonio De la Rosa, Elena Grillo, Bridget Hughes, Claire Kollar, Aaron Kulhanek, Fabiana Montilva Canas, Benjamin Nguyen, Zachary Nguyen, Chloe Schroeder, Bryce Watson III

4th grade: JLucas Aguilar, Erica Beyer, Susan Bramanti, Lucca Curiman, James Dorgan, Rodrigo Estrada-Zenizo, Mia Hernandez, Gia Le Cong, Felipe Leal, Chloe Nguyen, Joshua Nguyen, Diego Pruneda Hernandez, Teagan Sisemore, Carolyn Thorne

CLASS STATISTICS

THE STUDENTS OF THE CLASS OF 2019 ARE NOW ATTENDING THE FOLLOWING SCHOOLS:

1 DUCHESNE ACADEMY

3 OTHER PRIVATE HIGH SCHOOLS

8 ST. THOMAS HIGH SCHOOL

14 ST. JOHN XXIII COLLEGE PREPARATORY

14 STRAKE JESUIT COLLEGE PREPARATORY

14 PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL

17 ST. AGNES ACADEMY

OUR SCHOOL MOTTO "BE NOT AFRAID" IS UNVEILED

Be not afraid...

In January 2017, the Board of Directors, along with the administration, teachers, staff, and a group of parents updated the strategic plan for St. John Paul II Catholic School. While many ideas came to light and were implemented, one item in particular stood out – the need for a school motto to clearly proclaim to the world precisely what our school believes, teaches, and is at the heart of our community.

The school motto had to be foundational; it would not only inspire our students and families but motivate them. Our community would know exactly where we stand, as we knew where our patron stood. The motto had to guide our students as they enter the world from this foundation with prayer, confident in the knowledge that Jesus had come to save them and, through them, the world.

At his Inauguration Mass, Pope St. John Paul II laid out the central message of his pontificate:

"Do not be afraid. Open, I say open wide the doors for Christ. To His saving power open the boundaries of states, economic and political systems, the vast fields of culture, civilization, and development."

Later, the pope said again at World Youth Day in 1993:

"This is no time to be ashamed of the Gospel. It is the time to preach it... Do not be afraid to break out of comfortable and routine modes of living in order to take up the challenge of making Christ known in the modern metropolis."

And finally:

"Do not be afraid. Do not be satisfied with mediocrity. Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch... I plead with you--never, ever give up on hope, never doubt, never tire, and never become discouraged. Be not afraid."

Thus, at the heart of Pope St. John Paul II's message is this progression:

Be not afraid ... Open wide the doors for Christ ... Engage the world as confident Catholics.

After study, much prayer, and many months of discernment, the motto unmistakably revealed itself to us from our patron:

Be not afraid...

What does this mean for our students and for our families? As children begin their journey at our school, everything is new and sometimes uncertain. We can point to the motto and share our patron's message, encouraging newcomers to leave fear at the door because here is a safe space for them to learn, grow, and transform.

Throughout elementary school, a child grows in knowledge and discipline but is also discovering who he or she is and will become. We will point to the motto and share the message to be confident in their faith and education, that they could be better than they can ever imagine.

As these children transition to young adulthood, they face new challenges, both mental and physical, in modern culture and at school. Exams, friendships, and new responsibilities all present obstacles. We will point to the motto and share our patron's message – to students and their parents – that there is no need to fear. Christ will be their strength.

Our teachers and staff will help children, all unique individuals with diverse needs, and in those hours when we wonder how to make the difference, we will read the motto and be energized to implement our patron's message.

Our motto is "**Be not afraid...**" rather than simply "Be not afraid." We add the ellipsis intentionally because Christ's message, revealed through all of Sacred Scripture, remains the same as challenges change throughout our lives.

Be not afraid...to live your faith.

Be not afraid...to be kind to all your classmates.

Be not afraid...to say "I don't know" and ask for help.

Be not afraid...of challenges, embrace them.

Be not afraid...to be confident Catholics.

Be not afraid...to have a giving heart.

Be not afraid...because Christ is with you forever.

In his biography of Pope St. John Paul II "Witness to Hope", George Weigel summed up what one commentator said about Pope St. John Paul II:

He was a man utterly without fear. ... It is an unmistakably Christian fearlessness. In Christian faith, fear is not eliminated but transformed, through a profound personal encounter with Christ and his Cross – the place where all human fear was offered by the Son to the Father, setting us all free from fear.

Pope St. John Paul II ended his inaugural homily with this, applicable to all of us, and explaining what his thesis was, and is:

So often today, man does not know that which is in him, in the depths of his mind and heart. So often he is uncertain about the meaning of his life on this earth. He is assailed by doubt, a doubt which turns into despair. We ask you, therefore, we beg you with humility and with trust, let Christ speak to man. He alone has words of life, yes, of life eternal.

Let our motto, which is not only our patron's message but Christ's, be the guiding light by which our community fearlessly pursues education, fearlessly pursues faith, and fearlessly pursues its full potential in Christ.

STJPII WINS THIRD NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON AWARD

Three Time Winners!

St. John Paul II Catholic School was been named a 2018 National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education. StJPII is one among 300 public and 49 private schools receiving this honor nationally. StJPII has already twice received this honor, once in 1997 and again in 2008. Winning in 2018 makes StJPII the first and only elementary school in Houston (public or private) to receive the National Blue Ribbon School award three times, and one of only five schools in the nation to receive a third award this year. National Blue Ribbon Schools are on education's cutting edge, pioneering innovative educational practices in the classroom and beyond.

StJPII Principal Rebecca Bogard accepted the award on behalf of StJPII in Washington D.C. on November 8, 2018. She was accompanied by Elementary Assistant Principal Suzy de Leon. During the awards ceremony, administrators heard from Secretary DeVos and shared best practices with other esteemed educators.



The StJPII student body enjoyed a patriotic assembly celebrating their hard-won achievements. The campus was adorned with festive blue ribbons, children received commemorative blue ribbon t-shirts and the students were surprised with a video montage featuring local celebrities congratulating them on their achievements. One such local dignitary was Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner who said, "I know this award is possible because the students at St. John Paul II work hard and parents and teachers showed their dedication to excellence. Continue to be a great example for other schools. I'm proud of you, the entire city is proud of you." After the assembly, students were treated to ice cream compliments of Blue Bell Creameries.

StJPII is dedicated to working in partnership with parents to develop students into future leaders. The foundation that the faculty provides prepares StJPII students spiritually and academically to succeed and do God's will. As a result, numerous academic scholarships are annually awarded to StJPII graduates. In addition to the rigorous academic program, StJPII has award-winning athletics, fine arts and enrichment programs to match.

STJPII WINS ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL AWARD



Congratulations

to St. John Paul II Catholic School for receiving the St. Peter and St. Paul Award from the Catholic Schools Office. Here, Principal Rebecca Bogard receives the award from Associate Superintendent Lytia Reese in honor of the teamwork she and Chaplain Father Eamonn Shelly use to support the students. St. John Paul II was the first Independent school that has received this award.

DONNA DENTON WINS TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD

The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston (AGH) awarded the Sally Landrum Excellence in Teaching award...

to a worthy employee in the Catholic School System annually. The award is named for former AGH Superintendent and a staunch supporter of Catholic education, Sally Landrum. In celebration of her life and work, the award is presented to a teacher who exemplifies strong Catholic faith, community spirit, and provides rigorous academic instruction. Additionally, a \$1,500 monetary award is given to the teacher for his/her designation.

St. John Paul II Catholic School (StJP II) humbly announces the recipient of the 2018-19 Sally Landrum Excellence in Teaching award was presented to 30-year Catholic educator Mrs. Donna Denton. While she began her career teaching kindergarten, for most of the 27 years she has been at StJP II Mrs. Denton has devoted herself to 3rd grade students. Mrs. Denton was presented with this award of excellence during the AGH's annual welcome back to school Mass at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in downtown Houston on Friday, August 10, 2018. Mrs. Denton is always a favorite among current and former students, and alumnus William Colgan, StJP II Class of 2014, states this about her, "I will always remember Mrs. Denton for modeling her strong Catholic faith and taking the time to get to know me as an individual. She loves everyone, makes us laugh, and she is always the first teacher alumni want to visit."



Mrs. Denton has graciously donated her AGH award equally to three other Catholic schools in honor of individuals she believes share her love of Catholic Education: St. Thomas More Parish School, in honor of her former Assistant Principal Kristen Thome and Fr. Hai Dang whom her class befriended during a trip to St. Mary's Seminary; St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School, in honor of StJP II's Class of 2018 seminarian Fr. Preston Quintela; and Queen of Peace Catholic School, where current StJP II Principal Rebecca Bogard began her administrative career. Principal Bogard remarked, "Donna has a connection with students that is infectious. She is loving and yet has high expectations that students rise to meet, no matter their background, learning difference, or emotional need. She is reflective

in her teaching practice, always thoughtful to not grow stagnant with her approach. Donna has a love for StJP II and continues to live out our mission in every way she serves the school community." The entire StJP II community is very pleased to honor and congratulate Mrs. Denton! For those so desiring to honor Mrs. Denton, a gift may be made to the Donna Denton Excellence in Teaching Endowment Fund which will ensure that her legacy of faith and love will last into perpetuity.

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The mission of St. John Paul II Catholic School is to **prepare all students spiritually and academically to succeed in life and to do God's will.** Our Annual Fund supports every aspect of our mission and it is put to use in our current academic year. It provides technology with our Chromebook carts, interactive projectors, and Mac lab. It allows us to upgrade athletic equipment and enabled the installation of turf on the playground. Most importantly, your support of the Annual Fund allows us to further our Catholic educational mission by retaining excellent and caring faculty, a campus Chaplain, and two counselors to support our student body. These are all very visible and tangible ways your support elevates our students' experience at StJP II. Making a philanthropic gift to the Annual Fund is an act of faith which lessens the burden of tuition and encourages our students to grow closer to Jesus.

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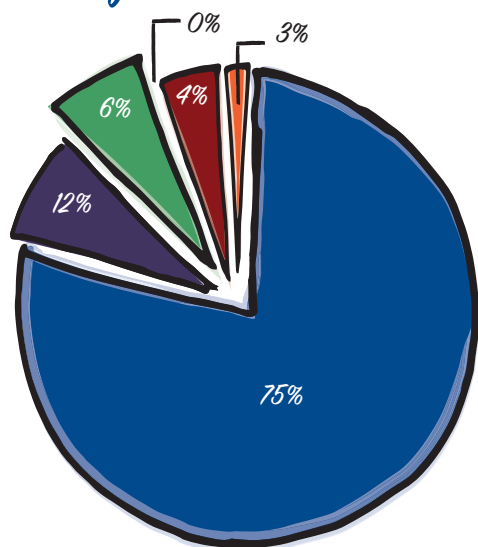
Endowment Fund

Having a strong endowment for the school ensures that we continue to fulfill our Christ-centered mission for future generations of aspiring saints. We are valiantly committed to securing the success of the students entrusted to our care, which dictates that we secure the success of our school in perpetuity. The Endowment has designated funds for academic achievement, arts, athletics, and tuition assistance as well as a General Fund for any unforeseen needs that may arise. The Endowment Fund accepts gifts from individuals, corporations, or foundations, and invests these funds for the long-term goals of the school. There are many ways to give, including gifts of securities and planned gifts. For more information, contact Jessi Cook at 281-496-1500.

FINANCIAL DATA

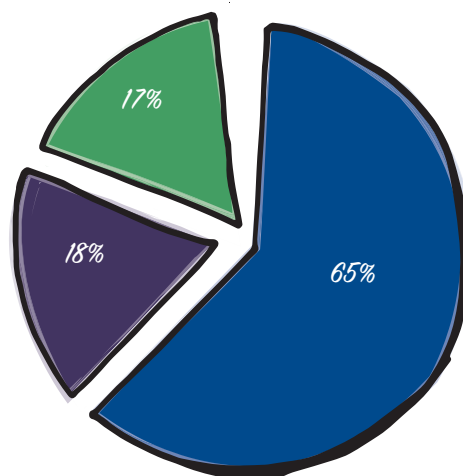
*Endowment Fund Balance at July 31, 2019 = \$666,057.**

Operating Revenues



Tuition	\$5,090,463
Family Commitment, Net	\$795,336
Annual Fund, Net	\$384,284
Before/After School Care, Net	\$292,480
Interest Income	\$26,737
Designated Funds/Endowment	\$228,993
Total Operating Revenues	\$6,818,293

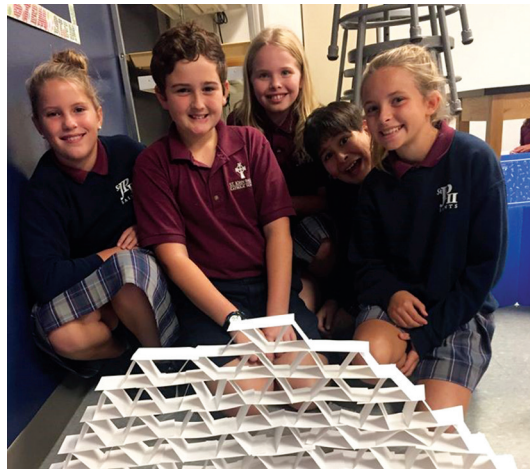
Operating Expenses



Instructional	\$4,459,389
Administrative	\$1,199,943
Plant	\$1,158,961
Total Operating Expenses	\$6,818,293

THANK YOU!

OUR BENEFACTORS ARE DIRECT BLESSINGS FROM THE LORD. WE GRATEFULLY PRAY IN MASS AND EVERY DAY THAT THE LORD WILL PROVIDE FOR ALL YOUR NEEDS, AS YOU ARE DOING FOR US.





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