



Frequently Asked Questions

Why is Parish Fund so important?

Parish Fund, the School's annual fund, represents the most critical dollars for the School's financial health for two very important reasons: It provides annual renewed gifts so that the School can depend on this source of income, and it provides unrestricted support wherever the need is greatest. Both are essential to the School's excellence and financial strength. Annual Giving helps fund the operating budget which includes things such as professional development, art supplies, technology, curriculum development, athletics, student activities, and even air conditioning and lighting.

Doesn't tuition cover other expenses?

Tuition revenue provides only 90% of the School's operating budget. Parish relies on annual, unrestricted giving to help cover the gap that exists between tuition and the actual cost of educating each student.

What are Leadership gifts?

Gifts to Parish Fund of \$5,000 or more are considered leadership gifts. Leadership gifts are crucial to the success of Parish Fund. Typically gifts at this level represent more than 70% of the total money raised through annual giving. Donors who make gifts at this level are recognized in our annual *Impact Report on Philanthropy* and are invited to special events to honor their generosity and deep commitment to the School.



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If I can only make a small gift, does it really make an impact on Parish?

Absolutely! Over the years, contributions to the Parish Fund have ranged from \$10 to \$30,000+. Every gift, no matter the size, makes a difference. Your gift, combined with those from other parents, alumni and friends, provides substantial support for the ongoing programmatic needs of the school.

Why does my participation matter?

Participation matters because many foundations only fund schools that demonstrate wide support by their own parents and alumni. Your participation is a demonstration of your commitment to the School and a sign of Parish's strength of community.

Does Parish Fund benefit both the Hillcrest and Midway campuses?

Absolutely! Parish is one school with two campuses.

How is Parish Fund different from Major Gift initiatives?

The Parish Fund raises funds yearly in support of the school's annual operating budget. From time to time, the Board of Trustees may initiate a campaign to fund major projects. Major Gifts Initiatives are specific fundraising campaigns over a finite period of time that raises substantial funds for major building projects and renovations, for endowment funds, and for other significant needs demanding extensive outlays of capital.



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How can I make a gift?

You can support Parish by making a gift of cash, check or by credit card. We also accept corporate matching gifts, appreciated assets or bequests. All Parish Fund gifts are fully tax deductible. To make a gift online, visit www.parish.org/give.

How can I make a stock transfer?

Gifts and pledge payments can be made through gifts of securities. For more information and instructions on making a stock transfer, please contact Kristen Twomey, Assistant Director of Development, at ktwomey@parish.org.

Will my company match my gift?

Many companies have matching gift programs available for their employees, retirees, and families. Taking advantage of these programs can double or sometimes triple your gift to Parish. To see if your company will match your gift, contact your Human Resources department.

If I make a pledge now, when do I have to pay?

We ask that pledges be fulfilled by May 31. It is helpful to Parish if you make your commitment early in the fiscal year, even if you don't pay until later. It is important for the Board of Trustees to know the approximate total of the projected funds raised before they meet at the end of November to begin the budget planning process for the next school year.