

Adaptability | PATIENCE **DEDICATION**



We celebrate the adaptability, patience, and dedication of our faculty, staff, students, and families at St. Mary Interparochial School







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From the Principal



Dear Parents, Guardians, Alum, and Supporters of St. Mary Interparochial School,

Happy 2021!

As we step into a new year together, I encourage you to reflect on this past year. Last year truly challenged each of us, physically, mentally,

emotionally, and spiritually, but we have turned a moment of chaos into momentum and have pushed forward together in the face of adversity. Through every unprecedented circumstance, our amazing students, faculty, staff, community members, and donors always shined their St. Mary light and demonstrated a true commitment to our school's mission, "St. Mary Interparochial School challenges its diverse student body, to grow morally, academically, and socially into passionate, confident, Christ-centered leaders of the 21st century." Although we are not fully past the storm, and other obstacles still lie ahead, together we will continue to be a shining light in the moments of darkness. We are continually thankful for all of the amazing things God continues to provide for us daily, and we trust in His plan for us.

St. Mary Interparochial School is very proud that we have been able to safely reopen for in-person learning during this pandemic. We are also very proud that we have been able to provide an innovative teaching and learning model which supports families who opt for virtual learning during this time. From CDC compliances to daily building sanitation, our school reopening has been a true community effort. We are appreciative for all of your help in ensuring the success and safety of our school.

I am very excited to share a few impressive announcements. St. Mary Interparochial School's Middle States Association (MSA) visit was successful and we have been recommended to the Middle States Association for re-accreditation. A very special thanks to St. Mary Interparochial School's former principal, Jeanne Meredith, and to our Honors Math and Spanish teacher, Denise Pimpinella, who acted as our internal coordinators throughout the Middle States process. St. Mary Interparochial School is in the process of finalizing our third strategic plan. In addition, a special thanks to our Director of Advancement, Christina Haciski, for organizing and leading this important process which ensures the success and sustainability of our school.

Lastly, I would like to share that St. Mary Interparochial School has received several grants which have allowed for some incredible technology updates. More specifically, every homeroom in our school now has an updated interactive smartboard.

As we begin this new year together, please know that it is through your help and support we are able to continue to offer a quality Catholic education to families from many parishes and zip codes while remaining a crown jewel of education in the city of Philadelphia. We thank you for sharing your talent and treasure with the students of Saint Mary Interparochial School during this unprecedented time.

Many blessings,

Jayon Yyluce

Jayda Pugliese





From the Board President and Chair



Much as it is with students, faculty, administration, teachers, alumni, and parents of the school community, the St. Mary mission statement is at the

centerpiece for every action taken by the School Board — "to challenge our diverse student body to grow morally, academically, and socially into passionate, confident and Christ-centered leaders of the 21st century." But how does the Board work to ensure this mission is accomplished? The answer lies within one of the most important activities we endeavor to perform every five years as a Board: the strategic plan.

Every five years, the Board examines and revisits the pillars of our school tradition and identity: Catholic Identity; the Academic Program; Leadership; Sustainability; Advancement; and Buildings and Grounds. By drawing on the school's rich tradition (dating back to 1782) and looking at the challenges presented in the next five year window, we are able to formulate a five-year plan of specific goals that reflect and expand upon the pillars that make the school the Christ-centered, Blue Ribbon education it is today.

For example, we will look at our Catholic Identity and develop goals that will strive to build upon our strong faith culture, offering further opportunities for faith formation for students, parents, faculty, and staff. In terms of the Academic Program, we will develop goals to maintain and enhance our engaging, innovative, and rigorous

curriculum that inspires faculty, staff, and students to attain results that reflect global demands for success in the 21st century. We will develop a strategic plan to continue the practices of sound financial management, including the implementation of added measures to ensure long-term financial sustainability. We will continue to expand the Advancement program—the engine of the school's growth-based on the successes achieved in the last five-year plan. And we will develop specific goals in response to the Buildings and Grounds challenges facing the school, including addressing the needs of our physical plant in the next five years.

The strategic exercise is an important one, combining "big picture" aspirations with tasks that will be expected to be completed in the next five years. By combining the school's "big picture" vision with specific, actionable tasks, the Board is able to engage in the invaluable exercise of turning aspiration into reality. The process is a collaborative one, and the Board members will work together to combine their experiences, observations, and feedback from the school community so that we may address the most important issues addressing the school in the next five years. No goal is too big, but a list of action steps will be created with one overarching question: What steps can we, as a Board, do in the next five years to ensure that we achieve or get closer to the school's goals? As we work as a Board on behalf of the school community, we will present our official Strategic Plan to the school community in late winter 2021. At the conclusion of the five-year window, we, as a Board, will hold ourselves to task, and see that each of these "action steps" has been accomplished.

The 2020-2025 Strategic Planning process kicks off with the turning of the calendar year, and the Board is eager to engage in this process, just as we did in 2015. As a Board, our purpose is to promote and advance the mission of St. Mary. We are but one part of the St. Mary community, of course, and we work to assist the principal, faculty, administration, students, and the entire St. Mary family, in our efforts to promote and advance the school. As a Board, we are excited as we move into the 2020-2025 Strategic Plan window, and embrace the challenge of doing everything in our collective power to support the needs and interests of the St. Mary community.

Best regards,

Michael Detweiler, Esquire President and Chairman of the Board

Michael L. Detweiler is a member of the Professional Liability Department at Marshall Dennehey where he has defended clients in numerous professional liability and casualty matters. Prior to joining Marshall Dennehey, Michael was Assistant City Solicitor with the City of Philadelphia Law Department for two years. Michael graduated from Dickinson College in 1998 and from Boston College Law School in 2002. He is licensed to practice in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Massachusetts. Michael and his wife Alexandra are parents of two children, Charles and Gisele.

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MINDFULNESS



During this academic year, St. Mary Interparochial School will be focusing on health, wellness, mindfulness, and compassion for self and others. Classes will be partnering with Roots2Rise Yoga Practices and Jamie Cross. Through these partnerships and classes, we will work directly with students to support their personal and academic growth.

Mindfulness is a skill that can be used personally, professionally and socially and has benefits far beyond the classroom. Mindfulness and compassion training have been shown to reduce anxiety, depression, fatigue, burnout and to improve the concentration and resilience of students.

Students will work to develop self-awareness and learn effective intra- and interpersonal communication skills through Mindfulness activities on Wednesdays, and emotional and body-centered check-ins periodically. The goals are for students, faculty, and staff to increase body awareness, emotional awareness and the ability to stay present and attentive while decreasing reactivity and stress responses. Thank you to Claire Montgomery '13 for leading the structuring and implementation of our wellness program, as well as our academic partner, Thomas Jefferson University, for providing each student with a personal Wellness Journal.







MIDDLE STATES

St. Mary Interparochial has just completed its second re-accreditation process through the Middle States Association. School was first accredited in 2007 and was re-accredited in 2014 and now will be re-accredited in 2021.

The re-accreditation is a self-evaluation that the school completes to see if it is meeting a defined set of international research-based standards. Although there are twelve standards to be self-evaluated, there is much room for a school to be creative within this process.

St. Mary Community - parents, students, faculty, staff, Board of Limited Jurisdiction - evaluated itself on twelve pre-set standards, using an instrument provided by Middle States. From that, the school determined three areas to be studied that would have the most impact on the school community in the next seven years. Those areas are: Math, Science, Religion, and the non-academic subject of Diversity, Equality, and Inclusion (DEI).

The virtual team of four educators, all volunteers, examined our work in these areas and agreed that St. Mary School has fulfilled all requirements to be re-accredited. Now,

the work begins for the school community. Over the next seven years, through 2027, the academic focuses will be on Math, Science, and Religion. DEI will also be the focus for continuous school improvement.

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to Denise Pimpinella and Jeanne Meredith for coordinating and managing all aspects of the Middle States re-accreditation process. This included creating and overseeing committees, scheduling virtual visits and meetings with faculty, staff, parents, and students, and ultimately leading us through a successful re-accredidation process.

14TH ANNUAL HARVEST HOEDOWN



A special thank you to our Presenting Sponsors, City Plumbing, Aguilar Family, Michael Anastasio Produce, Esposito's Meats and Fante's Kitchen Shop, Harman Deutsch Ohler Architecture, Fernando Family, and Ralph and Barbara Novotney, and all of our sponsors for supporting St. Mary Interparochial School through the 14th Annual Harvest Hoedown! With your help, the Hoedown raised more than \$17,800! This fall fundraiser, which kicks-off our Annual Giving Campaign each year, supports St. Mary STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Art, and Math) Education Programs.

In response to COVID-19 regulations, our Harvest Hoedown looked different this year, but was still an overwhelming success. The St. Mary Community came together virtually to celebrate our Hoedown through take-home activity bags that included a Flat Stanley Scarecrow, pumpkin decorating kits and more!







Each student was even treated to a pumpkin of their own, thanks to a generous donation made by Michael Anastasio Produce.

Thank you to all of our sponsors, parent volunteers, donors, classroom captains, teachers, staff, students, and Harvest Hoedown Committee for helping to make this a very special and successful Harvest Hoedown. We look forward to seeing everyone on Locust Street next October!









Alumni Circle News

Are you a St. Mary Alum?

Are you a St. Mary Alum? We'd love to hear from you and add you to our ever-growing Alumni Circle! This will give you the opportunity to connect with your own classmates, but will also give you the opportunity to meet and learn about individuals from other classes. Becoming part of our alumni group is a great way to connect to alumni, old and new.

We would like to foster our alumni relationship and make it even stronger by featuring St. Mary Alumni news on our social media platforms. As a new feature, we highlight St. Mary Alumni once a month through our Alumni Spotlight! Submit your Alumni Spotlight News by visiting www.saintmarys. us/about/alumni-circle. We can't wait to hear from you!

Stay tuned for future alumni news and events! To be added to our email list and distribution list, please email alumni@saintmarys.us.

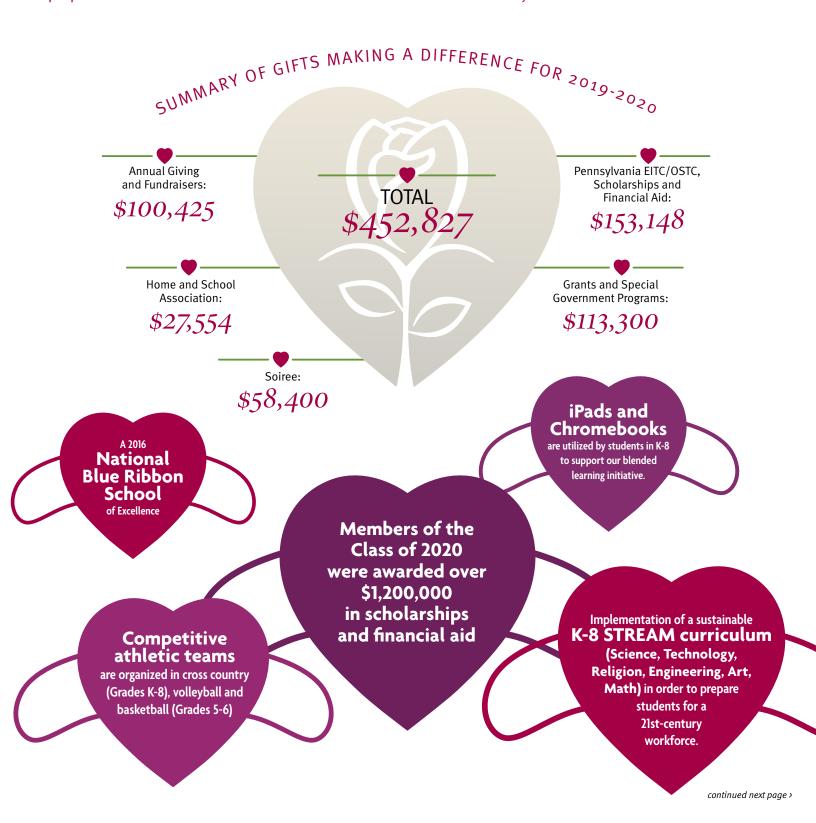


Email alumni@saintmarys.us and provide your name and graduation year



Annual Report 2019-2020

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE STUDENTS OF ST. MARY INTERPAROCHIAL SCHOOL! It is with great honor, that we present the 2019-2020 Annual Report of Gifts. The following pages clearly demonstrate the overwhelming support from our greater school community in making a difference in the preparation of our Christ-centered leaders rooted in God's love. Thank you!



ST. MARY AT A GLANCE | 2020-2021

St. Mary is fiscally independent

Students receive Spanish, Art, Music, and Physical Education instruction in all grades

Google G Suite for Education School - using

Google Classroom in all grades

> To stay at the forefront of educational practices, faculty and staff members attend regional,

national, and international

professional development programs.

Demographics

Current enrollment 246 Students

Curriculum Kindergarten - 8th Grade: Co-ed

Gender 132 Girls: 114 Boys

Tuition \$5,400

\$7,000 Kindergarten (includes iPad for each K student)

Governance Principal, Pastor Delegate and BLI

Faculty/Student Ratio 23:1

About Our Students

Catholic Children: 82% of the student body

(Children enter from 32 parishes in Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Dioceses of Camden and Trenton)

Ethnicity: 8% African-American children; 5% Hispanic children

4% Asian children; 73% Caucasian children 1% Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander;

9% Two or more races

Economics: Title One School

After School Enrichment 50% of the student body

Programs: (participate in our afterschool programs)

Financial Aid: \$27K from Children's Scholarship Fund; \$108.7K from

BLOCS: **\$8K** from Foundation for Catholic Education: \$8.75K Bridge Education Fund; over \$14K scholarship program; over \$165K in financial aid awarded; St. Mary Interparochial Tuition Assistance and Scholarship Program also awards students in need.

Achievements: Class of 2020 received tuition assistance or scholarships to high school, totaling over \$1M+, 2 Xaverian Scholars to St. Joseph's Preparatory School, 1 Neumann Scholarship, 1 Maguire scholarship and 1 Josephine Connelly Award.

Over **75%** of our graduates qualify for honors classes

as high school freshman

First Archdiocesan School to routinely use 3D printers in the classroom.

Named the #1 school in the City of Philadelphia

by greatphillyschools.org. (All schools are ranked by their academic performance, school safety, and student attendance.

St. Mary School attained a 10/10)

Robust afterschool enrichment <u>opportunities</u>

STEAM • Junior Explorers • Debate • Theater Future Cities • Girls and Boys on the Run Industrial Design • Chess Club **Reading Olympics**

ANNUAL REPORT OF GIFTS

Thank you to all the individuals and organizations who have generously invested in our students so that they may continue to receive an exceptional academic foundation and solid spiritual formation in the heart of historic Philadelphia.

Each year we strive to list each gift accurately, however, if there is a different way you would like to be acknowledged, please email Betty Montgomery at emontgomery@saintmarys.us. Please provide the way in which you would like to be acknowledged.

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OUR MISSION

St. Mary Interparochial
School challenges its diverse
student body to grow morally,
academically and socially,
into passionate, confident
and Christ-centered
leaders of the
21st century.

The Annual Giving Campaign is a yearly fundraising drive for the purpose of raising much-needed funds to benefit the students of St. Mary Interparochial School.

These essential funds assist in providing:

- A top rated Academic Program
- Scholarship and Tuition Assistance for families in need
- Superior Art, Music and Cultural Enrichment Program
- Technology for the 21st Century
- Necessary building and physical plant maintenance

We are grateful for your generosity and we hope you will contribute once again along with our entire St. Mary School community. Your contribution will be used to benefit the students of St. Mary Interparochial School. Thank you in advance for your donation!

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Donate online at www.saintmarys.us, use the enclosed envelope or call 215-923-7522.
- Check with your Human Resources
 Department or Matching Gift Coordinator to see if your company will match your annual giving donation.
- Spread the word about our Annual Giving Appeal to others who, like you, believe in an excellent Catholic education for children of all religious, economic, and ethnic backgrounds.



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8:30 am to 9:30 am 8:30 am to 9:30 am Open Houses 2020 Wednesday, January 29, 2020 Wednesday, May 6, 2020

The rich academic and historic heritage of St. Mary Interparochial School dates to the early days of Philadelphia, as Catholics and Protestants engaged in a spirited debate over educational practices. Founded in 1782 by the Jesuit fathers of Old St. Joseph's Church, St. Mary is known as "The Mother School" of catholic parochial education and is credited with influencing Catholic educational patterns in this country. Situated near Independence Hall and other pivotal sites in old Philadelphia, it served children for more than a century before closing in 1902 after a devastating fire. St. Mary's reopened in 1968, again with a distinction: With students drawn from six different parishes, it was the first interparochial school in the nation. St. Mary Interparochial School is situated in Independence National Park and serves over as School is situated in Independence National Park and serves over as Children from all over the City of Philadelphia and its suburbs.

History of Saint Mary Interparochial School

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