St. JOHN
The Evangelist Catholic School
ANNUAL REPORT



DREAMS BECOME REALITY



LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

With a joyful heart, I present the 2016-2017 Annual Report. What a remarkable year we experienced:

Honoring Our Past - Celebrating our Mercy roots and the charism of the Sisters of Mercy.

Living Our Mission - Putting faith into action through vibrant worship and meaningful service incorporating the spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

Building Our Future - Blessing our new facilities, integrating innovative STEM projects and providing student opportunities to form the scholars, saints, and compassionate, courageous leaders our world so desperately needs.

We owe much to the Sisters of Mercy who laid the foundation of faith and excellence entrenched in the mercy values of compassion, hospitality, excellence, service, stewardship and social justice. The Mercy Conference Room in the new Enrichment Center serves as a reminder of their faithful service to our school and parish community. On Mercy Day, Sister Kathleen Lyons and Sister Sally Condart experienced first-hand SJE students in joyful service to others, living our mission and mercy values which are so vibrant and alive at SJE!

A highlight of the year included the Ribbon Cutting ceremony for the new Enrichment Center and Fine Arts Building! Your

God bless, Karen Vogtner, *Principal*



St. John's isn't just a school, it's a family. The school's motto--reverence, respect, and responsibility--infuses every aspect of the school. Children emerge from St. John's with strong bases in faith and academics, fostered by the amazing faculty, staff and school community. It is a blessing to be a part of the school and everything it stands for.

-Michelle Hylton, Parent



generous contributions to the capital campaign made this longawaited dream a reality and fostered abundant opportunities to educate the whole child – body, mind, and soul! Providing a safe, nurturing and Christ-centered environment cultivates each student's God-given potential preparing strong leaders both academically and spiritually.

SJE possesses a proven track record of excellence in Catholic education. As Ms. Boisis and I travel to Washington in November to receive SJE's third Exemplary High Performing National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Award, we do so with the knowledge that many contribute to the excellence of our school including loyal supporters like you! This award recognizes student test scores in the top 10-15 % of the nation, innovative programs initiated by SJE's highly qualified faculty and staff, strong leadership and meaningful involvement of our parents and community partners.

Thank you for your generous support. YOU make it possible to provide exemplary programs that challenge the mind and touch the soul. Your monetary investment gives hope and promise to each student who enters our school. We are grateful for the role you play in helping us fulfill the worthy mission of this school.

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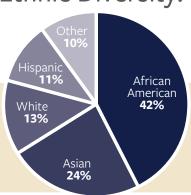
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Mission Statement

We are the SJE family with Jesus in the center of all we do. He guides in leadership, scholarship and joyful service to others. Grounded in the Catholic faith, St. John the Evangelist School nurtures the God-given potential of each student, providing a rigorous academic and spiritual foundation forming courageous and compassionate leaders.

Ethnic Diversity:



Enrollment: 31

10

Countries represented 21

Parishes represented 19

Duke TIP student elects 40+

Hours at mass

Faculty: 23

74%

With advanced degrees

295

Total years teaching experience among faculty 10

Faculty and staff members who are SJE alumni

36%

Presenting at Local, State and National Conventions over past 4 years

Families volunteered over **10,000** hours!

Religious **79%**Affiliation: Catholic

Three-time National **Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Winner** 1994, 2010, and 2017







AUGUST

Dreams Become Reality

It's not everyday that a dream comes true, but on August 25, 2016, that's exactly what happened. Our beautiful, brand new enrichment center was officially opened with celebratory mass, ribbon cutting and grand opening celebration. The building is comprised of a full size gym, stage, band/chorus rooms, and art room complete with kiln. This building is a reality because of the many generous hearts and hands that make up our SJE family!



SEPTEMBER

3 Staff Members Retire

This year, St. John's said good-bye to 3 long-standing staff members: Mrs. Henry, Mrs. Van Meter, and Mrs. McCarthy. Each woman left an indelible mark on our school and were honored in ceremonies unique to each of their special gifts. We will miss them!



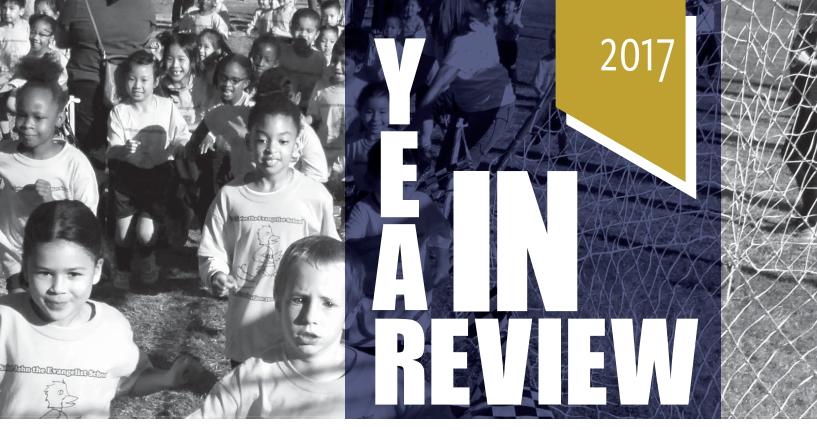
NOVEMBER

First Ever Mercy Day Celebration

Sixty-two years ago, the Sisters of Mercy stepped off a plane and changed our lives forever. Through the charism of their order, they forged the legacy of excellence we continue to hold true today. On November 18, 2016, St. John's students were visited by a former Sisters of Mercy principal, completed service projects throughout the day living out the Corporal Works of Mercy, and attended mass together. Father Adamski, a former priest of St. John's, blessed the brand new Mercy Conference Room in the Enrichment Center, furnished by an anonymous donor. The long standing foundation of faith bestowed upon us by the Sisters of Mercy has shaped not only the mission of our school, but the way we live our lives.

Everyone at St. John's, from the students to the administration, goes above and beyond to be inclusive and accepting. From my very first day at the school, I knew I became part of a family.

-Udare Santha, Class of 2006





JANUARY

Loving Service

In keeping with the mission of our school, 150 servant volunteers made up of St. John's students and their families came together for our annual Night of Giving. This year, the service projects mirrored the Corporal Works of Mercy: sandwiches made for area homeless shelters, coats for students in a neighboring school district, cards for prisoners, care packages for cancer patients, and toiletry kits for men's and women's shelters were just some of the ways in which our SJE family members had the opportunity to love our brothers and sisters through service.



FEBRUARY

Walking in Another's Shoes

During the course of a year-long project, the 8th grade class, in conjunction with Catholic Charities, created a personal encounter for SJE students unlike any other: The Refugee Experience. After months of learning and exploration of the refugee condition, 8th grade students planned, prepared and taught lessons to each class. The project culminated with a refugee camp simulation in which all students visited stations depicting a refugee's reality in regards to registration, food, shelter, resettlement and day to day life.



MARCH

SJE Jubilee "It's a Small World"

In March, St. John's took a trip around the world, exploring the cultures and specialties of our diverse school family. Parents, grandparents, alumni and friends of SJE gathered in our new enrichment building to sample food and games from all over the globe. Thanks to the diligent service of many helping hands, copious silent auction items and beautiful student artwork over \$30,000 was raised this year!

The service projects help me to see people for who they are, not how they look on the outside.
-Payton, Grade 3

The new gym and fine arts rooms have really helped us extend our curriculum to another level. -Diego, Grade 5



THE CAMPAIGN FOR ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST SCHOOL

Every masterpiece begins with a simple thought, a nudge, a whisper of things yet to be. Ask Karen Vogtner or any student at St. John's school, past and present. They'll tell you what happens when dreams are placed in the hands of God and given wings by the Holy Spirit. They know. They saw it happen this year.

Ground was broken on August 15, 2015, to the applause of parents, students, faculty, staff and partners in community. Construction continued throughout the school year and summer. Foot by foot it climbed: a multi-floor enrichment center covering 14,687 square feet, housing a full-size gymnasium, stage, band room, chorus room, and fully functional art room. There was a lot of work to be done, but the hands were ready. The cost was substantial, but the hearts gave substantially more. The dream was big, but God was bigger.



A little over a year later, excited young faces gathered around Archbishop Gregory, Superintendent Diane Starkovich, Mrs. Vogtner and many loving priests and deacons.

The ribbon was cut, the whisper emerged as a voice, the dream became reality.

Archbishop Wilton Gregory gave direction to that reality with a blessing, "May all who come here know the presence of Christ, experience His friendship, and grow in His love."

We want to extend warm and gracious thanks to the following donors who honor our past, live our mission and build our future by their generous gifts and pledges. We invite you to visit www.SJEgive.org for information, photos, videos and ways you can be a part of this campaign if you're not already. The work isn't over yet! Continue to Build Our Future by being a part of SJE history!





Thank you for putting so much effort into building our gym. We can now do more fun activities and shows there.
-B.J. Grade 4





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GRACE Scholars is the beloved initiative of Archbishop Wilton Gregory and Archbishop Gregory Hartmayer. The state of Georgia has set aside \$58 million per year for all 28 SSOs. Last year the cap was reached within the first few hours of January 1! We encourage all those wishing to contribute to this amazing program to pre-register for the upcoming tax year as soon as possible!

For more information, please visit GRACESCHOLARS.ORG



We send our kids to St. John's because our highest priority is the formation of the child in support of our efforts to raise children who see their own self-worth, who know Christ, who love the Church, and who attend to the needs of others. We believe St. John's understands its mission to do these things and consistently directs its efforts to this end.

-Mark and Kelly Tolcher, Parents of 5 SJE Students



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WILLIAM TAR WESTIAN		
Tuition & Fees	\$2,103,364	
Tuition Assistance & Scholarships		
Archdiocesan	\$404,000	
Grace	^{\$} 65,156	
Misc	\$30,132	
Student Services		
Extended School Program	\$248,258	
Misc	\$25,880	
Development	\$30,094	
Home & School	\$90,694	
Grants	\$11,328	
Investments		
Savings	\$11,373	
Common Fund	\$12,420	
Endowments	\$6,972	
Capital Campaign	\$359,860	
Other Income	\$39,685	

HOW FUNDS ARE UTILIZED

Salaries & Benefits	*2,020,644
Prof Dev / Grant	^{\$} 11,513
Instructional	\$225,020
Technology	\$98,744
Student Services	
Extended School Program	\$53,057
Misc	\$37,814
Development	\$12,685
Home & School	\$30,253
Facilities	\$185,595
Admin & General	\$29,836
Capital Campaign	^{\$} 548
Capital Improvements	\$(282,119)

Net Revenue/Future

Capital Improvements \$1,015,627

The YTD net income includes Capital Campaign donations received outside of normal operations, a reclassification of the Capital Reserve liability account, and construction expenditures that increase the Building-in-Process asset rather than appear as expenses.

The credit balance for Capital Improvements Expense is the result of the Capital Reserve liability account reclassification.

SJE provided me with a solid foundation of learning while instilling self-discipline, confidence, and a great work ethic. -Brittany Arrietta Schilling, Class of 2001

Total Revenue

Finance Council

\$3,439,216

Dea Carlson Tammy Ruppel Anthony Hylton Karen Vogtner, ex-officio Ann Margaret Smith, Chair **\$9,974** Cost to Educate

7,711 Tuition

\$2,263 Shortfall



SJE 2017 ALUMNI AWARDS

Valedictorian & Salutatorian

Our Lady of Mercy:

Valedictorian: Cathy Tran Salutatorian: Natalie Standard

College Placements Our Lady of Mercy:

Elijah Andrews: Brenau University Mbaintu Barlay: Agnes Scott College Aldahir Barrantes:

University of Georgia Stephanie Bui: Mercer University Mary-Angel Ekezie:

Mercer University

Tonia Gates: Kennesaw University Meagan Hall:

Georgia State University Nyles Lever-Roaf:

Georgia State University

Paul Longino:

NASCAR Technical Institute Noah Rorabaugh:

Georgia State University Natalie Standard: Catawba College Cathy Tran: Augusta University Queen Tran: Augusta University Thao Tran: Georgia State University

Marist School:

Anderson Stinson:

Brandeis University

Thomas Vance:

University of Michigan

Saint Pius X:

Quincy Agu: Georgia State University Chisom Anachebe:

University of Georgia Peter Ninh: Georgia State University Camille Oliga: Howard University

Awards & Honors Our Lady of Mercy:

Aldahir Barrantes:

Questbridge Finalist

Marist School:

Anderson Stinson: St. Genesius Award for Outstanding Acting Performance

Thomas Vance: Sedes Sapientiae Award (Marist School's Highest Honor); Latin IV Award; St. Thomas Aquinas Award for Academic Competitions

Catholic School Math League

Our 8th Grade team placed 10th in Southeast Region.

Tied for 1st place at SJE, 6th in State:

Noah Buckley & Anthony Ovadje

3rd place:

Ethan Ekpenyong

From 7th grade: 1st place

Brian Lieu & Amy Nguyen

3rd place:

Campbelle Searcy

Our 6th grade team placed 5th in the Southeast Region.

1st place at SJE, 1st in State, 12th in Southeast Region:

Olivia Tolliver

4th grade team placed 7th in Southeast region

1st place at SJE, 4th in state, 6th in Southeast Region:

Eva Bevington

2nd place

Kohana Nguyen

3rd place **Justice O'Bryant**

STUDENT AWARDS

Noetic Learning Math Contest

3rd

National Honor Roll Medal & Top 10% scorer:

Nora Bevington

4th

National Honor Roll Medal:

Eva Bevington

5_{th}

National Honor Roll Medal:

Franklin Vo

Math Olympiad

Lower school:

1st John Nguyen Middle school:

St Sydney Vance

2nd Anthony Ovadje Scoring in top 30%

Franklin Vo

Scoring in top 40%

Daniel Nguyen & Tiffany Quach

State Recognition at DUKE TIP:

Gabrielle Harris

Blessed Trinity High School Book Award: **Cindy Cao**

St. Martin de Porres Essay Scholarship (Sponsored by St. Philip Benizi Catholic Church) 1st place and \$500 scholarship:

Collins Nwabuibe

Archdiocesan MLK Poster Contest 1st place overall winner:

Mariana Ponce & Kohana Nguyen

Zaner-Bloser Handwriting Contest State Kindergarten winner:

Sophia Ngo

State 8th grade level winner:

Philomena Ekezie

St. Pius Chi Ro Award:

Alexandre Grand'Pierre

Monsignor Francis Galla Award: **Kimberly Tran**

Archdiocesan Employee of the Year:

Sr. Beth Bauer

DUKE TIP

Fourth through seventh grade students qualify for Talent Search & Talent Identification Programs at Duke University by scoring in the 95th percentile or higher in selected subtests of the Iowa Assessment. Not all students who qualified chose to register with Duke TIP, but we recognize the following students who did register:

Eva Bevington
Jenna Jones
Kohana Nguyen
Justice O'Bryant
Reagan Sharp
Morgan Veale
Natalie Vigil
Dallis Welsh
Cindy Cao
Trinity Henry
Jemia Johnson
Brian Lieu
Oscar Lieu
Amy Nguyen
Frances Ovadje
Campbelle Searcy
Tyse Whittaker

PRESIDENT'S EDUCATION AWARD

The Presidential Outstanding Academic Excellence Award is given to students with an average of 90% or higher in all core subjects during their middle school years who also scored in the 85th national percentile or above in Math Total and/or Reading Total in the Iowa Assessment.

Abigail Barrantes
Noah Buckley
Truc Bui
Philomina Ekezie

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