



SAINT JOHN NEUMANN
CATHOLIC SCHOOL



ANNUAL FUND REPORT 2021-2022



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Dear

We hope this letter finds you doing well.

Hopefully you've heard by now that this is a uniquely special year as we celebrate the 25th anniversary of the founding of St. John Neumann Catholic School. One of the most special characteristics that has defined our SJN family over these 25 years – and for which we are most grateful – is how incredibly generous our families, donors, and friends are. Every aspect of a student's experience at SJN has been made possible and improved by selfless gifts of time, donations, love, and prayers.

What exactly is the Annual Fund?

Annual Fund gifts are unrestricted funds directed where the need is greatest, creating opportunities for learning and discovery, providing scholarships for students who need them, and giving the school flexibility to take advantage of emerging opportunities and respond to unanticipated needs and challenges. Your support of the Annual Fund enables us to provide every student the highest quality education and faith development experience.

Who benefits from the Annual Fund?

Every student benefits from the Annual Fund in the following two ways:

1. The quality of education we provide all students today has been **made possible in part by Annual Fund gifts made in the past.**
2. **Tuition alone does not cover the actual cost of any SJN student's education** (as is the case at most Catholic schools). Therefore, Annual Fund gifts make a significant difference in bridging the gap between tuition and the actual cost of education... for every student.

Additionally, thanks to the support of generous donors, more than 30% of SJNCS families receive some form of financial aid last year, enabling us to fulfill our calling to provide a Catholic school education to those who could otherwise not afford it.

Again, thanks to the generous support of SJN families, donors, and friends, our culture of giving continues to grow, and as a result, our students continue to thrive.

We invite you to read the enclosed Annual Fund report, and we ask that you continue to lift our work through your prayers and by making a gift to the Annual Fund. Thank you for your support and thank you for helping make St. John Neumann Catholic School such a special place... for our first 25 years and for many years to come.

Yours in Christ,



Fr. Joe Reed
Pastor



Mr. Bill Derbyshire
Principal

An Abundance of Blessings

St. John Neumann Catholic School was blessed to receive over \$63,000 in Annual Fund gifts in 2021 - 2022. Annual Fund gifts are instrumental to the success and growth of our school as they enable us to provide every student the highest quality education and faith development experience.

In addition to Annual Fund support, SJNCS received \$60,000 in gifts last year designated to a variety of specific priorities, one being an updated communications system (intercom, school bells, and synchronized clocks). Another gift was designated to the Learning Lab (see the feature on the right).

Finally, two historic gifts – highlighted below – were made to the school to establish endowment funds for student tuition assistance.



Pictured here next to the Kidders' gift of art are (left to right): Elizabeth Hinds, Yvonne Kidder, Fr. Joe Reed, Wisley Kidder, Daniel Kidder, and Jon Kidder. Jon and Yvonne Kidder gifted this special piece of art to the SJNCS Learning Lab. The artwork was made in Haiti and painted by their daughter and SJNCS art teacher, Ms. Elizabeth Hinds. Additionally, the Kidders made a donation to support Learning Lab services in gratitude for the support that two of their sons received when they were students here.

Endowment Gifts

SJNCS recently received two separate gifts to establish endowments for student tuition assistance. An endowment is a permanent, self-sustaining source of funding. The endowment assets are invested, and the income earned on the investment is applied to the gift's designation. Both endowment gifts we received are designated to student tuition assistance. These generous gifts will change the lives of many SJNCS families for generations to come.



Pictured here is Jack Kawa, who established the John F. (Jack) Kawa Endowment Fund. In recognition of his generous gift, the SJNCS art room has been named the John F. (Jack) Kawa Art Studio.



Pictured here are Sally and Alan Sefton, who established the Sefton-Ely Memorial Endowment Fund. In recognition of their generous gift, the SJNCS music room has been named the Alan and Sally Sefton Music Room.



Mustang Facts and Figures

- With a student body size of 421, SJNCS begins the 2022-2023 academic year with its 5th consecutive year of increased enrollment.
- Average class size (K-8th) is 20.
- Pre-K student to teacher ratio is 8:1.
- 25% minority population
- 16% Hispanic population
- 90% Catholic / 10% Non-Catholic
- 95% of the SJNCS Class of 2022 attend Knoxville Catholic High School.
- There are 33 educators on the SJNCS teaching staff, 24 of whom have advanced degrees.

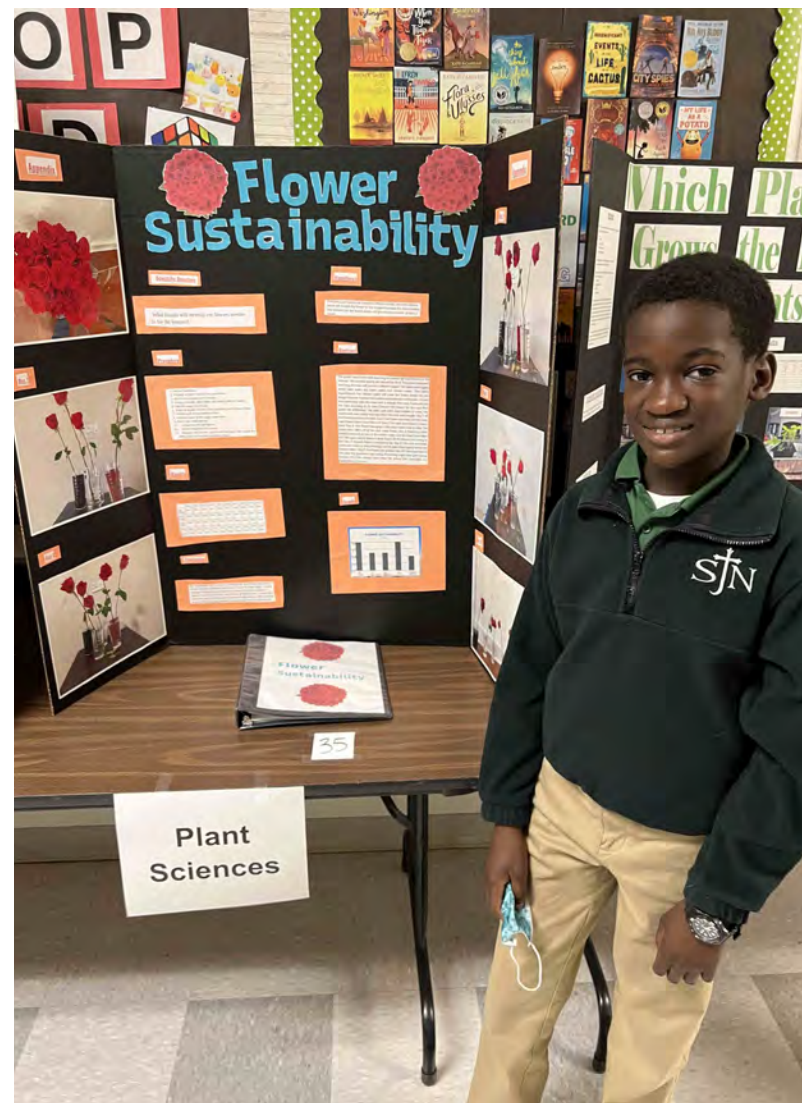
“We have been grateful to partner with SJNCS for our children’s education and faith formation. The commitment of the religious sisters, priests, teachers, and staff is unmatched! ‘Train the young in the way they should go; even when old, they will not swerve from it.’ (Proverbs 22:6). We support SJNCS because we believe a foundation rooted in faith provides a lifetime of growth and flourishing.”

– Matthew and Krista McGrath

SJNCS Mission Statement

The mission of St. John Neumann Catholic School is to:

Serve God with loving hearts
Joyfully embrace our Catholic faith, and
Nurture individual and academic excellence.



Race for Education and "Off to the Races" Derby Auction

Race For Education



SJNCS holds two premier fundraising events each year: the "Off to the Races" Derby Auction (presented by O'Rourke Orthodontics) and the Race for Education.

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Combined, these two events generated a net total of approximately \$85,000 last year. The proceeds of the events were used to purchase 125 student ChromeBooks and new rubber mulch and fencing for the elementary playground. Many thanks to all our donors and sponsors for making these projects possible!





“As parents, we drop off our most precious gifts every morning knowing that they are loved and cared for at SJNCS, all the while receiving an incredible education. We give because SJNCS is part of our family. It always will be. And families take care of each other.”

– Will and Maria Silverberg



“Donating to SJNCS is a priority of mine as I feel the need to give back to the school that has given my family so much. It is a way I can show my support for the institution that has been an integral part of my children’s development, both academically and emotionally. SJNCS is more than just a school; it is a family. We are so thankful to be a part of it.”

– Natalie Judy



“We are blessed to have an amazing school like SJNCS, and by donating, it allows for our students to further grow academically and spiritually.”

– Marco and Maria Gonzalez



‘Suffer the little children that come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of God.’ (Luke 18:16). “We have seen this as the heart of SJNCS and we can’t begin to put into words what this means to us, and Caroline’s life here will forever be better because of what it means to her.”

– Michael and Amy Ayres



Receive a \$10 Raffle Ticket for Every \$25 You Donate to the SJNCS Annual Fund!!

Gifts of \$25 increments to the SJNCS Annual Fund will make an even **greater impact** on the lives of our students.

Your Annual Fund gift is an investment in the future of SJNCS, helping us provide our children the best education and faith development experience possible.

For every \$25 you donate to the SJNCS Annual Fund, SJNCS will give you a Diocese of Knoxville Catholic Schools raffle ticket.

A portion of raffle ticket sales directly benefits SJNCS, and the other portion provides tuition assistance to help qualifying families attend Knoxville Catholic Schools (including SJNCS).

Important Details

- Every raffle ticket provides you 16 chances to win a cash prize ranging from \$1,000-\$5,000, as administered by the Diocese of Knoxville Catholic Schools.
- There is no limit... every \$25 you donate to the SJNCS Annual Fund will earn you 1 raffle ticket.
- The raffle ticket promo only applies to SJNCS Annual Fund gift payments received by December 14th, 2022. While you can make a long-term pledge to the SJNCS Annual Fund (which we appreciate), we can only provide the raffle ticket(s) for actual payments received by December 14th.
- The value of each raffle ticket (\$10) is not tax-deductible but the remainder of your donation is.
- PLEASE CHECK THE BOX ON THE ENCLOSED DONATION REPLY ENVELOPE IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR RAFFLE TICKET(S). YOU MAY CHECK THE BOX ONLINE IF YOU MAKE YOUR GIFT ON THE ANNUAL FUND DONATION PAGE: sjnknox.org/annualfund





"We give to SJNCS as a thank you to the teachers and staff for the incredible education and love they share. We are grateful to have such an amazing school that has a strong commitment and love for our faith, and a passion for sharing it with our children."

– Michael and Jenny Martinez



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"Our daughters went through the entire Catholic school K-12 system. It was worth the financial sacrifice. They received an excellent academic education (both earned significant college scholarships). More important, this furthered their sense of community as Catholics, helping them into adulthood. To the extent we can, we want to help other children experience a similar joy."

– Juan and Amada Gonzalez

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“I am a product of Catholic Schools. I am one of 5 children and I know my parents sacrificed to make sure each one of us received a Catholic education. It was important to them that we learned about, practiced, and lived our faith. Because of my foundation in Catholic schools provided by my parents, I am the person and teacher I am today. I give to SJNCS so that the next generation knows the importance of learning, living, and loving their faith.”

– Michelle Dougherty, SJNCS Learning Lab Coordinator

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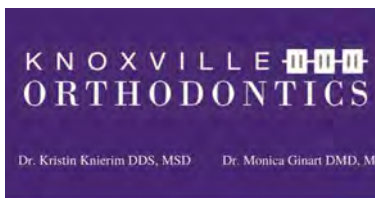
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