



# SAINT JOHN PAUL II

## ~ Regional School ~

Annual Report for Fiscal Year — July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

### *Building a Foundation of Faith, Knowledge and Love*



It gives me much pleasure to share this report with you. Your investment in the students of Saint John Paul II Regional School and in Catholic education makes a big impact. Thank you for helping us inspire students to lead lives rooted in Christian values, and supporting us in demonstrating how they can make a difference in the world with their gifts and

talents. Strong academic and faith formation programs, a safe and happy campus and tuition assistance for those in need exist at Saint John Paul II Regional School because of your generosity. Thank you for believing in our mission!

In September 2017, we began the process of accreditation which is a self-evaluation process that schools and school systems voluntarily use to demonstrate they are meeting a defined set of research-based performance standards. The standards examine schools in a holistic way, supplementing student-testing data to provide a more complete measure of the school's performance and chart a strategic and realistic course for continuous school improvement.

This fall, we were informed that the Commission on Elementary Schools of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools voted to award St. John Paul II Regional School accreditation for the term of seven years. We are thrilled that we will continue to be among the schools throughout the world that meet the internationally recognized standards

of quality of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.

We continue to hold the bar high for professional development for all faculty and staff. Teachers participated in professional development related to the use of our new math, science and language arts curriculum. They have attended sessions creating engaging Science lessons and assessments in all subject areas. Teachers continue to participate in Faith Formation programs at local schools or online through the University of Dayton. Personally, I have attended Adelante, sponsored by the University of Notre Dame, which provided opportunities to converse with colleagues across the United States regarding programs for our Latino students. Just as my staff has participated in local professional development, I accompanied them to support their efforts.

Our 2018 graduates were awarded over \$50,000 in scholarships and awards in the areas of academics, athletics and service to others. Our young alumni are leaders in high school and college activities. They are pursuing careers in business, medicine, engineering and religious life. Thank you again for helping us empower our students with a strong faith-based foundation in their elementary school years.

God bless,

*Helen Persing*

Mrs. Helen Persing, Principal



*Our Prayer Buddy program is mutually beneficial for both older and younger students. Middle School students enjoy spending time with Preschool and Kindergarten students during the school year to attend mass together and share fun activities together.*



### *With much gratitude...*

We are proud to present to you the Annual Report of St. John Paul II Regional School. It is a great privilege and a joy to be pastor of a parish with an elementary school. I am proud of our school, whether you are a parent, parishioner, or supporter, I know you share that pride. Our school provides an excellent academic education for our students. Very often I speak to principals of local high schools and they tell me how prepared our graduates are for their high school education. I am especially proud, however, that SJP2 School produces young men and women of faith. From the child's earliest grades, the love of God, prayer, and the importance of being respectful and of service to others is stressed. We live in increasingly challenging times; thus, it is very important for our young people to be grounded in our Catholic-Christian traditions, teachings, and values. I am so very appreciative of our school administration, faculty, volunteers, parents, families, and benefactors who make this all possible. Thank you and may God Bless your generosity and commitment to St. John Paul II Regional School.

*Fr. Vince Guest*

Fr. Vincent Guest, Pastor



## *Instilling a Foundation of Faith and Much More*



Even preschoolers are learning how to serve the needs of the poor at our school. Students are participants at weekly mass and in prayer services like All Saints Day, Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Feast of St. Nicholas and May Procession. Fr. Vince and Fr. Adam visit classrooms regularly to share God's word and teach students how to grow in love and respect for one another. Our graduates continue serving others in high school and college because it is part of who they have become early on in their faith journey.

*"This year will be our children's 5th year at St. John Paul II Regional School and we are very happy with the education they are receiving. We are extremely grateful to have found a school that exhibits faith, safety, academic excellence and warmth!" -Mr. and Mrs. Christian Griffin*

## *Teaching to Empower and Inspire*



We create several different opportunities for students to excel in our school. They learn to make educated guesses in our science center, prepare for our digital world with iPads and other technology, and collaborate with fellow students through STEM activities and classroom centers. We partner with organizations like Junior Achievement to inspire and prepare our students for the future.

*"I think St. John Paul II is the best school for children. They are caring and helpful to our children and I feel the children are safe as if they were with us when at school. I know because if I ever needed help with anything Mrs. Persing was always there for us." -Tony Saverase*

## *Engaging Students beyond the Classroom*



We are proud to showcase the talents in our school community. From arts to athletics, students learn to stretch their minds, develop new interests, and appreciate the value of teamwork. Our drama club entertained us last spring with, Hairspray. Clubs for art, music and science round off a full array of afterschool programs for students. Our sports teams including field hockey, volleyball, basketball, cheerleading and track compete strong in local and diocesan events.

*"I deeply admire John Paul II School for its commitment not just to education, but to family. Our son David had made tremendous progress within only one school year. This school lives out its faith in the lives of our children every day. They are 100% committed to our children. Thanks to Mrs. Persing and her great faculty." -Caniello Family*



# Honor Roll 2017-2018

Saint John Paul II Regional School families, staff, alumni and friends, as well as, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parishioners were very generous supporters to our 2017-2018 campaign year. We thank each and every donor! We raised \$70,290 allowing us to maintain the health of our school with investments in

our curricular and extra-curricular programs, faith development, teaching resources and tuition assistance for many families through Way of Love Scholarship donations. We are also grateful to all who donate their time and talents to our school in so many areas.

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Stratford  
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## Hawk's Club-Gifts up to \$49

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continue to bless all the students  
as they grow & learn!  
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## Way of Love Scholarship Fund

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## Honoring & Remembering

### In Honor of...

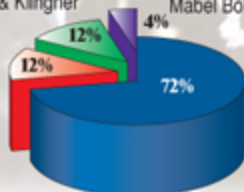
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- Lauralea Taraskus  
Ava & Ryan McCarthy  
- Michael & Jennifer McCarthy  
Daughters & Granddaughters of  
Lassiter Family  
- The Lassiter Family  
Fr. Joe Capella  
- ANONYMOUS

### IN MEMORY OF...

-Alice & Bernie Bricketto  
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-Andrena Pepe  
Virginia Pepe  
-Anthony Conte

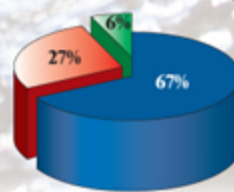
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-Cathy Hance  
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Louise Blount  
Lawrence & Winnie Killoran  
-Christopher John Lex  
John W. Lex Jr.  
-Colleen Dougherty-Lauren  
Raymond & Carole Dougherty  
-Daniel Farr  
Elaine Farr  
-Deceased Kulba Family Members  
Walter & Patricia Kulba  
-Don Forsyth  
Nancy Forsyth  
-Fred Schaefer  
Anonymous  
-Dorothy Balute & Gloria Leone  
Lorraine & Ted Balut  
-Harry, Robert & Martha Riedel  
Harry & Philomena H. Riedel  
-James & Dorothy Burke  
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-Sissy Huber  
-Hank O'Neill  
Gail F. O'Neill  
-Joan Naphys  
Mary V. Maloney  
-John Barrett  
Claire Barrett  
-Joseph A. Margre  
Mrs. Joseph A. Margre  
-Joseph D. Coppinger  
Patricia Coppinger  
-Kris Falls, School Nurse  
Karen & Bob (Falls) Baranowski  
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-Lolo Masing

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-Maria Simone  
Mr. Francis Simone  
-Martha H. Harkins  
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Anonymous  
-Nicholas Petruzzi  
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## REVENUE

- Tuition and Fees
- Parish Support
- Fundraising
- Other Services



## EXPENSE

- Instruction, Salaries and Benefits
- Operations
- Development





### *We believe...*

- Christian formation and the development of faith values are essential to spiritual growth.
- Students must be nurtured to develop an active social conscience.
- Students have the right to learn and interact with one another in a safe and protected environment.
- Disciplinary policies applied fairly and consistently lead to self-awareness of social responsibility.
- Students should be challenged physically to enhance cognitive development and to encourage long-term good health and well-being.
- Our core curriculum must be grounded by real worked application of the principles of learning.
- Ongoing assessment and updating of curriculum is essential to our students' academic success.
- Each student should have the opportunity to learn in the fashion which facilitates achievement of personal academic success.
- Effective communication among Administrators, Faculty members, students, and their parents or guardians, is the cornerstone upon which educational excellence is achieved.
- The diversity in our school community enables our children to understand, appreciate, and respect cultural and religious differences.



### **Our Mission**

St. John Paul II Regional School is dedicated to Christian stewardship and academic excellence and empowers its diverse student body to achieve their academic potential in a faith based environment. It is our aspiration that through the collaboration of church, school and faculty, our students will lead lives rooted in Catholic Christian values and commitment to a better society.