



SAINT JOHN PAUL II

~ Regional School ~

Annual Report for Fiscal Year
July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017

Your Support Makes It All Possible!



Thank you for your most generous support to our 2016-2017 Annual Fund campaign!

This year \$60,880 was donated to our school to support both operating

expenses and financial aid needs. We are very appreciative for Way of Love Scholarship donations and the generosity of a few donors in building our future Way of Love Scholarship endowment fund. Scholarship donations had a direct impact in assisting families with tuition long term; a growing need in our school community each year.

In September, we embark on our tenth academic year as the Saint John Paul II Regional School community! Each year brings new beginnings, and yes, new challenges however we continue to grow and thrive as a Catholic elementary school in the Camden Diocese. Our Annual Fund campaign continues to successfully provide increased support for programs, technology, scholarship and campus needs. Our faculty becomes more knowledgeable and skilled in empowering children at all educational levels, and our program attracts more students to serve each year.

In 2016-17, we continued 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 curriculums. They have attended sessions creating engaging Science lessons and assessments in all subject areas. Teachers participated in Faith Formation programs at local schools or online through the University of Dayton. Personally, I have attended the NCEA Exceptional Learners Conference in Evanston, Illinois, which provided opportunities to converse with colleagues across the United States regarding programs for students with special learning needs. Just as my staff has participated in local professional development, I accompanied them to support their efforts.

We continue to participate in the Federal Free/Reduced Lunch and Breakfast Program that provides our students with a more nutritious lunch and breakfast at no or little cost to families who are eligible for the program. Last school year, over 100 students participated. Through this program, we were able to replace the original school water fountains to benefit the students.

We enroll 385 students in grades Preschool through Eighth Grade. Over 70 new students join us this fall at all grade levels. We are proud of the accomplishments of our students. Our students learn the value of Christian



Crowning Mary on First Holy Communion Day at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Shrine, Lindenwold.

stewardship, academic excellence and a commitment for a better society. This is evident in how they treat their peers and members of our community with kindness and respect. It is demonstrated in their academic outcomes and high school success, and perhaps most importantly, we see how our students learn to use the grace God gives them to help make this world more accepting, loving and peaceful, as you will see in this report.

We embrace the diverse, welcoming school that Saint John Paul II Regional School is today! We are very proud of the opportunity that we have to provide so many parents today who seek a safe, faith-based educational environment for their child. Without your continued support and prayers, this would not be possible!

God Bless,

Helen Persing
Mrs. Helen Persing, Principal

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.



a Message from Father...

We are proud to present to you the Annual Report of St. John Paul II Regional School. This past year I completed my first year as Pastor of the Parish. It is a great privilege and joy to be pastor of a parish with an elementary school. As the children will tell you, I am a frequent visitor to classrooms and know that our school is a center of learning and faith. 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. Vincent Guest
Fr. Vincent Guest, Pastor

The Experience at St. John Paul II Regional School



Engaged learning experiences were everywhere this past year. Whether it was in our Science Center, on a Smart Board, or in the classroom, learning was exciting and fun for students. A hands-on approach produces learning at all grade levels giving students the opportunity to think independently and confidently. Collaboration with one another, problem solving together and sharing one another's gifts were all part of the development taking place in our classrooms this year thanks to your continued support.



Preschool through middle school students practiced our Catholic faith in their daily lives throughout the school year. They embraced living out their faith with classroom prayer and reflection, bringing scripture to life with the Living Stations of the Cross and feast day celebrations, like the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. These experiences shaped our students' spiritual and moral foundation to live lives rooted in Christian values.



Drama, art and music supported our teacher's efforts to uncover the unique, creative talents of students once again this year. Students took to the stage last May at our annual spring production, *Annie*, with fantastic singing, dancing and acting. Several students continued with Mainstage Summer Theater, Blackwood and joined high school drama clubs. Our annual art exhibit showcased K-8 students' creative abilities and understanding of famous artists. Our musically talented students performed Christmas and spring concerts and led us in song at weekly school masses.

Good Deeds



Older students shared celebrations and experiences with younger students throughout the school year at our annual Thanksgiving Feast, creating stories together, attending mass together and more. It is hard to see who enjoyed this time together more, older or younger students!



We foster a learning environment that encourages respect for one another. This helps students feel happy, accepted and safe while at our school. Whether it be hosting a collection for local food pantries, writing cards to make a senior citizen smile or making pet toys for a local animal shelter, our students played a role in helping our community.



Our annual 2017 Day of Service included many service projects that supported the military, parishioners and less fortunate. Your generosity helps us to teach students how to make a difference in another's life, and supports our mission.

Our Sports Year



In all sports, our students played hard and with true school spirit in 2016-2017. Our teams were very successful with a "back to back" Camden County Catholic Division B Championship win for Boys Varsity basketball, 1st place for Cheerleading in area competitions, 2nd place Camden County CYO League East Division and 1st place Mt. Carmel Summer League wins for

Boys JV Basketball, 2nd place win for Girls Volleyball and personal bests for our track and field athletes. Our coaches and students spend much time practicing and learning how to support one another. Thank you for supporting our school so that we can offer these extra curricular activities to students bringing true Hawk spirit to our school!

Honor Roll 2016-2017

Saint John Paul II Regional School families, alumni, staff and friends continue to be generous supporters of the school and we thank all of them. The 2016-2017 Annual Fund raised \$60,880 allowing us to maintain the health of the school with investments in our campus, faith,

academic and social programs, teaching resources, and tuition assistance. Annual Fund, including our Way of Love Scholarship Fund, is vital in our sustainability of Catholic education and the continuation of our mission. We are grateful to all who supported our school in large and small ways.

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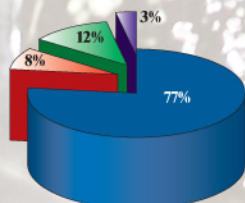
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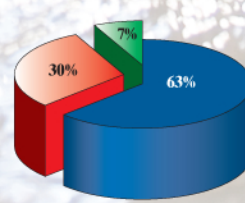
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REVENUE

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



EXPENSE

- Instruction, Salaries and Benefits
- Operations
- Development



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What our St. John Paul II Regional School parents are saying!

"My son graduates from JP2, a gentleman, a rising Sports Star & above all a well grounded young man in his studies. Much of this is attributable to your determined & exemplary leadership at JP2 where the teachers are seriously committed to their duties & it shows. My daughter follows closely behind in the footsteps of her brother & I am really appreciative of the solid foundation JP2 has laid in their lives. I am truly grateful to you & your team of dedicated teachers for this feat. Thank you & may God richly bless you."

— Francis Chima Ottih

"Nick's journey at JP2 started in 4th grade at a time when I thought I couldn't find a place where he felt included and respected. Nick found both inclusion and respect and blossomed into someone strong who in turn learned to give back."

— Kathy Blumenstein

"My son has received an excellent education at JP2 not only with strong academics, but being a good, kind, well rounded person and Christian. JP2 has exceeded our expectations and my son now loves to learn about God, which is so important to me. I know that JP2 is preparing my son for a bright future."

— Jennifer Minnick

"Mrs. Persing and all the faculty/staff at John Paul II School are exceptional at welcoming and educating any child who wants to attend. I am nothing but grateful to everyone for offering the unmatched academic excellence with Catholic values and kindness. Thank you all!!"

— Ellen Santella

