



SAINT JOHN PAUL II

~ Regional School ~

Annual Report for Fiscal Year — July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

Building a Foundation of Faith, Knowledge and Love

Principal's Message

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We are proud to report that, even in a less than desirable economy, we maintained our organization financially and even accomplished some creative fundraising. Teachers, staff, and volunteers continue to work to give our school an excellent reputation. Thanks to consistent and talented faculty members, students are performing above average standards, which prepares them well for their high school experience.

We were persistent with our goal to incorporate technology in the classroom on a daily basis. Teachers were prepared to go virtual, and students learned the use of Google Classroom. We were successful in asking donors to contribute to the purchase of 60 Chromebook for our students to use in the classroom or at home if they needed the technology.

We continue to live the legacy of Pope John Paul II's message "call to serve," we are fortunate to have you at our side. Thank you for your tireless efforts as volunteers and as generous benefactors. Thank you for sharing a commitment to Catholic education and spreading the word about all we are doing for our student. With your ongoing confidence and patronage, I know that John Paul II Regional School will continue to shine.

Graciously,

Mrs. Helen Persing, Principal



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the tremendous sacrifice that people make, particularly yours. I often refer to the phrase "Legacy". What are we teaching our children and what we are leaving for them as an example to follow but these beautiful gifts and resources that God has entrusted to our care, for example: Generosity, Self-Giving, Compassion among others... Someone say to me, Father I am so worried of what kind of world we are leaving to our Children! I said, "It is better to say what kind of children we are leaving to this world..." It is the Mission of Saint John Paul II Regional School to make the world a better place and through generous donation we will continue to do so. We are being challenged at this time in our history through this pandemic, and what it's happening in our world today, and other crisis that we are encountering in our society. In today's society, the **Mission of Catholic Education** continues to be a **paramount** source that changes our society.

We live in difficult times, and it is of sum importance that our children more than ever be rooted in our Catholic Christian Traditions through learning, teaching, values of our Catholic Faith which is the paradigm and the main reason we exist as a Catholic School.

Our behalf of the Catholic Church, the Diocese of Camden, Our Parish of Our Lady of Guadalupe and Shrine (St. Luke, St. Lawrence and Our Lady of Grace), the Clergy and Staff; and the amazing Staff that you have here at St. John Paul the II School under the direction of our Principal Mrs. Helen Persing, I say, **"THANK YOU!"**

As you continue to pave the way of Love for our future generations may God continue to bless your generous heart and may he give you, his Peace and Love for what you do. In Christ

Fr. Rene Canales, Pastor

A Foundation of Fostered and Enriched Faith



Our students participate in weekly Mass, in person and virtual, as well as in prayer services like May Procession. Our graduates continue to serve and respect their peers throughout their lives due to their experiences and faith journey at St. John Paul II Regional School.

Cultivation of Leadership and Enthusiasm



We establish opportunities for students to excel in person and virtual in our school. Our students learn to make hypothesis in our science lab and to engage in a 21st century education through I-pads, Chromebooks, and other technology throughout our school. Our students at all grade levels are engaging in challenging STEM activities.

Motivating Students outside 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. Collaboration with one another, problem solving and sharing one another's gifts were all apart of the development taking place this year.



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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.

- 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.