



# ANNUAL REPORT

2017-18 ACADEMIC YEAR



*St. Joseph's is the Cathedral school of the Diocese, affiliated with the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, located on 8th and Fort Streets. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, St. Joseph's is the oldest Catholic school in Idaho, successfully educating K-8 students for 118 years.*



## THE YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

During the 2017-18 academic year, St. Joseph's students challenged everyone to be loving, compassionate, hard-working in all we do, concerned for the welfare of others and obedient to the will of God in our lives. At the end-of-year celebration, a number of students who did this consistently throughout the school year were recognized for being models of St. Joseph.

Each was given small wooden ornament with a star-shaped cutout in the center. The wood was to remind them of St. Joseph—a hard-working carpenter who cared for Mary and Jesus. The star represents the Star of Bethlehem that guided those early seekers to the place where Jesus lay. We applaud these students for guiding each of us closer to Jesus this year by their actions and examples.

**St. Joseph's Catholic School | Nurturing Excellence for 118 Years!**



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It's fall in Boise, and the leaves are changing, the weather is changing, and the length of the day is changing. This reminds me that change and growth never stop in schools. At St. Joseph's Catholic School, we are guided by our mission and the goals set out in our accreditation plan, and we continue to change and refine what we do to ensure that our graduates are ready to excel in high school and exceed competitive standards to get into colleges with scholarships in hand. The three goals in our accreditation plan are:

### **Goal #1: Provide additional learning support for students with special learning needs (high/low)**

We continue to develop the role of our full-time counselor, who is working to help with student accommodation plans. We have restructured reading and student support K-8th grade to improve consistency and student growth. In addition to reading support, we are developing math support for students as well. We have expanded the coverage of our school nurse to best care for students with injury and illness, including academic needs when applicable. Faculty has weekly time set aside for collaboration, and we reviewed our fall MAP scores to help us identify which students need extra interventions and enrichment.

**Goal #2: Prepare our students and staff for their immediate and long-term future academically and spiritually through the efficient and responsible use of technology** We are completing our 5-year technology replacement plan and will develop a plan for the next 5 years. This year, we added 90 more Chromebooks, two carts for holding and charging devices, and two more Clevertouch (replacement to Smartboards and projectors). These additional Chromebooks allowed us to push Chromebooks into all grades 1-8 and replace our oldest Chromebooks. We have added Istation (Idaho's adopted replacement to

the Idaho Reading Indicator, IRI) K-3 to track growth with literacy. Our teachers incorporate aspects of digital citizenship into their classes as they continue to use Google's G-Suite for Education in their classes. This exposure to and use of technology prepares our students for a smooth transition to Bishop Kelly or other future high schools and eventually, colleges. We adopted a new religion text K-8, Loyola Ministry's *Jesuit Ministry*. We also added the standards from the Diocese of Boise's Religion curriculum to our report cards along with St. Joseph's Student Learning Expectations (SLEs).

### **Goal #3: Improve student learning in the area of writing and grammar instruction**

Students are continuing to write more, and teachers are integrating more grammar instruction into the context of reading and writing. It is important that students are able to articulate their thoughts well in writing. To further this, we adopted Units of Study in Opinion, Information, and Narrative Writing K-8 to ensure consistency and vertical growth for all students from year to year.

Even with all this growth and change, St. Joseph's remains true to our tradition of excellence, educating area students for over 118 years. In 2018, we have:

- 390 students currently enrolled
- 2 classes per grade level
- 140 middle school students—35.9% of the overall student population
- 43 teachers and staff

For the 2018-19 school year, St. Joseph's Catholic School finds itself in what is becoming a familiar and challenging, but positive situation: the school is still near capacity. Four years ago, our School Board set the capacity of St. Joseph's at 400 students because we determined that keeping the number at 400 would best serve our students. If we were to place the maximum number of students in each class,



our school would have around 452 students. However, this would make seating at concerts, access to restrooms, parent-teacher conferences, etc. a challenge. St. Joseph's wants to maintain a high level of education for all students.

We are constantly working to change, grow, and improve while fulfilling our mission: *St. Joseph's Catholic School seeks to provide all children with an opportunity to develop spiritually, academically, morally, emotionally, and physically, in an environment of Christ-centered attitudes and values. Staff and parents are committed to preparing students to take their place in their own community and the world at-large by fostering a love for lifelong learning and a responsibility to others.*

Thank you for your support of our school and our mission.

God's blessings,

*Tony Quilici*

Tony Quilici, Principal  
**Bravely** act like a **Saint** today!

## SCHOOL-WIDE LEARNING EXPECTATIONS

School-wide Learning Expectations (SLEs) are an integral part of defining the school's purpose. The five expectations are Spiritual, Academic, Citizenship, Social, and Physical. At St. Joseph's it is the belief that a well-rounded person should possess all five of the traits outlined in the SLEs. The SLEs relate to St. Joe's purpose of creating a student who can be a productive member of the Church and society. We believe that helping students strive for achievement in all SLE areas will further their success beyond St. Joseph's Catholic School.

## CLASS OF 2018 NEWS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

**St. Joe's eighth grade class of 2018** included 51 young men and women who graduated during an all school Mass on May 29, 2018. Seven of the 51 8th graders graduated with a 4.0 GPA; 20 of them had a 3.75 or higher GPA; and 48 of them (94%) of the graduates have gone on to attend Bishop Kelly High School! We are extremely proud of our recent graduates; the nine young men and women featured below demonstrate what exemplary individuals they all are:



**Maggie Hunter** received the Sterling Humanitarian Award, and was awarded the St. John's Cathedral Endowment Scholarship for \$500 to Bishop Kelly.



**Daniel Russell and Justice Walker** won the Outstanding Citizen Awards. They exhibit the qualities of spirituality, academics, social skills, citizenship, and physical activity that we hold as our school-wide learning expectations. Their names will be added to the perpetual plaque honoring the Sisters of the Holy Cross, who ran the school until the 1970's.



**Gaizka Malone** received the Annual Mayors Award to Youth.



**Jake Martinez, Ruby Pulver and Lucas Sasso** were selected as the 8th grade Models of St. Joseph.



**Ysabella Villegas** received the Nick Ysursa Memorial Scholarship—a \$1,500 award to Bishop Kelly.



**Wylie Warchol** was awarded the John and Joan Carley Scholarship—a four-year, full-tuition scholarship to Bishop Kelly High School.



### Mark Your Calendar

#### 2018-19 STUDENT-LED MASSES AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

**DEC. 9 (SUN) 10 AM**  
**JAN. 27 (SUN) 11:30 AM CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**  
**FEB. 24 (SUN) 5 PM HALLISSEY TEAM MASS**  
**MAR. 10 (SUN) 10 AM**  
**APR. 27 (SAT) 5 PM FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**  
**MAY 19 (SUN) 1 PM SPANISH MASS**

#### 2018-19 SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

**DEC. 18, 2018 PM: CHRISTMAS CONCERT, ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL**  
**JAN. 27 - FEB. 2: CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**  
**FEBRUARY 2019: OPEN HOUSE**  
**APRIL 2019: SCIENCE OLYMPIAD STATE COMPETITION, BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**APR. 6, 2019: 54TH ANNUAL CRAB FEED DINNER AUCTION**  
**MAY 15, 2019: SPRING CONCERT**  
**MAY 2019: MAY CROWNING, 8TH GRADE GRADUATION MASS**

## THE ST. JOSEPH'S ADVISORY BOARD



The St. Joseph's Catholic Advisory Board is advisory to the Cathedral Rector and the Principal. The Board acts in a consultative role to the Rector and the School Principal, and formulates policy recommendations overseeing the educational program and facilities at St. Joseph's Catholic School.

The Board is comprised of three elected parent members from the St. Joseph's Parents Association and four appointed parishioner members. Nonvoting members include the Rector of St. John's, Father Gerald Funke; the Principal, Tony Quilici; and the Business/Development Manager, Anita Miller.

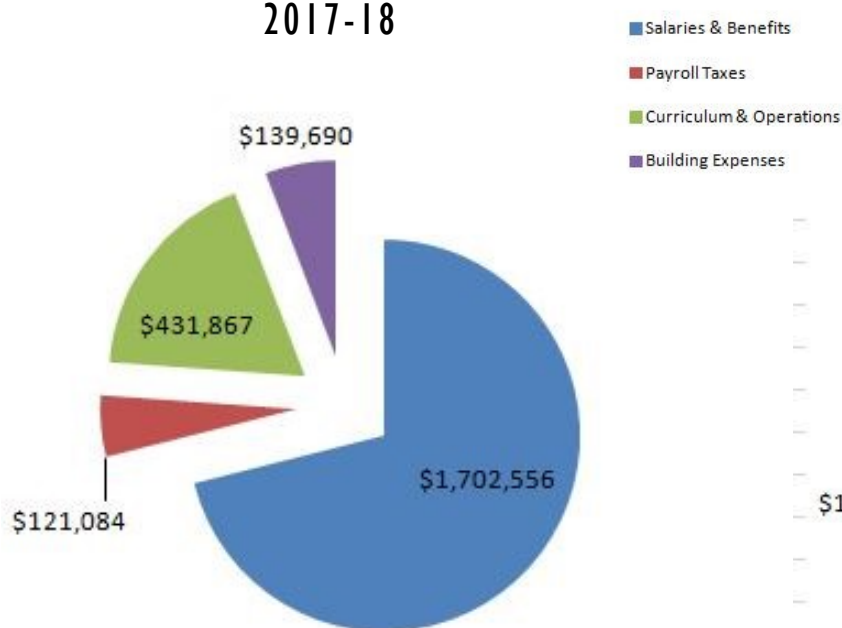
*St. Joseph's 2018-19 School Board: (front) Paula Coulter and Caroline d'Souza; (back) Tony Quilici (principal), Joe Forney, Kim Malvick, Gina Gridley and Anita Miller (business manager). Not pictured: Fr. Jerry Funke, Elizabeth Barry and Bob Showers. They are joined by the St. Joe's Student Council President. Student Council members give monthly reports about student activities.*

## SUMMARY OF EXPENSES AND REVENUE

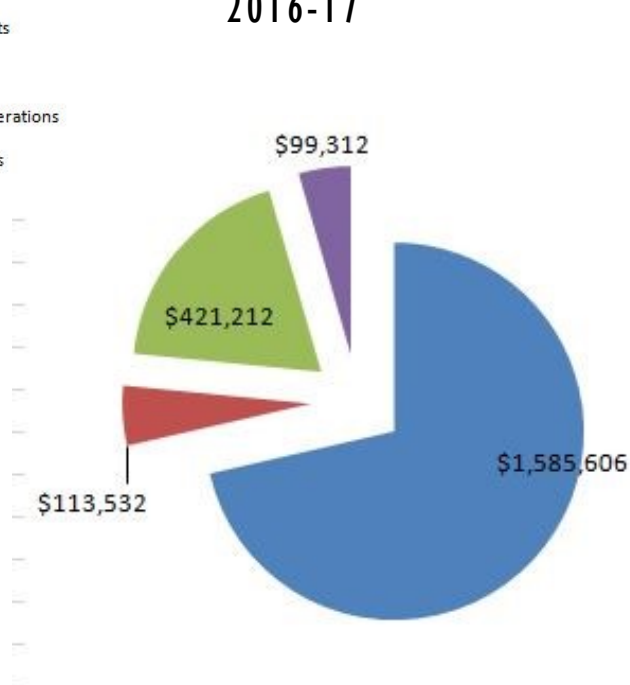
Pulliam & Associates, Chartered Certified Public Accountants prepares annually a Summary of Revenue and Expenditures-Prescribed Form of St. Joseph's Catholic School (part of the Roman Catholic Diocese) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017. The financial information is prepared in accordance with the basis of accounting prescribed by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Boise, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL EXPENSE COMPARISONS

2017-18



2016-17

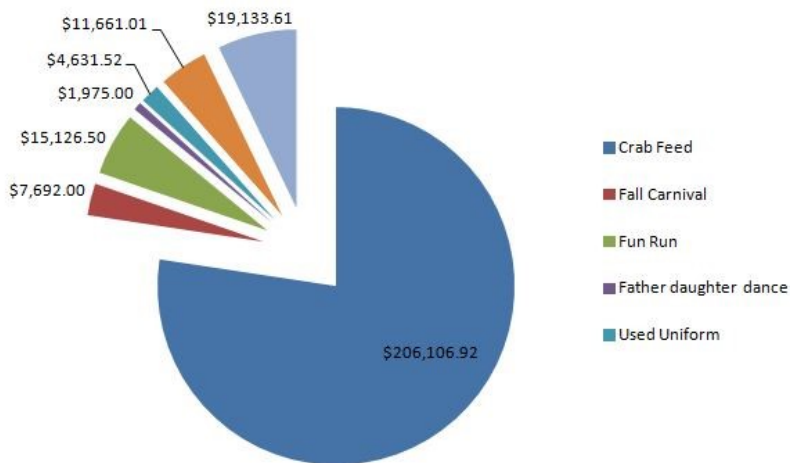




## THE ST. JOSEPH'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The St. Joseph's School Parents' Association (SJPA) runs a strong and active volunteer program, requiring each family to volunteer a minimum of 25 hours during the school year, with five of those hours directed toward fundraising activities. SJPA fundraisers provide vital funds for the general operating budget of St. Joseph's School, allowing for a more affordable tuition and additional educational opportunities. The SJPA's main fundraiser—the Crab Feed—will be held April 6, 2019 in Boise, Idaho.

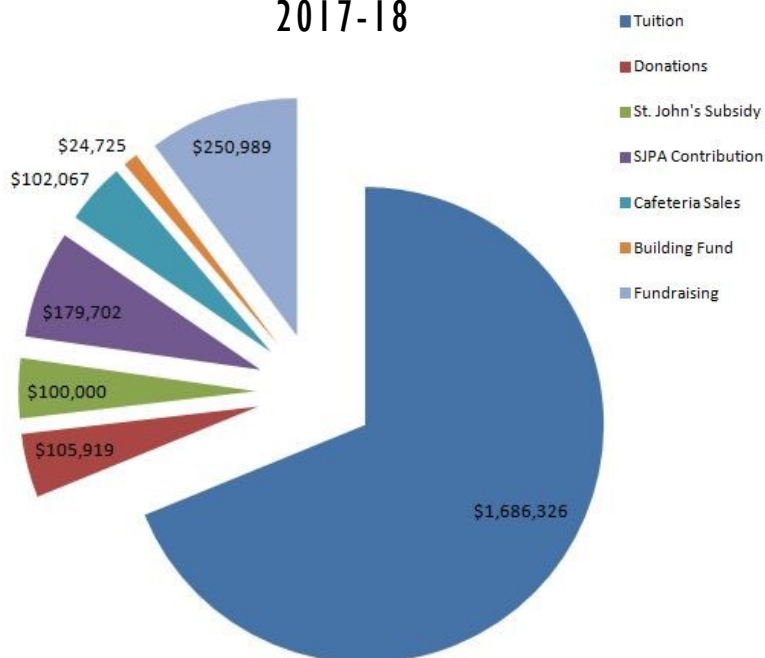
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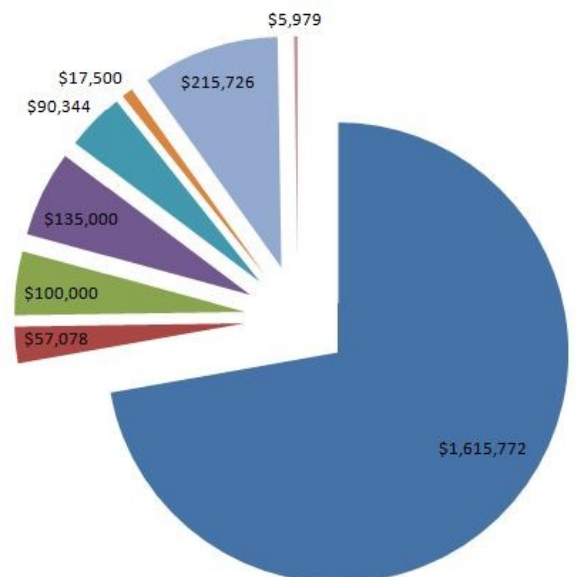
*2018-19 SJPA Board: Past President Rebecca Hupp; President Barbara O'Meara, President-Elect Sarah Lynch; Treasurer Megan Ronk; Volunteer Coordinator Katy Lightfield (not pictured: Elise Slattery, New Family Mentor Coordinator)*

## ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL REVENUE COMPARISONS

2017-18



2016-17



## 2017 IDAHO EDUCATION TAX CREDIT AND ST. JOSEPH FOUNDATION SUPPORTERS

Every component of a St. Joseph's education is served by a successful annual fund. Thus, every student and program benefits from the annual fund. Additionally, the annual fund allows donors to designate their gift to specific projects. The annual fund can also be used as a vehicle to identify those who have already, or are interested in remembering St. Joseph's in their estate planning. Your gift is an investment that enables St. Joe's to provide the quality and variety of spiritual, academic, co-curricular, and extracurricular programs that give each student the opportunity to fulfill their full potential.

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## WELCOME NEW FACULTY AND STAFF!

**Janelle Carr** is an Instructional Aide and Nurse's Aide. Mrs. Carr has experience as a School Nurse in the Boise School District and as a Registered Nurse at Treasure Valley Pediatrics in Meridian, ID; The Children's Clinic in Tualatin, OR; and Emmanuel Children's Hospital in Portland, OR. Mrs. Carr has a BSN from Seattle University.



**Andrea Epeldi-Vietri** teaches the 7th/8th Spanish elective and is also a part-time Instructional Aide in the afternoon. Señora Vietri taught at Corvallis Junior and Senior High Schools in Corvallis, MT; Walkersville High School in Walkersville, MD; and at Frederick Community College in Frederick, MD.



**Annie George** is Student Support/Math Instructional Coach/Reading specialist. Mrs. George support students and classroom teachers to meet student needs when differentiating instruction, intervening, and enriching student learning. As Math Instructional Coach she provides additional math instruction and support for students beyond their current math class. Mrs. George has a MA and BS from the University of Nebraska. She implemented and ran a Student Support program at St. Teresa Catholic Elementary School in Lincoln, Nebraska for six years. Last year she was a Math Coach at Liberty Elementary in Boise Schools.



**Sarah Lynch** teaches first grade. Mrs. Lynch started her teaching career at St. Joseph's Catholic School in Boise, ID. She also taught at Cathedral School in Portland, OR and at St. Anne School in Seattle, WA. Mrs. Lynch has a Bachelors in Elementary



Education from the University of Idaho and a Masters in School Counseling from Portland State University.

**Emily Major** teaches 4th grade. Miss Major was a Math Instructional Coach and Instructional Aide last year at St. Joseph's. She completed her student teaching at Sacred Heart Catholic School in Boise. Miss Major is a Bishop Kelly and University of Idaho graduate.



**Tisha McGarry** is an instructional aide. Mrs. McGarry is an active volunteer and member of both St. John's Parish and St. Joe's. Mrs. McGarry's recent experience includes working at the Boise VA Medical Center, volunteering and substitute teaching at St. Joseph's, and being the Altar Server Coordinator for St. John's. Mrs. McGarry is a 1996 graduate of the United States Air Force Academy and attended Webster University for graduate school.



## ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL HISTORY

**1900:** St. Joseph's School was founded by the Sisters of the Holy Cross.

**1925:** St. Joseph's distinct red brick school building at the corner of 9th and Fort Streets was completed. The new building had eight classrooms and cost \$38,000.

**1948:** The current gymnasium was constructed at a cost of \$89,000. The new building seated 400 people on permanent bleachers.

**1953:** St. Joseph's transitioned from an all-boys school to a grammar school for both boys and girls. St. Teresa's Academy transitioned from an all-girls school to a high school for both boys and girls.

**1991:** Began a multi-phase, 20-year expansion and renovation, with the addition of the Media Center, office and additional

classroom space to the school building.

**1997:** A new heating and air conditioning system and energy efficient windows were installed to increase efficiency and comfort, and to improve the learning environment.

**1999:** The school office and library were remodeled. The changes to the office increased school security and productivity.

**2002:** Expanded the Media Center and provided five new classrooms, including a Science Lab and Art Room.

**2011:** *E.L. Wiegand Wing* completed, adding five new classrooms and finalizing the multi-phase, 20-year expansion and renovation project.

**2013:** Received a \$50,000 grant from the J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation, to become part of the nation's first statewide pilot of the Khan

Academy—a free, internationally recognized online leader. The grant was used for training and technology upgrades to the school.

**2014:** Received an additional \$70,000 grant from the J. A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation to provide over 100 Google Chromebooks for the 3rd and 4th grade classrooms.

**2015:** Revamped web site—[www.stjoes.com](http://www.stjoes.com). The mobile-friendly design improves functionality, while continuing to provide information to current and prospective students and families.

**2016:** Earned a 6-year accreditation status from the Western Catholic Education Association. Added office for new full-time counselor and remodeled office space for reading specialists.

**2017:** Updated school security systems—additional security cameras, a keypad at the front door, and a new external door to 8th St. were all installed.

**2018:** Hired student support staff. Installed new carpeting throughout the building. Replaced cement stairs at 9th and Fort Street exits. Continue to revise and implement campus safety plan. Began cycling hardware through five-year Technology Replacement Plan.

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