

# **ANNUAL REPORT**

2022 - 2023 ACADEMIC YEAR



### A Note from Our Principal and Assistant Principal



Our state and our city have seen explosive growth in the past few years. As one walks downtown, the City of Trees skyline is crowded with cranes placing the final touches on multistory buildings. Understandably, families are flocking to Idaho for a lifestyle full of outdoor activities, a focus on family and a culture of rugged Individualism.

For all the challenges of growth the city and state may face, our parish school has remained a constant beacon of Catholic values and service. St. Joseph's Catholic School is on the cusp of celebrating 125 years of providing exceptional education to our Catholic community. It's hard to grasp 125 years. Yet, throughout the years, unceasing support from our alumni and parish community has never diminished or wavered.

With your help, last year we substantially increased our school's perimeter security to ensure a safer environment for our students. Approximately \$100,000 went into facility upgrades and repairs. Your donations allowed our school to hire a full time Spanish teacher (Senorita Flamarique from the Basque Region) and introduce a new middle school class (AVID) to improve student writing and organizational skills.

In addition, we are currently in the process of remodeling and updating our library to a more comfortable space where students can enjoy books and discover the love of reading. Over the summer of 2023, the former media lab was removed to make space for an additional classroom/flex space for meetings. This year we are fundraising to complete the library makeover by adding new doors and walls, replacing cold and dated furniture and layouts, creating a reading nook for students to curl up with a story and adding some modern aesthetics to the space. We hope to have this completed by the start of the 2024-2025 school year and invite everyone to the grand opening (date TBD).

Our school's excellence was substantiated by receiving the highest marks from the Western Catholic Education Association's rigorous accreditation review.

After the devastating social impact of COVID, it is vital for our students and staff to lead in community service. Last year, our student council organized a Veteran's Day assembly with over 250 community members in attendance, including World War II Battle of the Bulge Veteran and Idaho native, Donald Lytle. This year we had another impactful Veterans Day assembly where we were able to honor Adam Jenné, son of one of our first grade teachers Andria Jenné, who returned this year from serving our country in the Middle East. Our student leaders volunteered at The Race to Robie Creek, Toughest Half Marathon, and raised over \$3,000 for the St. John's Food Bank. Our Catholic spirit to serve in our community is heartwarming and without judgment. We are guided by our patron Saint, St. Joseph. Similar to the Chapel of St. Joseph, our school is the light or beacon that will always shine brightly in the City of Trees.

Randy McCormick

Principal

Amanda Kuznia

**Assistant Principal** 

### CONGRATULATIONS 2022-23 Award Winners

There were many outstanding students during the 2022-23 school year. The students selected for awards represented St. Joseph's in their every day excellence. The winners of these awards were chosen for the ways they shine through their humanitarian efforts, studies, spiritual lives and social activities.

#### **Students of the Year**



**Reagan Williams** 



Wilson Firestone



**Felicity Larkin** 



**Brody Hale** 

Nick Ysursa

St. Josephine Bakhita **Scholarship Award** 



Marley Maxwell

#### **School Wide Learning Expectations Award Winners**

Academic

**Spiritual** 



Jonny Cara



Celeste Malsam



**Kevin Martinez** 

Lila Hofeditz



Charlie Dahl





Jamie Baker





Daniel Moodie-**Bramlet** 



Meghan McGarry



Cash Davis



**Rowan Belew** 

**Physical** 



### St. Joseph's Library

In the summer of 2023, part of the interior of the St. Joe's library was transformed and remodeled to be a state of the art flex space for meetings and classes. The space was first used for middle school Computer Science and Spanish classes as well as SJPA and School Board meetings. This was Phase 1 of the library remodel.

Seen here are the plans for the completed flex space as well as what the library remodel will look like. This place will foster learning, collaboration and encourage each student to **Read, Know and Grow.** 





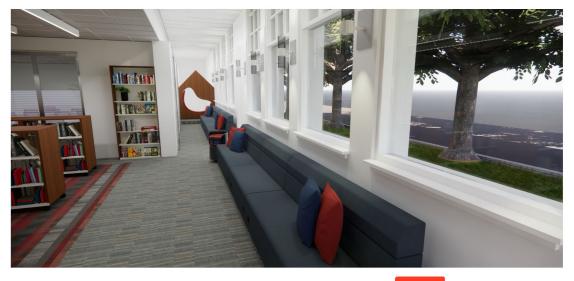












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# St. Joseph's Library

Please consider making a charitable donation to the state of the art remodel of the St. Joseph's Catholic School Library. Your gift will provide students with a flexible and comfortable space to *Read, Know and Grow.* 

Leave your legacy in our library by sponsoring an item

with your family name: Reading Nook : \$10,000 Media Wall: \$10,000 Circulation Desk : \$5,000

Bookshelf: \$1,000

Total Fundraising Goal - \$300,000

# Idaho Education Tax Credit

Your gift to the library and any donation to St. Joe's may qualify for a 50% tax credit. This credit is available regardless if you itemize donations. Please review the chart and consult with your tax advisor. Thank you!

	Gift Amount	Tax Credit
Idaho Individuals	Up to \$1,000	Up to \$500
Idaho Married Couples	Up to \$2,000	Up to \$1,000
Idaho Corporations	Up to \$10,000	Up to \$5,000

To make a donation to this project you can use PayPal or send a check in to St. Joe's. If you would like to sponsor an item in this project please indicate in your donation. Thank you for your generous contributions.



#### St. Joseph's Advisory Board



The St. Joseph's Catholic School Board is the advisory to the Cathedral Rector and the principals. The board acts in a consultative role and formulates policy recommendations that oversee 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 Osorio; the Principals, Randy McCormick and Amanda Kuznia; and the Accounting Manager, Julie Perkins.

St. Joseph's 2023– 24 School Board: Randy McCormick (Principal), Cristina Daccarett, Martha Chalfant, Stephanie Wright, Father Osorio (Rector), Paula Coulter, Julie Perkins (Accounting Manager) and Dean Pape. Not Pictured: Joe Forney, Kelly Lim and Amanda Kuznia.

#### Summary of Expenses and Revenue

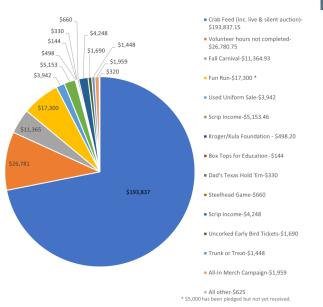
This summary of expenses and revenue for St. Joseph's Catholic School (part of the Roman Catholic Diocese) is for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. The financial information is prepared in accordance with the basis of accounting prescribed by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Boise, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.



#### St. Joseph's School Expense Comparisons

#### 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 Dinner Auction—will be held March 9, 2024 at the Boise Centre East.



2022-23 SJPA Fundraising



2023-24 SJPA Board: President—Diana Lachiondo, President-Elect– Erin Mercer, Secretary—Wendi Drake and Treasurer—Jen Compton.





#### St. Joseph's School Revenue Comparisons

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Thank you to all our donors. Your contributions help continue in our 120+ year mission to provide Idaho students with an excellent Catholic education.



### Welcome New Faculty and Staff



Clare Swalling teaches middle school religion and social studies. She is from Maryland and attended Ave Maria University in Southwest Florida where she double majored in Theology and History. For the last two years she taught Theology and World History in Las Vegas, Nevada at a Catholic High School as a part of the PACE program. She just graduated with her Masters of Arts in Teaching, and moved to Boise after her wedding in August. Outside of school, she loves swimming, dancing, and reading.



Marta Flamarique teachers middle school Spanish & Computer Science. She is from Pamplona (Navarra) in the Basque country of Spain. She received a degree in mathematics and recently taught mathematics, computer science and Spanish in both Spain and Hungary. She enjoys music, playing the ukulele, dancing and hiking!



Scott Basgall teaches physical education for the elementary grades. He has a background in teaching high school mathematics in Colorado and Washington. He believes in creating a positive, safe, and fun learning environment for all children. Outside of school, he enjoys pursuing various outdoor activities with his family, especially skiing, mountain biking, and camping.



Trysten Rust is one of our third grade teachers. She was born and raised here in Boise and graduated from Boise State in 2020 with a Bachelors in Education and an endorsement in Literacy. Since graduating she has taught both 5th and 6th grade. She loves to be outside, read, and spend time with her people.



Tina Skinner is an instructional aide who previously taught at St. Joe's. After teaching full time for 32 years, she is back part-time as an instructional aide this year. She is an alum of both St. Joseph's School and Bishop Kelly. She received her Education degree from Boise State University. She understands the value of an amazing Catholic Eduction and her three children attended St. Joseph's and Bishop Kelly. In her free time she loves to visit National Parks.



Justina Kliewer is a new addition to our janitorial staff. Justina is from Kuna and has lived here in Idaho her whole life. When she isn't at St. Joe's she loves crafting, baking and playing basketball. Justina does an amazing job keeping our school so clean and always has a smile on her face.



St. Joseph's Catholic School teachers and staff started the school year with a staff rafting trip. They set off on the Main Payette for a day full of fun and many laughs. Through teamwork and bonding time they launched what has been a great year. St. Joe's is blessed to have such a dedicated staff who is ALL IN!



## St. Joseph's Catholic 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 Street was completed. The new building had eight classrooms and cost \$38,0000.

1948: The current gymnasium was built 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 remolded. 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 nations 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 the website-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 full-time counselor and remodeled office space for reading specialists.

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

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

2019: Installed safety window coverings on 8th and Fort Street doors and "stained glass" adhesives to upstairs skylights, bringing Cathedral art into the school.

**2020:** Began the capital campaign for our

playground renovation. Successfully navigated the COVID pandemic, keeping the students in school and learning.

2021: Built new multi-purpose playground and community recreation area on the school campus through the Playtopia Capital Campaign.

2022: Used EAN Federal Grants to update technology and add iPads, Apple TV's and new projectors in the classrooms.

2023: Transformed and remodeled the back of the art flex space for meetings and classes. The space was first used for middle school **Computer Science and** SJPA and School Board meetings.

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