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State of the School Report 2014 – 2015 School Year

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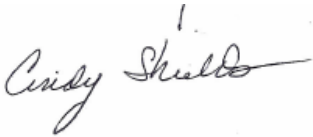
Dear Annunciation Families,

It is hard to believe how quickly the school year passed and came to an end. We would like to thank you for your faith, trust, and commitment to the mission of Annunciation Catholic School. It is your belief in the Catholic education values that help us to sustain our school. We respect the sacrifices each family makes to send their child to Annunciation, and we will continue to put your child first in everything we do. This was a very busy year and you, as partners in education, played a great role in making it a success. Parents and teachers commit their time and energy every day toward creating a nurturing environment in which children can thrive!

Inside you will find all the interesting and important facts about the last school year. It recaps goals set and obtained, awards earned and recognition given. In addition, you will find test results, a financial statement and collective list of the years' social justice projects. Included you will find highlighted results of the student survey conducted in May. The full student survey and parent survey results will be shared on Sycamore.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of our students. We wish the very best for our 8th grade graduates. They will always be a part of Annunciation and we will remember them in our hearts and prayers. We look forward to their visits as "freshman." We wish you all a very happy, safe and enjoyable summer. Please be sure to take time as a family to talk, play and pray together.

Yours in Christ,



Cindy Shields, *Principal*



Amy McCarty, *Assistant Principal*

Vision

Annunciation Catholic School's vision is to provide a Catholic Education that recognizes and respects each student's uniqueness as a member of the Body of Christ. We awaken, recognize and honor the God given abilities of each student by providing active learning experiences using innovative techniques and cutting edge technology. We challenge students to accept responsibility to continue Jesus' mission by being people of prayer, service, wisdom and compassion.

Mission

Annunciation Catholic School's mission is to provide a Christ-like and learner friendly environment to better serve God and community.

2014-2015 Academic Goals

Reading	Obtain a score at or above the 75% on <i>ITBS</i> in grades 3, 5, 7 & 8 and on STAR Reading in grades 1 – 8.
Math	Obtain a score at or above the 75% on <i>ITBS</i> in grades 3, 5, 7 & 8 and on STAR Math in grades 1 – 8.
Religion	Obtain scores at or above 75% on the <i>ACRE</i> in grades 5 and 8.

Student Learning

Assessment of Catholic Religious Education (ACRE) is administered annually to 5th & 8th grade students. It is used by Catholic Schools throughout the nation. A new ACRE test was created in 2013-2014 and has not yet been normed so the percentage represents how many of our students have the correct answer; this is not a national percentile.

<i>ACRE</i> Results		
Affective Domain		
5th	8th	Questions
98%	94%	I like my parish
100%	100%	I care about people at my school
67%	82%	Students here care about one another
82%	89%	I attend Sunday (Saturday evening) Mass
98%	89%	Being a Catholic is important to me
4 Pillars of Catechism of Catholic Church (knowledge)		
5th	8th	Pillar
75%	70%	Profession of Faith
83%	76%	The Celebration of the Christian Mystery
78%	83%	Life in Christ
72%	79%	Christian Prayer

Currently the *Iowa Test of Basic Skills* (ITBS), is administered in all Archdiocese of Santa Fe Schools. It is taken mainly by Catholic School students throughout the nation and is nationally normed. This year ITBS was administered to grades 3, 5, 7 & 8. *STAR* is given at least 3 times per year and is also nationally normed. The reported scores are those from *ITBS* given in April and the final *STAR* tests administered in May of 2015.

Grade Level Percentiles <i>ITBS</i> & <i>STAR</i>									
		1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th
Math	<i>ITBS</i> National Percentile	-	-	71%	-	71%	-	69%	71%
	<i>STAR</i> National Percentile	79%	83%	82%	87%	82%	82%	69%	65%
Reading	<i>ITBS</i> National Percentile	-	-	73%	-	73%	-	73%	76%
	<i>STAR</i> National Percentile	78%	73%	73%	78%	70%	74%	70%	70%

Number of Students in Each Quartile										
			1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th
Math	<i>ITBS</i>	99 – 75%	-	-	22	-	25	-	14	22
		74 – 50%	-	-	12	-	12	-	15	11
		49 – 25%	-	-	8	-	9	-	7	7
		24 – 1%	-	-	3	-	4	-	2	4
	<i>STAR</i>	99 – 75%	20	37	29	31	36	35	18	17
		74 – 50%	20	8	13	10	9	12	14	21
		49 – 25%	2	4	3	1	4	4	10	6
		24 – 1%	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	2
Reading	<i>ITBS</i>	99 – 75%	-	-	20	-	25	-	20	26
		74 – 50%	-	-	19	-	16	-	11	11
		49 – 25%	-	-	4	-	9	-	7	4
		24 – 1%	-	-	1	-	0	-	1	3
	<i>STAR</i>	99 – 75%	30	22	22	26	22	22	20	19
		74 – 50%	14	14	14	12	19	19	15	18
		49 – 25%	4	8	8	4	7	7	4	8
		24 – 1%	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1

Annunciation Catholic School Accreditation

Annunciation Catholic School is always seeking the best and most effective ways to educate children for the 21st century, infusing this education with a strong and vital Catholic identity, while supporting parents in their role as the primary educators of their children. Every six years we have the opportunity for a very specific Self Study process leading to the re-accreditation of the school. During the 2015-2016 school year, the school will involve all of its shareholders – faculty, staff, parents, students, and parishioners – in this process using a specific protocol outlined by the Western Catholic Educational Association (WCEA). In the spring of 2016, a Visiting Committee from WCEA will review our Self Study document, including our Action Plan, for ongoing improvement, and will determine our accreditation status for the next six years.

Interesting Things to Know about the 2014-2015 School Year

Enrollment

- 427 students were enrolled in grades JrK – 8th grade
- 56 new students and 26 new families were welcomed into the Annunciation School community

Faculty

- The school staff consists of 41 employees
- All core content and elementary teachers hold NM teaching licenses. All but two (2) teachers of enriching classes hold the same license
- Teachers participated in over 962 hours of professional development (Dylan Williams Formative Assessments, PLC's at Work, Principals of Social Justice and Apple Professional Development) and numerous hours of team planning
- Collectively the Annunciation staff has over 360 years of teaching experience with 208 years in Catholic School
- Annunciation Catholic School was named a 2015 Top Workplace (#11) by the Albuquerque Journal



Facility Enhancements

- Gym painted in December 2014 (Fall Benefit In-Kind from HB Construction and B&D Industries)
- Annex building classrooms were painted and re-carpeted

Physical Education (PE) Enhancements – Fall Benefit Proceeds

- Golf Cart
- Archery Equipment
- Ping Pong Tables
- Portable Basketball Goals
- Xbox 360, Xbox One with games and TV
- LCD projector
- Speed Minton Equipment
- Portable Sound System
- Balls (Dodge, Rugby, Cage Balls w/ Bladders)

Special Recognitions

Honor Roll: On average 45 students qualified each quarter for the “A” Honor roll and 64 qualified for the “B” Honor Roll.

Teachers of the Year: **Cynthia Shropshire**, 5th grade teacher, was Annunciation's Archdiocese of Santa Fe Teacher of the Year Honoree. **Colleen Ruiz**, 3 - 6th grade science teacher, won this year's New Mexico Academy of Science (NMAS) Outstanding Science Teacher (OSTA) award.

Distinguished Disciple Honorees: **Elizabeth and Michael Freisinger** (8) were selected as this year's Distinguished Disciples Honorees.

St. Gabriel Award: **Vanessa Lucero** (8), **Sophia Suriano** (8) and **Noah Jones** (8) were presented with the St. Gabriel Award. This award honors 8th graders who exemplify the qualities of St. Gabriel and the Blessed Mother.

Athletes of the Year: **Lillianna Wyckoff** (8) and **Zack Kolkmeier** (8) earned this award for their dedication and involvement in our athletic program.

Student Survey

Thank you to all of our students who have shared their perspective with us. What you think matters to us and helps us to improve our school.

	Kindergarten <i>32 surveys</i>				First <i>40 surveys</i>				Second <i>46 surveys</i>				Third <i>45 surveys</i>			
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I learn about being Catholic.	94%	6%	0	0	87%	13%	0	0	89%	11%	0	0	87%	11%	2%	0
I like this school.	78%	22%	0	0	85%	10%	3%	2%	98%	2%	0	0	78%	18%	2%	2%
My teachers care about me.	78%	15%	0	0	87%	14%	0	0	89%	11%	0	0	62%	33%	4%	0
Students are friendly.	63%	31%	6%	0	23%	13%	5%	5%	37%	39%	24%	0	53%	27%	13%	7%

	4th Grade <i>42 surveys</i>				5th Grade <i>50 surveys</i>				6th Grade <i>49 surveys</i>			
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
My Religion classes help me to learn about my Faith.	86%	12%	2%	0	86%	14%	0	0	74%	22%	4%	0
My teachers care about me.	76%	24%	0	0	88%	12%	0	0	80%	20%	0	0
My teachers make learning enjoyable.	55%	40%	5%	0	50%	40%	10%	0	47%	74%	6%	0
I am appropriately challenged in my classes.	38%	50%	10%	2%	60%	36%	4%	0	38%	50%	8%	4%
I am treated with respect by other students.	34%	39%	27%	0	22%	50%	22%	6%	27%	71%	2%	0
	7th Grade <i>(38 surveys)</i>				8th Grade <i>(40 surveys)</i>							
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree				
My Religion classes help me to learn about my Faith.	76%	21%	3%	0	58%	30%	10%	2%				
My teachers care about me.	21%	66%	13%	0	50%	50%	0	0				
My teachers make learning enjoyable.	5%	71%	21%	3%	43%	52%	5%	0				
I am appropriately challenged in my classes.	34%	58%	8%	0	40%	50%	10%	0				
I am treated with respect by other students.	26%	63%	11%	0	38%	47%	15%	0				

Student Involvement - Awards, Accomplishments, Placings

Athletics

Our 5th – 8th grade students were very involved in the athletic program. All interested students are given the opportunity to participate. We fielded 22 various teams during the 2014-2015 school year.

Sport	Participants	Recognition
Flag Football	25	Varsity Team - Consolation Champions
Tennis	25	
Soccer	16	
Cross Country	11	Mason Davis (8)– APIAL Champion
Girls Volleyball	46	7 th Grade - JV Champions
Golf	4	3 rd as a team in the APIAL Golf League and 2 of the team members Jayden Bates (6) and Audrey Dominick (5) tied for Girls JV Champion
Girls' Basketball	50	7 th Grade - JV Champion and Undefeated Season
Boys' Basketball	69	
Track and Field	55	School records set by Mason Davis (8) 1600 and Zack Kolkmeier (8), Armand Giannini (8), Mason Davis (8) and Abelino Garcia (8) Boys Medley

Annually, the Knights of Columbus sponsor a Youth Free Throw Contest. Four Annunciation students placed in their statewide contest: **Malachi Peña** 2nd Place 9-yr boys, **Ashton Bischoff** 2nd Place 10-yr boys, **Ryan Schwaner** 3rd Place 12-yr boys & **Angelyse Gonzales-Sanchez** 3rd Place 11-yr girls.

Several Annunciation students were invited to run in the Great South West Track Meet. The results include **Abelino Garcia** (8) 1st Place 100m dash, **Lauren Browne** (8) 3rd Place 100m dash, **Lauren Huling** (8) 6th Place 100m dash, 2nd place Girls 4x100 Relay (**Lauren Huling** (8), **Lauren Brown** (8), **Camille Wyckoff**, **Lillian Wyckoff** (8) and 2nd place Boys 4x100 Relay (**Zack Pena** (6), **Sebastian Scheller** (8), **Mason Davis** (8), **Abelino Garcia** (8).

Art

Over 3000 pieces of student art work were exhibited at the 2014-2015 Art Fair created by Annunciation students in grades JrK–8. Fifty five of those pieces were displayed at the Archdiocese of Santa Fe Catholic Schools' Art Fair, 29 of which were awarded prizes.

Alumni Academic Recognition

Annunciation alumni fared well at St. Pius X High School. Five of the senior class' Top 10 graduated from ACS, one in the junior class, followed by four sophomores and three freshman. Additionally, many special awards were granted to ACS alum.

Gabriella Rivera: National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist and National Hispanic Recognition

Matthew Villareal: 4 Year Service Letterman and Prudential Spirit of Community Award Finalist

Mitchell DiLorenzo: Best of the Class Student Selected Award & Outstanding Graduate, Principal's Award

Christian Lucero: National Hispanic Recognition & US Academic Decathlon National Gold Medal Speech

Joe Couls: 9th in the National Level 3 French Competition and Speech and Debate Award

Max Gervais: 9th in National French Level 1 Competition and Speech and Debate Award

Justin Kalan: Speech and Debate Award and Woodmen of the World

Joe Bruckner: Speech and Debate Award

Spiritual, Leadership and Musical Activities

Annunciation students have the opportunity to participate in various activities.

Group	Participants	Notes
8th Grade Girls' Bible Study	27	Meet weekly
8th Grade Boys' Bible Study	12	Meet weekly
Student Leadership Team	12	Student Leadership Team: Noah Jones(8), Elizabeth Freisinger (8), Megan Thomas (8), Karina McCarty (8), Lauren Huling (8), Vanessa Lucero (8), Wylie Trujillo (7), Kristen Hall (7), Preston Kite (7), Julia Hanisee (6), Marcus Garcia (6) and Bayliss Grove (6)
Friday Night Live (FNL)	~50	Middle School Youth Group which meets ~monthly
Choir	20	All State Choir Festival Qualifiers: Jayden Bates (6), Audrey Dominick (5), Emily Drelick (4), Mia Kroeter (7), Julia Megofna (4), Natasha Montoya (4), Frances Ochs (5), Juan Diego Ortiz-Acosta (6), Avery Ross (4) and Allyson Thomas (8)
Altar Servers	55	Daily Mass, Student Mass & Sunday Mass
Student Cantors	23	Support congregation at Student Mass
Talent Show	33 Individual Acts 9 Class Acts 1 Student Emcee	Talent Show is open to all students. All students grades 1– 5 & 8 th had the opportunity to participate in class acts
Band	10	Beginning and Advanced offered before school

All Annunciation students participate in a musical performance at least once per year. Middle School presented the Christmas Program. Grades 3-5 & 1-2 performed for parents in April. Kindergarten and JrK performed at their graduation ceremonies.

Academic Competitions

Several of the academic competitions are open to all students. Some are limited to a specific number based on maximum number of allowed participants or due to a limited number of coaches.

Team	Participants	Recognition
Chess	15	Ranked 7 th in the city (up from 8 th)
Faith Challenge Bowl	19	The Elementary Team came in 4 th place and the Middle School Team placed 3 rd . Elementary Team: Frances Ochs (5), Emily Randall (5), Allyson Trujillo (5), Matthew Randall (3), Francesca Pieniadz (3), Max Steingraeber (4) and Omar Ortiz-Acosta (4). Middle School Team: Aaron Deller (6), Morganne Miller (7), Mia Kroeter (7), Sophia Suriano (8), Reghan Pettit (8), Vanessa Lucero (8), Jordan Ashcraft (6), Nadia Pfarr (6), Morgan Henson (6), Brooklynn Gray (6), Liam Ruggles (6) and Davin Ruggles (6).
Lego League	~50	Annunciation was accepted into the 2014 FIRST LEGO League School Pilot Program. We were the only school in the state to be in the program. Six of the eleven teams placed 1st or 2nd or earned a special award. Two of the teams were invited to the New Mexico Regional Tournament.
Geo Bee	26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collin Howard (8) Winner (2nd year in a row) • Max Steingraeber (4) Runner Up
Spelling Bee	28	Davin Ruggles (8) Winner – 2 nd Year in a Row
Science Fair	72	Regional Science Fair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colin Howard (8) Civil Air Patrol - New Mexico Wing Award 1st Place, Lightning Dock Geothermal Energy Award 1st Place and the International Test & Evaluation Association Award, Roadrunner Chapter 3rd place • Jaylan Romero (6) Mauro Montoya Memorial Encouragement Award • Allyson McLellan (6) Albuquerque Astronomical Society and Accent Southwest Windows Award 1st place • Davin Ruggles (8) Regional Research Challenge Junior Encouragement Award 2nd place, Junior Medicine & Health Sciences Category Honorable Mention
Future City	23	State Competition (6th – 8th Grade) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best Model and People's Choice Awards - Pallet Town Justin Apodaca (6), Juan Ortiz-Acosta (6), Zach Pena (6), Duncan Levandoski (6), and Nick Vargas (6) • 5th Place Overall - Hydroptic Evan Muhlberger (6), Nicholas Pascuzzi (6), Joshua Salas (6) and Chris Ulibarri (6) • 4th Place Overall - Alpha City Ella Cummings (7), Preston Kite (7), Juan Ruiz (7), and Ryan Schwaner (6)
Battle of the Books	10	The Battle of the Books team winners were Sara Swinson (5) and Joseph Seibel (5)

People of Service

We are called by the Church to be people of service. During the 2014-2015 school year the majority of our service projects supported various local divisions of Catholic Charities. The generosity of our school community is something of which to be proud.

2014-2015 Social Justice Projects		
Grade	Benefactor	Gift
JrK/K	Leukemia and Lymphoma Society: HOPS	\$2,904.84
1 st Grade	Catholic Charities: <i>Homeless Housing and Refugee Program</i>	255 bags of rice & beans
2 nd Grade	Catholic Charities' Refugees: <i>Personal Hygiene Items</i>	70 Items
3 rd Grade	Catholic Charities' Refugees	400 bags of travel sized toiletry items
4 th Grade	Catholic Charities' Refugees: <i>PJs & Books</i>	96 new pairs of pajamas 97 new books 191 used books \$67.42 donation
5 th Grade	<i>End it with Orange</i> - Road Runner Food Bank Mobile Food Pantry & Adopt a School (the school will have a mobile food pantry once a month along with the Food for Kids Backpack program on weekends to help feed those that are hungry)	53 hours & ~\$5,000 905 households 1,771 Adults 959 Children Total of 2,730 people
6 th Grade	Catholic Charities' Refugees: <i>Cleaning Supplies</i>	20 Full Grocery Sacks
7 th Grade	Catholic Charities' Children's Learning Center: <i>Project Give</i>	\$946.20 used to buy warm clothing for 39 students
8 th Grade	Catholic Charities Refugees: <i>Giving Tree</i>	47 children's gifts
Jr. K – 8 Families and Staff	Danielle's Hope Chest - The goal of this ministry is to work with Pro-Life organizations to help mothers in need fight against having an abortion by providing them necessary items to help assist in taking care of a newborn.	Filled two empty dressers with: diapers, baby wipes, baby clothing, blankets, bottles, bath supplies, small toys
	Slam Dunk Leukemia - Sophia Martinez (Family)	\$5,400
	Families in Need - St. Vincent DePaul	20 Thanksgiving Family Meals for 128 individuals 270 boxes of food
	Annunciation Parish – Lenten Soup Supper	21 pots of soup 10 bread donations
	Meal Preparation	As needed
	Catholic Relief Services <i>Operation Rice Bowl</i>	\$1,831.37
	MAD Against Hunger	\$1,003.80

Parent Involvement

St. Gabriel is Annunciation's parent organization (PTO). The goal of each St. Gabriel Committee is to show Christ like qualities through volunteering, prayer, community support and participation in school functions. Parents had many opportunities to volunteer during the 2014-2015 school year such as being a room parent, helping in classrooms, organizing parties, coaching, participating in a rosary group, acting as host family, assisting with fall benefit, organizing talent show acts, etc.

Financial Statement

The School follows the fiscal year of the parish. We are fortunate that Annunciation Parish supports our school with a \$200,000 subsidy to help make Catholic Education more affordable to those who attend. We are grateful to all the parishioners who generously contribute to the subsidy through their regular contributions.

2014-2015 Revenue		2014-2015 Expenses	
Tuition: plus subsidies, tuition insurance, registration fees, tuition assistance, etc.	\$2,708,675.00	Instructional Expenses: textbooks, materials, supplies, technology, printing, furniture, etc.	\$270,175.00
Designated Donations: Fall Benefit, grants, employer matching programs, etc.	\$56,200.00	Operational Expenses: salaries, benefits, insurance, office supplies, savings, recognition, postage, etc.	\$2,133,706.50
After Care	\$32,000.00	Student Activities: field trips, athletics, yearbook, program expenses, etc.	\$40,360.00
Other: Halloween Happening, athletic fees, field trips, Book Fair, yearbook, interest earned, etc.	\$96,100.00	Plant Operation & Maintenance: utilities, maintenance services, repairs, etc.	\$383,580.00
		Capital Expenses & Savings	\$65,153.00
Total	\$2,892,975.00	Total	\$2,827,871.50*

*As of April 2015

Additional Resources

City Support: The City of Albuquerque allocates two crossing guards to assist Annunciation. The safe environment they provide is invaluable.

State Funds: The New Mexico Legislature allots textbook money for ALL New Mexico schools. These funds cannot purchase religious based books. However, these are funds relied upon as the cost of textbooks is exorbitant. Annunciation received \$23,571 for the 2014-2015 school year. This is \$55.59 per student. The average text book is about \$80.

Federal Funds: Annunciation received \$20,960 through the federal Title IIA Grant. These funds provide professional development.

Volunteers: Volunteer hours are not required but certainly appreciated as it makes a significant difference in the education of our students. There are over 2018 hours documented during the 14-15 school year which support our classroom teachers, library, science, computer and art programs. Volunteers put forth numerous hours coaching, organizing community events, sacramental preparation, service project, talent show acts, communications, etc. that were not documented but are appreciated and invaluable. A local community college assists each year in screening all of our students' vision and hearing – spending 200+ man hours.

Money Makers: Annunciation does not conduct any mandatory fundraising. However, there are a few events from which our students are able to benefit from the money raised. Halloween Happening generated \$7,755.95 and the 6th annual Fall Benefit generated \$29,435.08.

Community "Giving Back" Programs: *Box Tops for Education* \$713.60, Kroger (Smith's) for \$723.33, Target's *Take Charge of Education* \$219.81, MJ Thomas, our school picture photographer, gave us a percentage of the past year's sales for a total of \$1,309.15 and Wells Fargo provided us funds through their *Community Support Campaign* and a *Matching Gift Campaign* in the amount of \$217.31.

