

2022-2023

State of the School




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2022-2023 School Year

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Dear Annunciation Families,

As we close the 2022-2023 school year, we would like to take the opportunity to thank you for choosing Annunciation Catholic School for your children. We strive to provide the most well-rounded academic experience your child can receive - spiritually, socially, emotionally, intellectually, and physically. On a daily basis, prayers, laughter, active learning experiences, and growing friendships can be witnessed due to the collective effort of the entire Annunciation community.

We work together each day to create a school community where every child can learn, thrive, and grow. As administrators, it is truly rewarding to watch our students develop into confident, intelligent, and caring people during their time with us. As our graduates move on to high school, they do so with the schoolwide learning expectations and future-proofing traits rooted in their hearts and minds. What a blessing it is for all of us to be a part of their lives during these foundational years.

Inside you will find all the interesting and important facts about last school year. It recaps our accomplishments, awards, and recognition given. You will also find test results, a financial statement, and a collective list of the year's social justice projects.

We say a fond farewell to our 8th grade class. Thanks for all your compassion, insights, dedication, and love! We will miss you and always remember:

"Let your light shine before others so that they may see your good works."

-Matthew 5:16

Yours in Christ,



Cindy Shields
Principal



Leticia M. Gomez
Vice Principal

Mission

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

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.

Schoolwide Learning Expectations (SLE's)

Annunciation Students will be faith-filled, active Catholics who

- Value that prayer is an integral part of their lives
- Participate in the sacraments and liturgical experiences
- Are knowledgeable and active in the social justice teachings of the Catholic Church
- Use their God-given talents to build meaningful relationships within our school community.

Annunciation students will be engaged learners who demonstrate proficiency in:

- Communication
- Collaboration
- Critical Thinking
- Creativity
- Curiosity

Annunciation students will be self-aware, well-rounded people who demonstrate:

- Empathy
- Gratitude
- Integrity
- Optimism
- Perseverance
- Self-Confidence
- Self-Control
- Strong Work Ethic



Interesting Facts about the 2022-2023 School Year

Enrollment

- 418 students were enrolled in Jr. K through 8th grade.
- 75 new students and 38 new families were welcomed into the ACS community.
- ACS student retention rate: 90.0%

Faculty & Staff

- The school staff consists of 48 employees.
- Teachers participated in a cumulative of over 1,100 hours of professional development including Renaissance, Capturing Kids Hearts, RTI (Response to Intervention), Catholic Identity, Peaceful Approach with Jeff Veley, Individualized Instructional Coaching, Brain-Based Teaching and Learning, Professional Learning Communities (PLCS) at Work, Mind the Gap, Future Proofing Students, FACTS, and subject specific best practices.
- Collectively the Annunciation staff has over 620 years of teaching experience with 307.5 years in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe.

School Enhancements

- Updated MS Science lab with new lab tables and new sink
- New paint in annex and primary building hallways
- Sensory hallway in primary building
- New paint in 4 classrooms
- 10 75-inch Samsung Flip 2 Interactive Displays
- Oak tree planted in courtyard
- Tripled our internet bandwidth to be able to handle more devices
- New Risers for Music Program
- Adobe Suite School-wide licenses
- 8 iPad pros
- 1- 65 inch, 1- 75 inch TV, and 1- 86 inch TV installed in 3 classrooms to replace older projectors
- 13 new outdoor lunch tables
- 4K Professional Camcorder with 24x Optical Zoom and Live Streaming
- Complete set for 2023 Battle of the Books
- Puzzle Table for 4th grade classroom
- Hedge trimmer for maintenance
- Lap desks for Kindergarten classroom
- Books for classroom libraries
- Class set of headphones
- New Network printer
- Coding robots and new supplies for STEM lab
- New Plants around campus and flowers in front garden



8th Grade Class

- The graduating class of 2023 consisted of 35 students. These students fared well in placement for high school.
- ACS is the largest feeder school to St. Pius X High School. All our students who took the entrance exam were accepted and 26 will be attending.
- The following students were awarded scholarships based on their National Percentile Composite score on the Placement Exam:

Sartan Scholarship: for \$500 is awarded to students scoring between the 75th - 84th percentile: Connor Doherty, Alexandar Lucero, Tyler Mudd, Clare Rimbert, Carson Tate
 Entering St. Pius Freshmen qualify for honors and higher levels of classes based on placement test scores, grades, and recommendations. Below is the number of students who qualified and are enrolled:

- Honors Algebra 1/ Geometry: 7
- Biology: 4
- Honors English: 2
- Honors Spanish 1: 5
- Honors Spanish 3: 1
- Honors World History: 3

Accreditation

ACS is accredited by the Western Catholic Educational Association (WCEA). Our accreditation documents include a Self-Study and Action Plan for ongoing improvement. In the 2022-2023 school year, ACS underwent a new accreditation process with the WCEA which aligns with the National Standards and Benchmarks for Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools (NSBECS). ACS was awarded the highest accreditation status and is accredited until 2029 with no interventions necessary.

Student Learning

Assessment of Catholic Religious Education (ACRE) is administered annually to 5th and 8th grade students. It is used by Catholic Schools throughout the nation. The results show the percentile in which our students rank nationally.

ACRE Results		
4 Pillars of Catechism of Catholic Church		
5 th	8 th	Pillar
80%	62%	Profession of Faith
62%	53%	The Celebration of the Christian Mystery
77%	68%	Life in Christ
52%	59%	Christian Prayer

STAR is administered 4 times per year and is nationally normed. These scores are from the final STAR test administered in April 2023.

STAR Results											
		JK	K	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th
STAR Math	National Percentile	*	*	78	80	61	73	81	64	68	60
	Grade Level Equivalent	*	*	2.3	3.6	4.1	5.5	7.4	7.9	10.2	10.9
	Number of Students by Quartile	99-75%	*	28	30	19	22	28	11	17	3
		74-50%	*	13	11	12	11	14	15	13	19
		49- 25%	*	6	4	8	9	4	9	9	12
		24-1%	*	1	6	6	6	1	5	2	1
STAR Reading	National Percentile	81*	83*	78	75	57	65	68	57	68	58
	Grade Level Equivalent	K.5*	1.7*	2.3	3.7	4.0	5.3	6.8	7.4	9.5	9.8
	Number of Students by Quartile	99-75%	12*	26*	26	26	15	19	21	10	15
		74-50%	5*	10*	7	14	13	13	17	19	15
		49- 25%	0*	4*	7	6	13	10	9	8	7
		24-1%	0*	2*	8	4	4	6	0	3	2

*Jr. K and Kindergarten Scores from STAR Early Literacy Assessment which includes early numeracy.

Student Involvement, Awards and Accomplishments

Academic Competitions

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

Competition/ Activity	Participants	Recognition
2023 Fluor® Engineering Challenge	134 (67 Teams)	ACS students were a part of the 13,000 students from 33 countries who participated in this challenge. The goal was to build a device that can pick up a ping pong ball from a distance and return it to a start line. Two teams placed in the Top Ten! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "The Undefeated" (4th graders Henry Hollowwa and Lucas Maestas) • "Team VBCSADWWP" (5th graders Kincaid Lassiter and Jasella Pacheco)
Spelling Bee	20	Top 3 - represented ACS at the Archdiocese of Santa Fe Spelling Bee: Thomas Gulley (8), Charlie Hollowwa (6), Jonah Pieniadz (6) Archdiocese of Santa Fe 3rd Place Winner- Jonah Pieniadz, competed in State Qualifier Spelling Bee.
VFW's Patriot's Pen Youth Essay Contest	1	Munya Dube (6) was awarded \$100 for his essay, "My Pledge to Our Veterans" at the local level presented by VFW Post 10763.
Archdiocese of Santa Fe Art Show	66 entries	Best of Show Gregory Peckham - 2nd grade 1st Place- Crue Aragon (JK), Hudson Hollingshead (K), Camden Dana (K), Lillian Meub (1), Alyvia Warren (2), Lilliana Hakeem (2), Ivy Le (3), Samuel Aragon (5), David Osborne (5), Julianna Warren (5), Jocelyn Herrera (5) 2nd Place- Bernie Sanchez (JK), Lucia Pieniadz (2), Joaquin Gonzales (4), Brooklyn Fisher (4), Clare Deely (8) 3rd Place- Archer Barnes (K), Pilar Brent (1), Ava Whitley (1), Gabby Gomez (3), Avery Gutierrez (3), Franca Abriola (7) Honorable Mention JK - Diego Archuleta, Rosemary Bularzik, Maddie Holmberg, Luna Patun K - Emma Maestas, Beatrice Granillo, Jacob Gonzales 1st - Benjamin Truitt, Donovan Garcia, Camden Aragon 2nd - Harmony Otero, Kayden Dana, Peter Hollowwa, Genna March 3rd - Caris Ouellette, Molly Gribble, Cruz Otero 4th - Penny Garcia, Brady Huerta, James Phung, Alandria Aragon 5th - Jude Granillo 6th - Anthony Buszek, Jude Garcia, Malia Gallegos, Matrim McCabe, Hunter Marsh, Bruno Sanchez, Levi Lopez, Nick Osborne 7th - Ella Granillo, Madison Marquez, Marisa Sapien, Elizabeth Ouellette, Lily DiLorenzo, Diego Gomez, Gabi Lenz 8th - Jeremiah Woodhouse, Bella Miller, Jonahs Arnold, Clare Rimbart, Clare Deely, Bernadette Pieniadz
Chess	35	Chess club met on Tuesdays after school. Competitions were optional. Some chess club members played in APIAL chess tournaments in the spring.

Academic Competitions (cont.)

Competition/ Activity	Participants	Recognition
Rotary Club Four Way Test Essay Contest	35	Local Del Sol Rotary Club <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st Place: Alexandar Lucero 2nd Place: Anthony Tannaz 3rd Place: Thien Pham
Archdiocese of Santa Fe Faith Challenge Bowl	12	Middle School Team - 1 st Place
	8	3 rd -5 th Grade Team - 3 rd Place
Entrepreneur Expo	80 (29 Teams)	<p>7th Grade Division 1st Place: <i>Treasure Forever</i> – Lily DiLorenzo, Ella Granillo, Madison Marquez 2nd Place (tie): <i>Ruff Fluff</i> – Kenya Dominguez, Valentina Lopez, Isabella Nguyen and <i>Soc-AI-ble</i> – Eleni Andritsos, Elizabeth Ouellette, Olivia Wingfield 3rd Place: <i>Custom Coffee Creators</i> - Diego Gomez, Santiago Gonzalez Best Application of Technology: <i>AnImate</i> – Max Gribble, Lincoln Sorphapmixay</p> <p>6th Grade Division 1st Place: <i>KAM's Tents</i> – Mariana Espat, Katie Gribble, Andrea Rodriguez 2nd Place: <i>Wash Inc.</i> – Dylan Gabaldon, Jude Garcia, Matrim McCabe 3rd Place: <i>Angry Lion</i> – Damacio Brito, Max Catanach, Jonah Pieniadz, Honorable Mention (tie): <i>Slip Kicks</i> – Luke Jones, Levi Lopez, Nick Osborne and <i>Smart Heat</i> – Munya Dube, Sebastian Pino, Seth Saavedra</p>



Art

Over 2,500 pieces of student artwork were exhibited at the 2022-2023 Art Fair created by Annunciation students in grades Jr. K-8. Jr. K created and displayed artwork that helped improve their fine motor skills by working with diverse types of clay and paints. Kindergarten through 2nd grade created artwork based on the elements of art. 3rd through 5th grade's emphasis was on art history, and created art based on each artist or era studied. Principles of design are studied in 6th grade while working with various mediums. 7th grade is a focus on New Mexico art and artists, in conjunction with Social Studies. 7th and 8th grade displayed art from electives in glass blowing, painting and drawing, printmaking, jewelry, and a variety of other mediums.

Athletics

Annunciation Catholic School is a member of the Albuquerque Parochial Independent Athletic League (APIAL). Athletics are offered for students in grades 1 through 8.

Sport	Elementary (1 st -4 th grade) Students	Middle School (5 th -8 th grade) Students	Middle School Recognition
Flag Football	62	43	ANN2 Flag Football Division 3 Champions
Soccer	78	0	
Tennis	N/A	11	Won Consolation Bracket of the Mix & Match green ball division
Cross Country	18	7	Girls Varsity- Runner-Up
Volleyball	25	28	
Golf	N/A	Fall- 15 Spring- 11	
Girls Basketball	80	27	
Boys Basketball		39	ANN3- 1 st place Champions- Division 4 ANN4- Runner-Up Division 8
Track and Field	14	26	Varsity Girls Team-4th Place Overall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clare Rimbert (8)- 1st Place High Jump Lizzie Coash (8)- 2nd Place 100 M Dash, 3rd Place Long Jump, 3rd Place 200 M Dash Marisa Sapien (7)- 2nd Place Shotput, 2nd Place Discus Olivia Wingfield (7), Marissa Sapien (7), Clare Rimbert (8), Lizzie Coash (8)- 2nd Place 800 M Medley JV Boys Team - 5th Place Overall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Luke Jones (6), Levi Lopez (6), Joey Lopez (5), Jonah Lopez (6)- 3rd Place 4x200 Relay





Spiritual, Leadership and Musical Activities

Group	Participants	Notes
Altar Servers	11	Served at school Mass and parish Mass
Student Cantors/ Song leaders	11	Middle School students- support congregation at School Mass, 8 th Grade Living Stations, 8 th Grade Graduation Mass
4th-6th Grade Christmas Program	138	Students performed the musical, "Star Search," followed by each grade level singing Christmas songs. 6 th graders held speaking roles for the musical, some playing ukuleles for a sing-along at the end of the program, some on stage crews. 4 th and 5 th grades sang in choir during the musical, plus 4 th grade with a feature song and 5 th with a special choreographed scarf/body percussion piece.
Talent Show	20 Individual Acts 8 Class Acts 1 Teacher Act 8 Stage Crew	Talent Show is open to all students. "Shine Like a Star" was the theme of this year's show. The performance took place at the UNM Continuing Ed Center theater.
Middle School HOUSE	117 members 25 HOUSE Leaders	<p>The HOUSE's goal is to build relationships with God, other students, self, and the community. In addition to HOUSE goals, it also promotes student positive behavior, school spirit, and for students to become leaders in their own personal way.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st Quarter Winner: St. Juan Diego House • 2nd Quarter Winner: St. Sebastian House • 3rd Quarter Winner: St. Sebastian House • 4th Quarter Winner: St. Patrick House <p>2023 HOUSE Overall Champion: St. Sebastian</p>
1st- 3rd Grade Concert	147	Choral concert demonstrating different elements of music studied throughout the year
7th & 8th Grade Acting Class	12	Performed the play "The Ten Best/ Worst Things About Middle School" in the Spring.
Jr. Kindergarten	17	Classes performed songs at each of their graduation ceremonies.
Kindergarten	42	
8th Grade	35	Presented Living Stations of the Cross

Additional Programs & Community Events

- Counseling/ Social Emotional Learning
- Response to Intervention (RTI)
- ACS Summer Camp
- Back to School Cookout
- Weekly Student Mass (also streamed live each week)
- Elementary & Middle School Buddies
- Pastor Visits
- Spirit Days
- Albuquerque Aloft
- Sweetheart Dance
- Recycling Efforts
- Vermiculture
- First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Monday Morning Rosary Group for parents
- Halloween Happening
- Sacrament of Reconciliation Services
- Catholic Schools Week
- Sacramental Preparations
- Retreats
- Middle School Dances
- Guest Speakers
- Explore ACS Middle School Night
- Kindergarten Adventure Day
- Family BINGO Night
- Scouts
- Middle School Fun Nights
- Middle School Electives
 - Acting
 - Art- Reduce/ Recycle
 - Art- This and That
 - Art- Independent Study
 - Battle Bots
 - Broadcasting
 - Dance
 - Drum Fun
 - Entrepreneur Expo
 - Film Study
 - Improvisation
 - Intramurals
 - Jewelry Making
 - Life Skills
 - Miracles of Medicine
 - Painting and Drawing
 - Photoshop
 - Printmaking
 - Student Aides
 - Wonders of Glass
 - Yearbook
- Field Day
- Classroom Celebrations & more



Special Recognitions

- **Distinguished Disciple Honorees:** Lauren Mascareñas (8) and Mrs. Rebecca Harrington (adult) were selected as this year's Distinguished Disciples Honorees.
- **St. Gabriel Award:** Madeline Garcia and Tyler Mudd 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:** Lizzie Coash (8), Clare Rimbart (8), Aaron Rodriguez (8), and Anthony Tannaz (8) earned this award for their dedication and involvement in our athletic program.
- **Catholic Award for Teachers Presented by The Catholic Foundation:** \$100 was donated toward Annunciation School's Endowment and Mrs. Rita Cordova was awarded \$1000 in recognition of her accomplishments as an outstanding teacher.

Alumni Academic and Athletic Recognitions:

- **Isabella Chavez:** First Honors, National Honor Society
- **Christopher Coash:** First Honors, National Honor Society
- **Bryan Deller:** First Honors, National Honor Society, 2nd Team All State Punter, All-State Honorable Mention Outside Linebacker, All District 1st Team Punter, All District 2nd Team Outside Linebacker, All Metro 2nd Team Punter, selected for West team in the Blue Grey All American Bowl
- **Winter Diep:** Second Honors, National Honor Society
- **Vincent Garcia:** First Honors, National Honor Society
- **Brian Kalb:** First Honors, National Honor Society, St. Pius X 2023 Top Ten
- **Natasha Montoya:** First Honors, National Honor Society, 1st Team All State Soccer Forward
- **Cohen Mulville:** First Honors, National Honor Society, St. Pius X 2023 Top Ten
- **Malachi Peña:** First Honors, National Honor Society, St. Pius X 2023 Top Ten
- **Johnathan Pham:** First Honors, National Honor Society
- **Alejandro Sapien:** First Honors, National Honor Society, All Metro 2nd Team Quarterback, All District 2nd Team Quarterback
- **Evangelina Suarez:** First Honors, National Honor Society
- **Erica White:** First Honors, National Honor Society, St. Pius X 2023 Top Ten

St. Pius X 2022-2023 Top Ten Percent:

- Junior Class: 3 ACS Alumni- Ethan Donlin, Greyse Pitre, Matthew Randall
- Sophomore Class: 4 ACS Alumni- Ava Marie Machtinger, Tatiana Montoya, Mia Richards, Carina Suarez
- Freshman Class: 4 ACS Alumni- Annaliese Cheshire, Danira Madrid, Daegan Marsh, Ava Robertson

People of Service

We are called by the Church to be people of service. During the 2022-2023 school year, many of our service projects supported various local agencies in need. The generosity of our school community is something of which to be proud.

2022-2023 Social Justice Projects		
Grade	Benefactor	Gift
Jr. K, Kindergarten, 1 st , and 2 nd Grade	Cuidando Los Niños	<p>The following were donated to support local families in need of housing education, and therapeutic services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jr. Kindergarten class donated seasonally appropriate clothing size 9mo-6T, children's shoes, new underwear 2T-5T, new socks Kindergarten classes donated Hygiene Products 1st Grade classes donated cleaning supplies 2nd grade donated pantry items Additional items: Air mattresses, pots and pans, dishes and utensils, comforters and sheet sets, small (countertop) kitchen appliances, shower rods and curtains, and towels.
1 st Grade	Catholic Charities	Donated children's books and pajamas
2 nd Grade	Cuidando Los Niños	Donated approximately 50 books
3 rd Grade	Catholic Charities of New Mexico	Donated 15 boxes (approx. \$750 value) of non-perishable food items to the CCASFNM In-Kind Donation Center.
4 th Grade	National Alopecia Areata Foundation	Students raised \$1508.62 and donated money from their vermiculture project, class flea markets, and service projects.
5 th Grade	Roadrunner Food Bank of New Mexico	Each 5 th grade homeroom volunteered for two hours on November 3 rd and 4 th sorting potatoes, bagging rice and beans.
6 th Grade	Birthright	Donated clothing and supplies for moms and babies. 6 th graders also went on a field trip to tour the center in Albuquerque.
7 th Grade	Catholic Charities of New Mexico Children's Learning Center	Students raised \$2,010 by doing chores around the house for a month and by hosting a one-day bake sale during lunch periods. The money was used to provide warm weather clothing for children ranging from ages 9 months to 12 years for <i>Project Give</i> .
8 th Grade	Cross Catholic Outreach "Box of Joy"	Donated 101 boxes and mailed them to Central America containing rosaries, dolls, cars, balls, toys, art supplies, and water bottles for students in need.
Jr. K – 8 Families and Staff	21 Families in Need in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe	An estimated 2,000 items were brought in at an estimated total weight of 1,800 lbs. of food was donated to fill boxes to make Thanksgiving meals and more items to help fill the household's pantry.
	Albuquerque Police Department	Donated 2 truckloads of stuffed animals for kids in distress.
	Albuquerque Fire Rescue	
	Catholic Relief Services	\$700.87 sent to CRS for <i>Operation Rice Bowl</i> .
	Family of ACS Students	\$10,183.43 to assist family in time of need
	ACS	Cleaned up campus by pruning bushes, weeding flower beds, planting new bushes and flowers, and laying down mulch for Earth month.

Financial Statement

The school follows the fiscal year of the parish. We are fortunate that Annunciation Parish supports our school with a \$200,000 annual 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 and financial aid by tithing specifically toward tuition assistance (green envelope).

2022-2023 Revenue		2022-2023 Expenses	
Tuition: Parish subsidies, tuition, insurance, registration fees, tuition assistance donations	\$3,108,250.77	Instructional Expenses: textbooks, materials, supplies, technology, printing, furniture, etc.	\$218,105.31
Instructional Donations: Community events, grants, technology fees, employer matching programs, etc.	\$164,356.11	Operational Expenses: salaries, benefits, insurance, office supplies, savings, recognition, postage, etc.	\$2,283,630.33
After Care	\$26,618.10	Student Activities: athletics, yearbook, program expenses, etc.	\$153,185.72
Student Programs: athletic fees, yearbook, interest earned, etc.	44,689.45	Plant Operations & Maintenance: utilities, maintenance services, repairs, CSP etc.	\$469,488.81
Total	\$3,343,914.43	Total	\$3,124,410.17

*As of May 2023

Additional Resources

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

Volunteers: Volunteer hours are not required but always appreciated as they make a significant difference in the education of our students. Over 1,300 hours were documented during the 22-23 school year although many more are not documented. Volunteers put forth numerous hours helping in classrooms, coaching, organizing community events, service projects, etc.

Money Makers: Annunciation does not conduct any mandatory fundraising. There are a variety of activities and community functions from which our students can benefit from the money raised. A minimum of ten percent of all donations (unless specified) go toward tuition assistance.

- #iGiveCatholic Campaign: \$10,225.46
- Fall Benefit: \$52,009
- Halloween Happening: \$7,338.45
- MJ Thomas Photography \$1,376.84
- Jog-A-Thon: \$25,020.66
- Kona Ice: \$340.05
- Box Tops for Education: \$176.30
- Kroger (Smith's): \$287.24
- Used Uniform Sales: \$1,764.61
- Private Donations \$23,600

