

Educate Minds



Embrace the Future



Evangelize Hearts



Encourage Talent

Diocese of Baton Rouge Catholic Schools
2020-2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Superintendent's Message

Dear Friends,

What a pleasure to provide this annual report filled with good news about progress in Catholic schools! After experiencing the pandemic shutdown in March 2020, everyone hoped to be able to return to school this year. Thankfully, Catholic schools in our diocese were able to return the first week of August 2020 and continued to provide in-person learning throughout the entire school year. The commitment of school staff to make the year a good one despite the situation has been truly inspirational.

The diocesan five-year reaccreditation visit completed in Spring 2021 was an important part of the continuous improvement cycle to which our schools are committed as part of their national accreditation. The visiting team especially complimented the schools in our diocese for a clear vision and purpose that guides all aspects of the service provided by schools. It was apparent to the team that schools in the Diocese of Baton Rouge authentically ***Evangelize Hearts, Educate Minds, Encourage Talent and Embrace the Future.*** This focus comes from our core values of mission and ministry in our church. Schools are not separate enterprises but are part of the church's ministry to families as they partner with parents in the wholistic formation of students.

As we reflect on the year, we are grateful for the leadership of Bishop Michael Duca, who supports and celebrates the work of the schools, to pastors and priests in our diocese, who nurture the ministry of education within their parishes, to advisory board members who give so much for the good of all students, to parents for their strong partnership and support of Catholic schools, and to all staff members who celebrate each day the gift of Catholic education. With our reliance on the Holy Spirit, great things will continue in the ministry, giving us much to celebrate now and into the future!

Blessings,

Dr. Melanie B. Palmisano
Superintendent



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Catholic Schools Strategic Plan

VISION 2022

MISSION & MINISTRY

Catholic schools will be unified models of Catholic Identity by creating and sustaining a positive Catholic culture among all stakeholders.

FINANCIAL VITALITY 1

All schools will have ample funding and a stewardship structure for current operations as reflected in the school's annual financial statement that is balanced to sustain and grow their educational ministry.

FINANCIAL VITALITY 2

The diocese will have a benefits package and robust salary scale which are consistently utilized in every school in the diocese.

ADVANCEMENT FOR GROWTH 1

All schools will have a consistently identifiable brand that will focus on a Catholic education and formation enhanced by measurable academic achievements within a safe, nurturing environment.

ADVANCEMENT FOR GROWTH 2

All schools will work collaboratively in mutual support in enrollment management, publicity, and marketing.



Our Schools

ASCENSION PARISH

Donaldsonville:

Ascension Catholic Interparochial Elementary School
Ascension Catholic Diocesan Regional High School

Gonzales:

St. Theresa School

Prairieville:

St. John Primary

ASSUMPTION PARISH

Paincourtville:

St. Elizabeth Interparochial School
Special Education Program (Lab)

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

City of Central:

St. Alphonsus Liguori School

EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH

Baton Rouge:

Catholic High School
Cristo Rey Baton Rouge Franciscan High School
Most Blessed Sacrament School
Our Lady of Mercy School
Redemptorist St. Gerard School
Special Education Program
Sacred Heart of Jesus School
St. Aloysius School
St. Francis Xavier School
St. George School
St. Jean Vianney School
St. Joseph's Academy
St. Jude the Apostle School

St. Michael the Archangel Diocesan
Regional High School
St. Thomas More School

IBERVILLE PARISH

Plaquemine:

St. John the Evangelist Interparochial
Elementary School
St. John the Evangelist Interparochial High School
Special Education Program (Lab)

POINTE COUPEE PARISH

New Roads:

Catholic Elementary School of Pointe Coupee
Catholic High School of Pointe Coupee

ST. JAMES PARISH

Paulina:

St. Peter Chanel Interparochial School

TANGIPAHOA PARISH

Hammond:

Holy Ghost School
St. Thomas Aquinas Diocesan
Regional High School

Independence:

Mater Dolorosa School

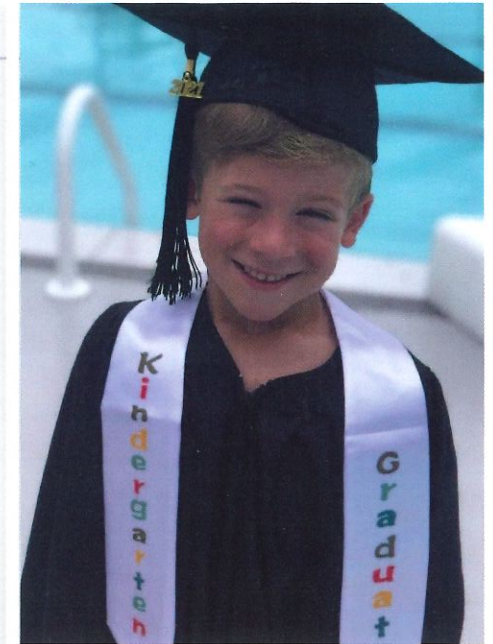
Ponchatoula:

St. Joseph School

WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH

Port Allen:

Holy Family School



Who We Serve

14,064 Number of Students Enrolled

100% Graduation of Senior Class

\$72,011,009 Total Scholarships Awarded

\$50,444,320 College Scholarships Awarded

\$21,566,689 TOPS

630 High School Credits Earned in Middle School

4,253 College Credits Earned

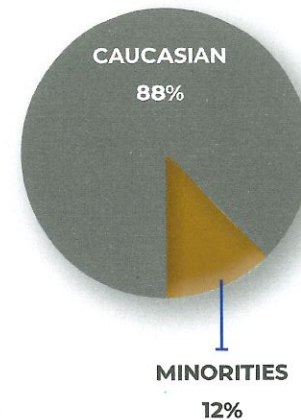
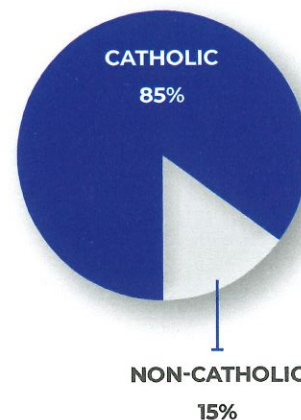
1,202 Total Professional Staff

12:1 PK-8 Average Student/Teacher Ratio

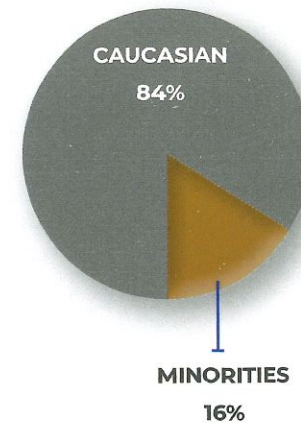
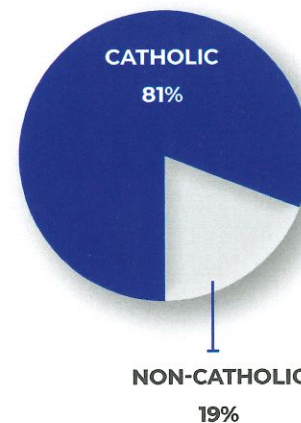
10:1 9-12 Grade Average Student/Teacher Ratio



PK-8 AVERAGE ENROLLMENT



9-12 GRADE AVERAGE ENROLLMENT



\$5,754 PK-8 Average Tuition

\$8,593 9-12 Average Non-Private School Tuition

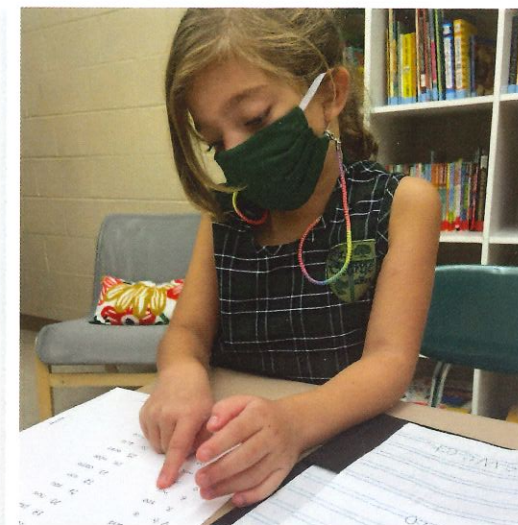


STUDENTS OF THE YEAR

Grade 5: Giana Acosta, St. Theresa School
 Grade 8: Eliza Foster, Holy Ghost School
 Grade 12: Tiffany Tran, St. Joseph's Academy

CATHOLIC SCHOOL OFFICE INITIATIVES

- > Annual Catholic Educators Gathering & Commissioning
- > Professional Development for Teachers, Administrators and Board Members
- > Catholic Schools Week Mass
- > Retreats for Principals, Assistant Principals
- > National Accreditation as a District
- > Summer Leadership Summit
- > Summer Teachers' Institute
- > Home & School Association Activities



BLESSED MARGARET OF CASTELLO REACH PROGRAM

SPECIAL EDUCATION LOCATIONS:

Our Lady of Mercy
 Redemptorist St. Gerard
 St. Michael the Archangel
 St. Thomas More

LAB SERVICES LOCATIONS:

Our Lady of Mercy
 St. Aloysius
 St. Jude
 St. George
 St. Elizabeth
 Most Blessed Sacrament
 St. John Interparochial
 Sacred Heart

STUDENTS SERVED:

56 students in Special Education Locations
 153 students in Lab Services

SPECIAL EDUCATION DIAGNOSES:

Autism
 Specific Learning Disability
 Down Syndrome
 Other Health Impairments
 Intellectual Disability

\$11,550 K-8 Tuition
 \$13,600 9-12 Tuition
 \$2,500 Lab Services Fee

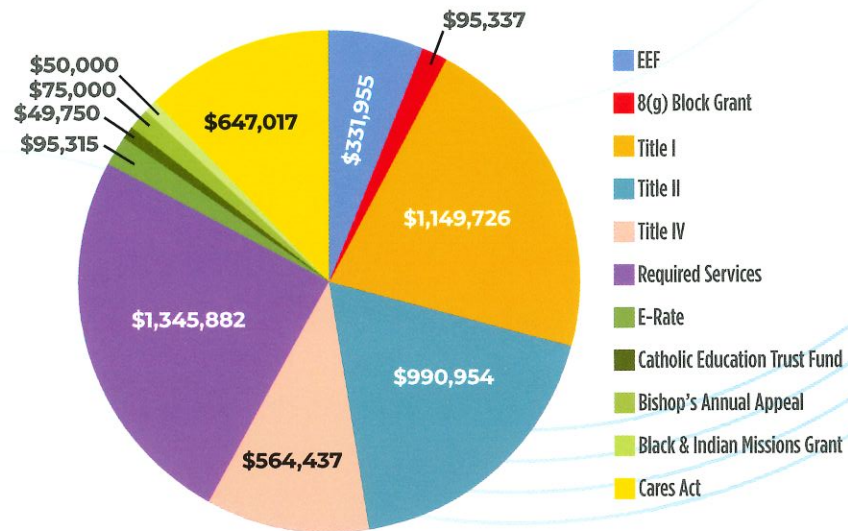


*When you **REACH** out in love, you extend the hand of God.*

STATE, FEDERAL AND DIOCESAN FUNDING

TOTAL: \$5,395,373

FEDERAL FUNDS: \$3,447,449 • STATE FUNDS: \$1,773,174 • DIOCESAN FUNDS \$174,750

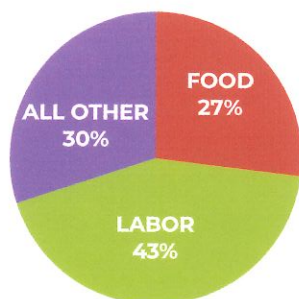


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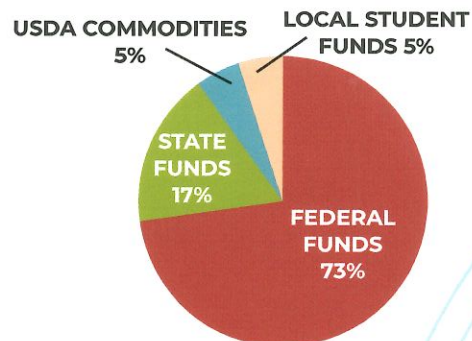
Average daily participation	10,390
Students receiving free/reduced price meals	11,311*
Total meals served	
Breakfast and lunch	1,787,136
Afterschool	191,575
Meal prices	
Breakfast all	\$1.95
Lunch	
Elementary	\$3.05
Middle	\$3.05
High school	\$3.25

*All students received free meals during the 2020-21 school year.

EXPENSES



SOURCES OF INCOME



HIGH SCHOOL ACT COMPOSITE SCORES

CLASS OF:	2021	2020	2019	2018
Diocese of Baton Rouge Average	23.2	24.1	24.1	24.0
State of Louisiana Average	18.4	18.7	18.8	19.2
National Average	20.3	20.6	20.7	20.8

(State and National averages include Catholic Schools)

Diocese of Baton Rouge Catholic Schools

EVANGELIZE • EDUCATE • ENCOURAGE

Since 2013, **8** schools have been awarded
the National Blue Ribbon of Excellence by
the U.S. Dept. of Education.



85%

STUDENTS ENROLLED
ARE CATHOLIC
IN PK-8TH GRADE



Nationally accredited school district
by Cognia/AdvancedED



\$72,011,009

TOTAL SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED IN 2020-21

23.2

AVERAGE ACT EXCEEDS
BOTH STATE AND
NATIONAL AVERAGES



100%

of Seniors Graduated in 2020-21



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ASCENSION • ASSUMPTION • CENTRAL • EAST BATON ROUGE • IBERVILLE • POINTE COUPEE • ST. JAMES • TANGIPAHOA • WEST BATON ROUGE

Embracing the Future!

2020-2021 Boards and Staff

DIOCESAN SCHOOL BOARD

Dr. Melanie B. Palmisano, *Superintendent*
Mr. Jeff Larson, *Chair*
Mrs. Judith Roberson, *Chair Elect*
Mr. Kevin Gautreau, *Vice Chair*
Sr. Martha Ann Abshire, *FMOL*
Mr. Bruce Beard
Dr. Beau Clark
Very Reverend Jamin David
Mrs. Dina Dow
Mrs. Joanne Harvey
Mrs. LaShawn Jolivette
Mr. Perry Key
Mrs. Donna Newchurch Landry
Br. Paul Montero, *S.C.*
Mr. Thad Rispone
Dr. Cynthia Ryals



DIOCESAN HOME AND SCHOOL BOARD

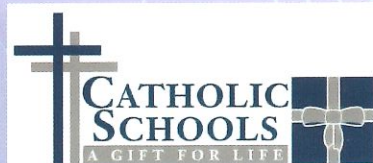
Mrs. Joanne Harvey, *President*
Mrs. Reneé Tullier, *Past President*
Mrs. Dawn Beale, *Recording Secretary*
Mrs. Wanda Gawarecki, *Corresponding Secretary*
Mrs. Annette Savoy, *Treasurer*
Mrs. Sharron Buchart
Mrs. Cindy Gautreau
Mrs. Jennifer Parfait
Ms. Tamara Sabine

SPECIAL EDUCATION REACH PROGRAM

Mrs. Kristy Monsour, *Program Administrator*

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE STAFF

Dr. Melanie B. Palmisano,
Superintendent
Mrs. Dianne Talbot,
Instruction Specialist
Mrs. Linda Raush,
Curriculum Specialist
Mrs. Joni Herrmann,
Secretary to the Superintendent



CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM DEPARTMENT

Ms. Lynda Carville, *Child Nutrition Director*
Mrs. Amanda Breaux, *Nutrition Program Coordinator*
Ms. Chiquita Coston, *Business Manager*
Ms. Brittany Needham, *HR Specialist*
Mrs. Carla Greggs, *Payroll Clerk*
Mrs. Cristal Willis, *Accounts Payable*
Mrs. Terri Deville, *Accountant / AR*
Mr. Bradford Ray, *Purchasing Manager*
Mrs. Annette Dinecola, *Purchasing / AR*
Ms. Dinah Myers, *Field Supervisor*
Ms. Deborah Jeffers, *Field Supervisor*

