

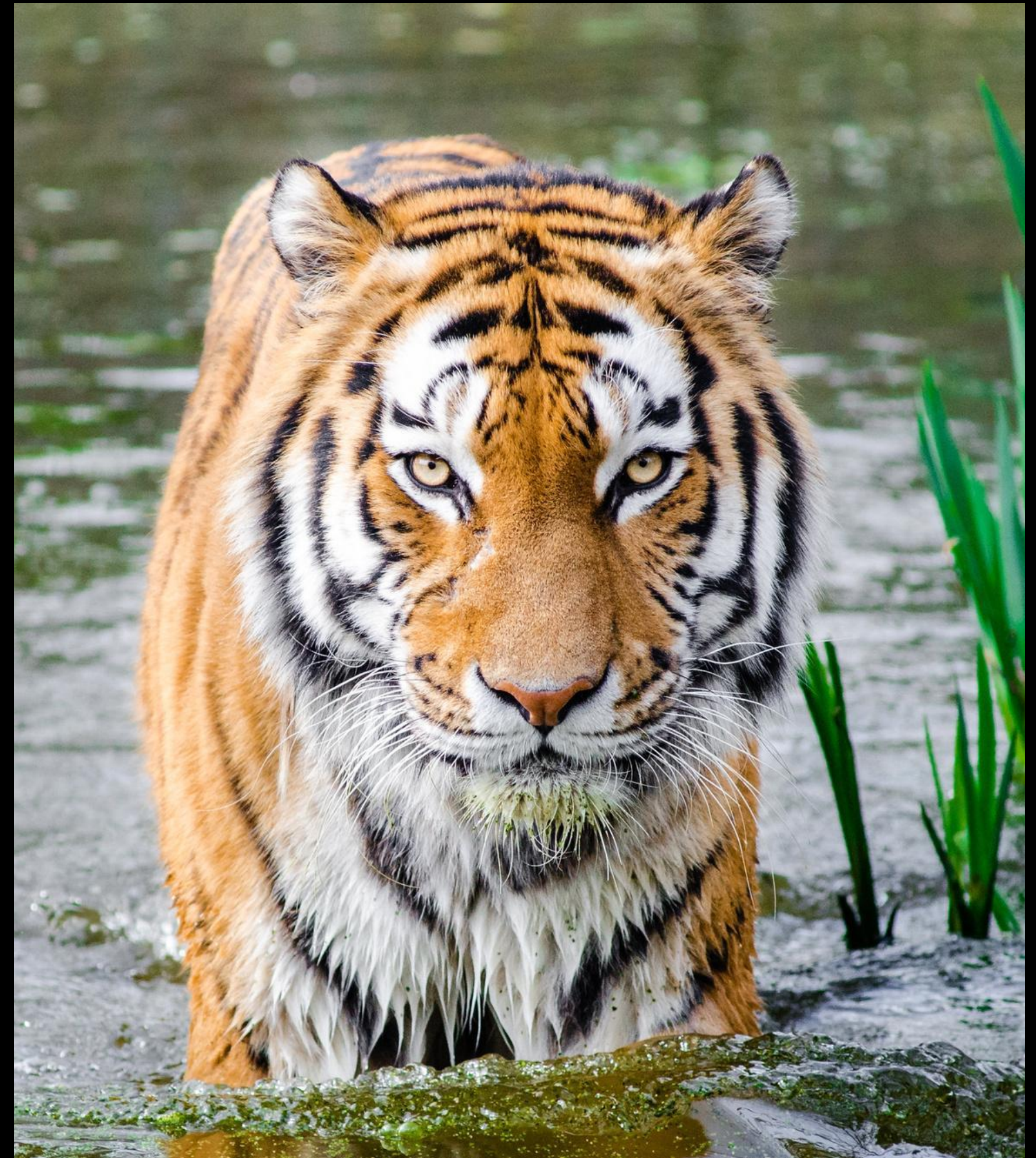


Tiger Talk

February 12, 2024

Presented by the SMCS Advisory School Council

Welcome
Opening Prayer
Thank You



Agenda

★ Highlights of the 2023–2024 school Year so far based on our Strategic Plan and the National Standards and Benchmarks for Effective Catholic Schools



- Mission & Catholic Identity
- Governance & Leadership
- Academic Excellence
- Operational Vitality
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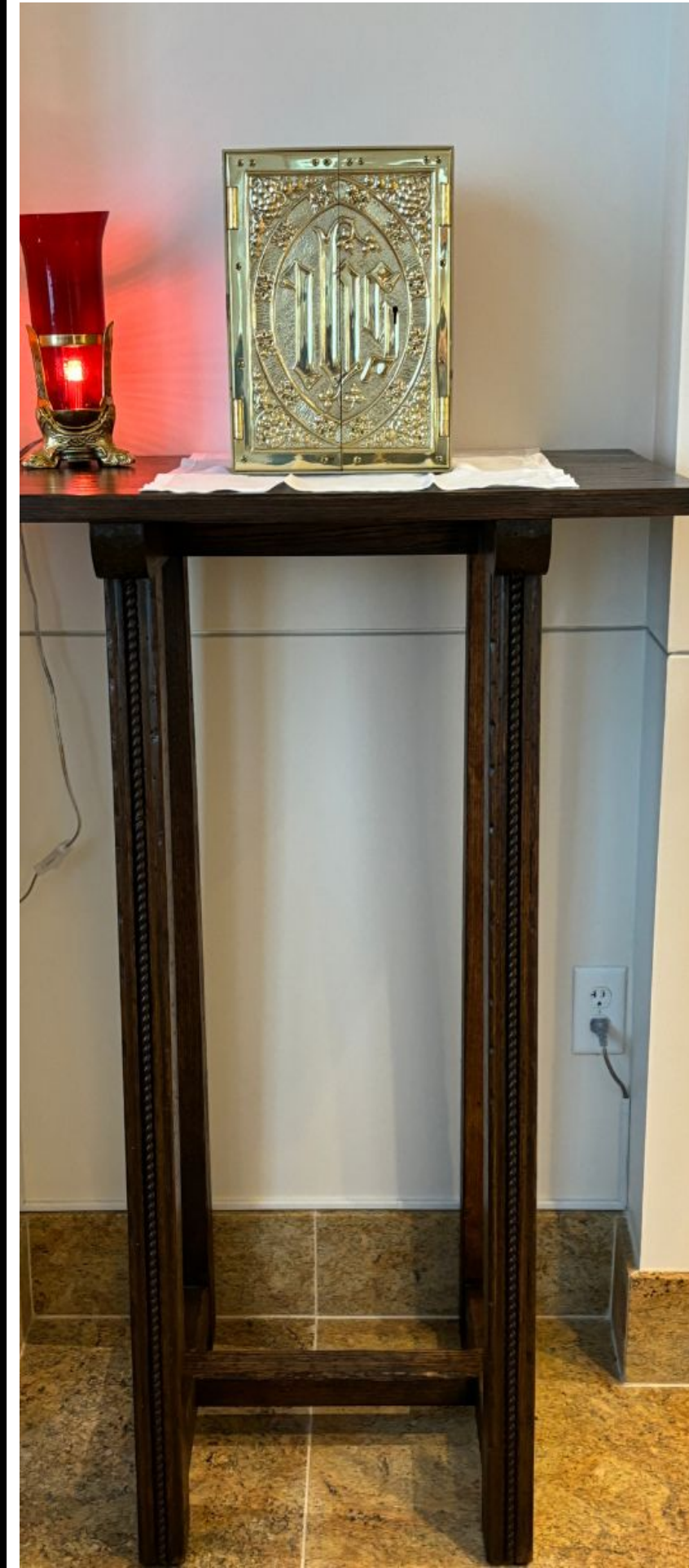
★ A look ahead to the rest of this school year



★ A sneak peak at the 2024–2025 school year

Mission & Catholic Identity

- ★ During the 2022–2023 school year, SMCS was fortunate enough to receive a tabernacle to host the Blessed Sacrament and a beautiful wooden statue of St. Michael. Hand carved wooden stands were built to hold both the tabernacle and the statue.
- ★ In the fall of 2023, SMCS started to have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the School Chapel every other week for students and staff.
- ★ In January of 2024, SMCS parents were invited to participate in Adoration.
- ★ Thanks to Father Peter, SMCS is privileged to be able to keep the Blessed Sacrament in the School Chapel.



Mission & Catholic Identity

- ★ During the summer of 2023, SMCS sent four staff members to World Youth Day in Portugal (Ms. Escobar, Ms. Hernandez, Mr. Reinertsen, and Ms. Villadiego)
 - World Youth Day is a global gathering where young people deepen their faith, experience the universality of the Catholic Church, and commit their lives to Christ alongside hundreds of thousands of like-minded peers. They were able to celebrate Mass with the Pope.

World Youth Day



Mission & Catholic Identity

- ★ SMCS continues to host School Family Weekend at Mass.
 - During these weekends, the SMCS school choir sings at the 9 am Mass.
- ★ SMCS parents give of their time and talent to assist with Donut Sundays and Children's Liturgy of the Word. Thank you to everyone who assists in these ministries.
- ★ 8th Grade Students and Sociable Seniors had a Mass and luncheon in the Fall of 2023.

8th Grade Sociable Senior Lunch



Mission & Catholic Identity

- ★ SMCS continues the great traditions of 2nd Grade Saints and 5th Grade Living Rosary.
- ★ Thank you to Mr. DeLeon for starting Faith Alive for SMCS middle school students.
 - He meets with one grade level each week and they have lunch together while discussing the Catholic Faith.
- ★ We resumed all school Masses in November of 2023. Student lectors and altar servers will start in the coming weeks.
 - On Monday, February 5, SMCS prayed the Rosary as a school with our Angel Buddies.

Angel Buddies



Faith Alive



Mission & Catholic Identity

- ❖ **Strengths from our Accreditation Visit Report**
 - School Family Weekend at Mass
 - Use of school chapel for prayer and adoration
 - Morning Assembly and End of Day Prayer
 - Catholic Identity is very evident in the school through artwork, student projects, prayer posters, prayer tables, and in the tradition of 2nd grade saints, living rosary, and living stations of the Cross.
 - Support of the school administration in Catechist certification for staff members (Teachers are reimbursed for the cost of Catechist Classes and have access to the required reading in a Catechist library).

2nd Grade Saints



5th Grade Living Rosary



Governance & Leadership

- ★ SMCS administration seeks out professional learning opportunities focused on leadership development.
 - During the 2022–2023 school year, Dr. Ruiz and Dr. Cox attended the Executive Leadership Academy by Leadership Partners at Rice University.
 - During the 2023–2024 school year, Coach Grech and Ms. Parrish are attending the Executive Leadership Academy.
 - Dr. Ruiz, Dr. Cox, Coach Grech, and Ms. Parrish also all have executive coaches to guide them in improving their leadership skills.

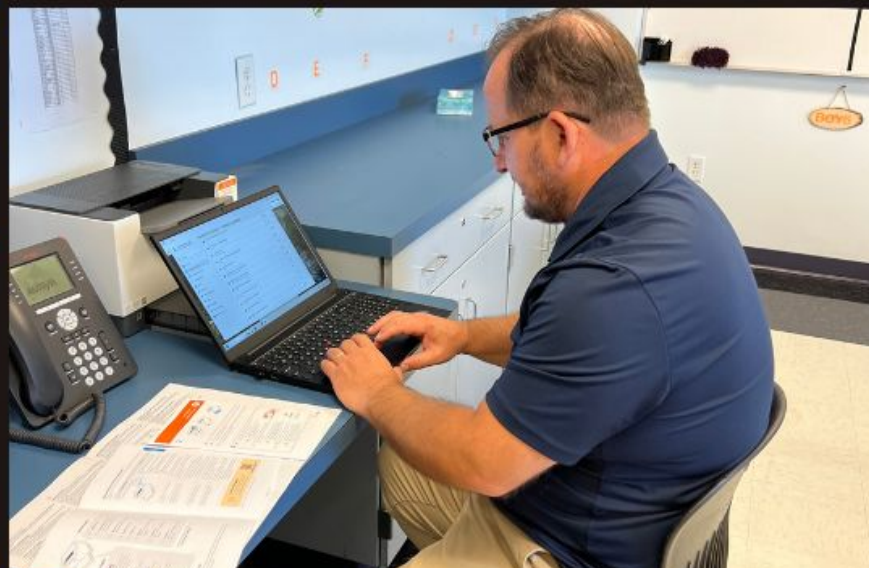
Executive Leadership Academy



Governance & Leadership

- ★ SMCS retains excellent teachers and staff by offering competitive salaries (90% of local public school salaries), providing great instructional materials and resources, and sending teachers and staff to innovative professional development.
 - During the summer of 2023,
 - Four SMCS staff members attended Harvard Project Zero Classroom
 - Six SMCS staff members attended the Cy-Fair Rigor, Relevance, and Relationships conference.

SMCS Teachers



Governance & Leadership

- ★ Parents Lending Useful Support (PLUS) continues to assist the school through fun activities coordinated by parent volunteers.
 - New Family Welcome Committee/Tiger Buddies
 - Art a la carte
 - Take-a-chance
 - Pumpkin and Cake Contests
 - Halloween Carnival
 - Staff Dinner
 - Staff Birthday Treats
 - Faculty Christmas Gift and Ornaments

PLUS Activities



Governance & Leadership

★ SMCS Community Building Events

- Family Spaghetti Dinner
- Parent Lunch Days
- Thanksgiving Feast
- Grandparents' Open House
- Christmas Parties

Family Spaghetti Dinner



Parent Lunch Day



Thanksgiving Feast



Grandparents' Open House



Governance & Leadership

★ Strengths from our Accreditation Visit Report

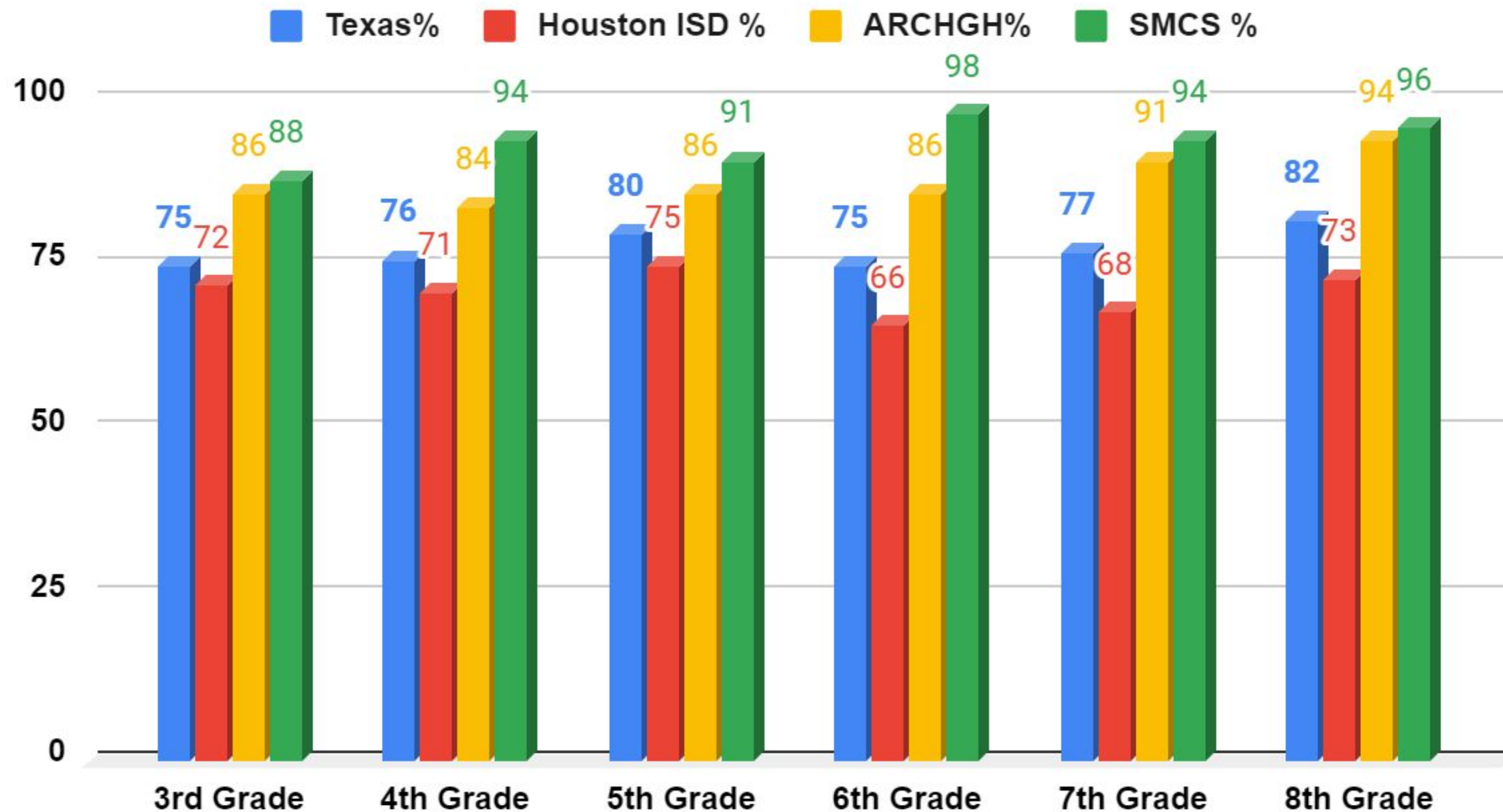
- SMCS continues to maintain and grow a strong spiritual and academic Catholic School with facilities updates/maintenance, finance management, and bridging the relationship between the school and the parish.
- SMCS has strong strategic plan that is reviewed and updated annually.
- SMCS displays strong fiscal responsibility and budgeting which provide for competitive salaries for teachers and staff, school specific capital improvements, professional development opportunities for faculty and staff, and the resources needed for classroom instruction to support teachers and students.

Academic Excellence

- ★ SMCS continues to use NWEA as a benchmark assessment tool and shares these results with parents after each administration.
 - SMCS students continue to score above the Archdiocese and Houston ISD as demonstrated on 2023 end of year scores.
- ★ SMCS teachers and staff work collaboratively with Mr. Muzyka to plan and implement classroom and testing accommodations for students with diagnosed learning differences.

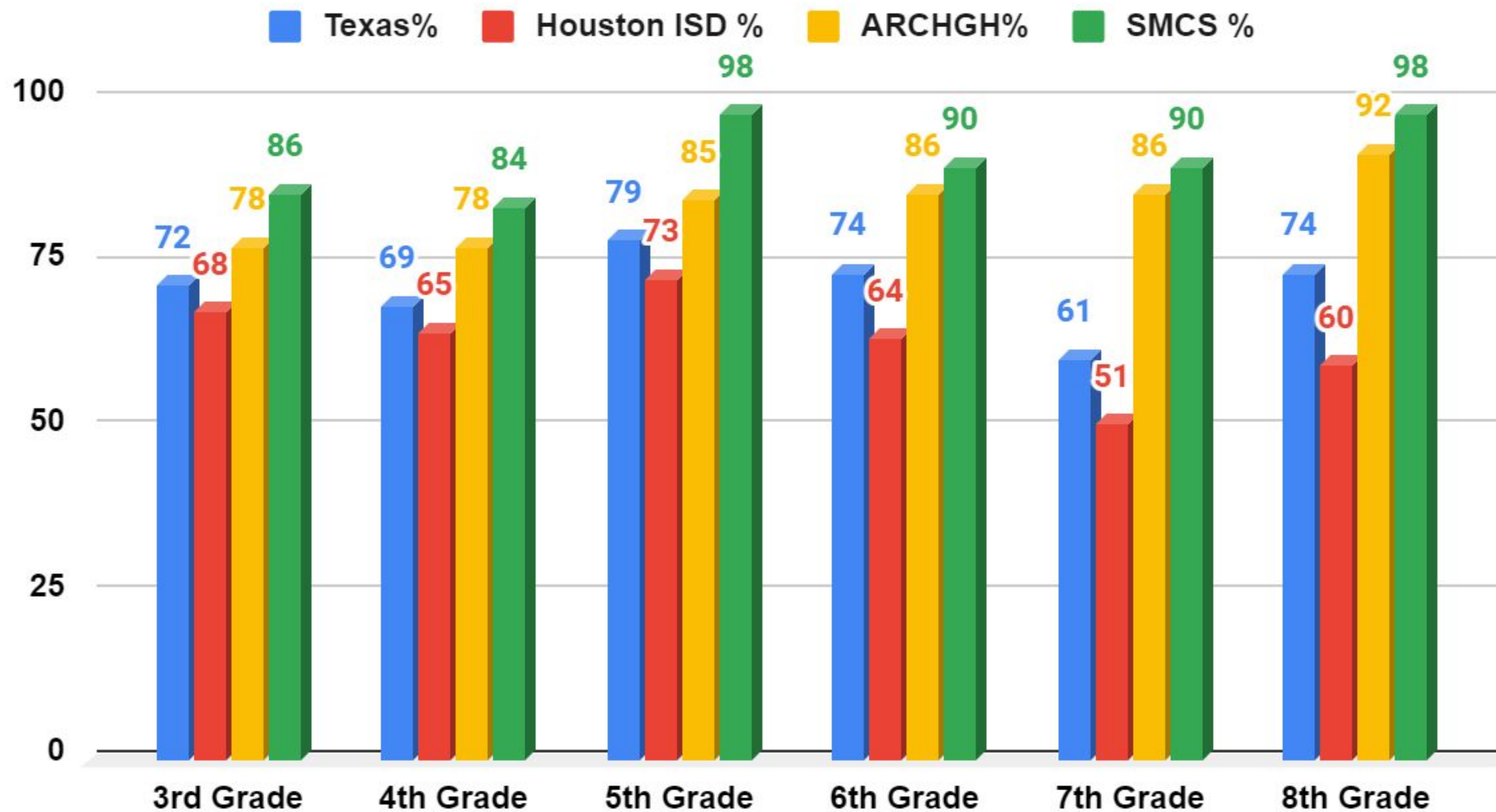
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Reading Scores



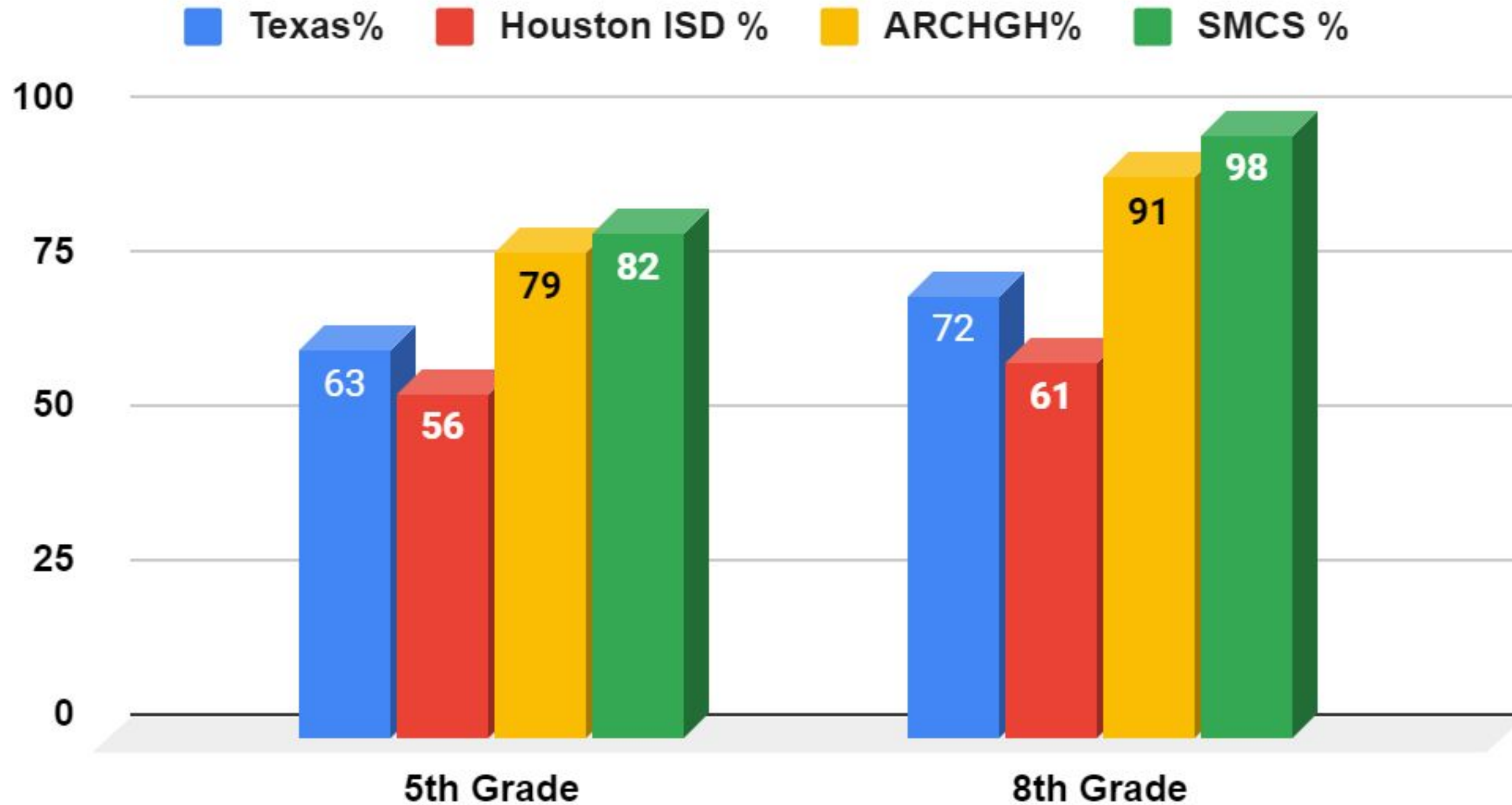
NWEA Math Scores

Math Scores



NWEA Science Scores

Science Scores



Academic Excellence

- ★ SMCS Middle School teachers do an amazing job with the extracurricular activities being offered:
 - Student Council
 - Quiz Bowl Team
 - Speech Team
 - Chess Team

Student Council



Quiz Bowl Team



Speech Team



Chess Team

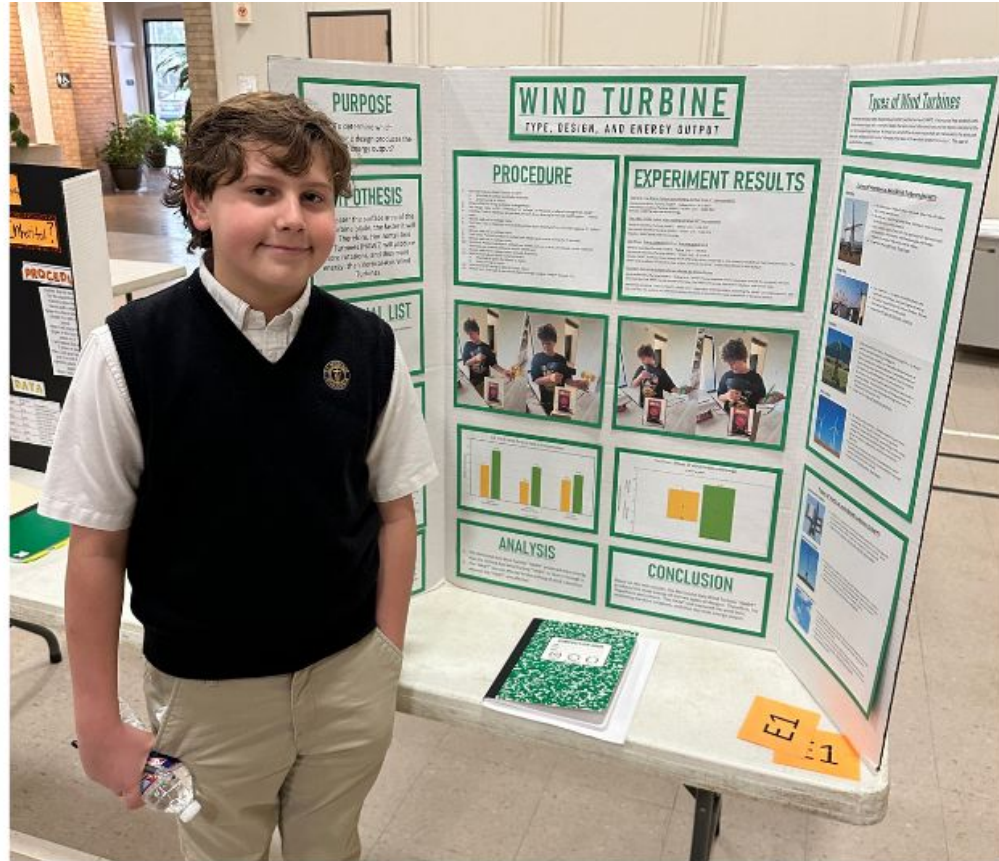


Academic Excellence

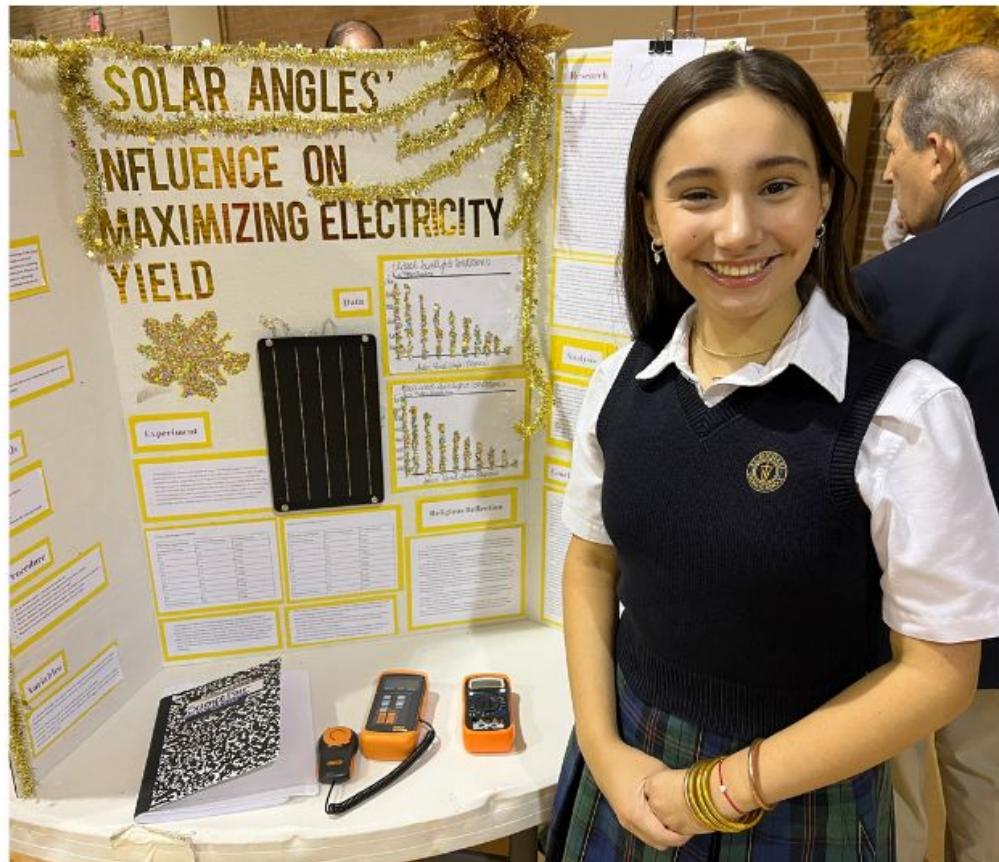
- ★ SMCS students received awards at the Middle School Archdiocesan Science Fair.
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- ★ 5th Grade did an amazing job with their Snow White Performances.

Archdiocesan Science Fair Winners

1st Place in
Earth and Space
Science
Ronan D.
6th Grade
“Wind Turbines”



3rd Place in
Earth and Space
Science
Scarlett S.
8th Grade
“Solar Panel Sun
Angle”



2nd Place in
Life Science
Addie G.
6th Grade
“Do you ‘C’ what
I see?”



2nd Place in
Engineering
Khaleesi M.
6th Grade
“Impact of COG
on Drone
Technology”



5th Grade Snow White Performances



Academic Excellence

★ Strengths from our Accreditation Visit Report

- SMCS uses effective instructional strategies and instructional technology to enhance learning and understanding through student work, anchor charts, use of individual chrome books and instructional software, and effective use of SMART boards and document cameras.
- SMCS has an excellent system for developing, sharing, and monitoring Catholic Accommodation plans to ensure teacher accountability and increased student success. Faculty differentiate learning through the use of one to one, small group instruction, reteaching, and peer learning.

Academic Excellence

★ Strengths from our Accreditation Visit Report

- School guidance programs and curricula are a strength. Students receive dynamic instruction using high quality materials both from the counselor and from the classroom teachers. The guidance program fosters the students' overall well being, academic success, and a Christian community.
- SMCS has an excellent extracurricular program including spiritual, fine arts, and athletic activities for students in all grade levels that contribute to the strong feeling of community in the school.

Operational Vitality

- ★ School safety and security is always a top priority.
 - We have an off duty police officer on campus from 7 am to 4 pm every day. We also have an officer that is in the back of church when we are at Mass.
 - Off duty police officers are also present during busy school activities such as Parent Lunch Day, the Halloween Carnival, Middle School Dances, Christmas Programs, Snow White, the Spring Musical, 8th Grade Graduation.

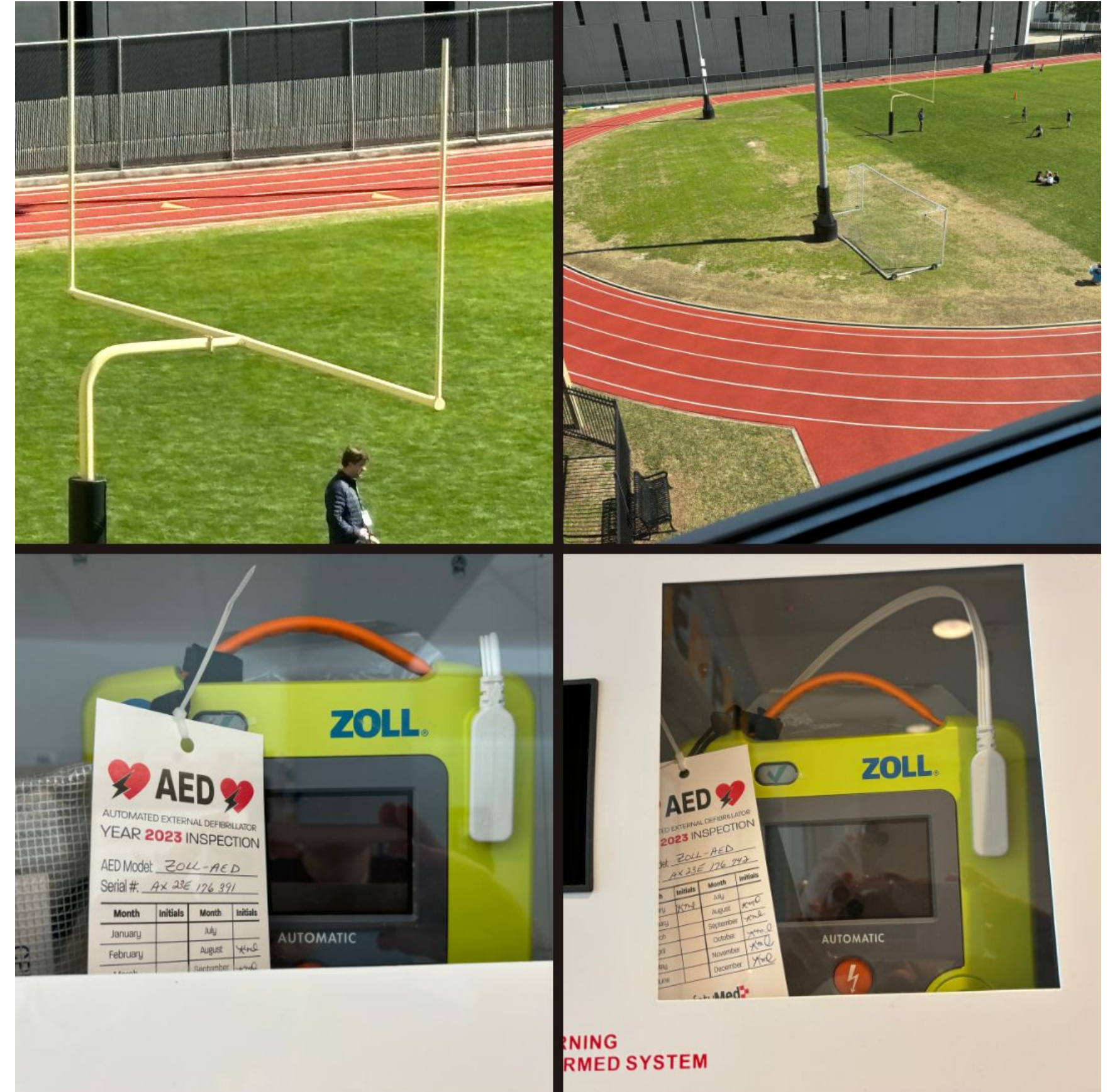
Operational Vitality

- ★ During the summer of 2023, SMCS built fire exits from the second grade classrooms. This was not required per the fire code but done as a safety precaution.
- ★ During August 2023, SMCS replaced all of its AEDs.
- ★ After completing the fire exits, the track was repaired and resurfaced.

2nd Grade Fire Exits



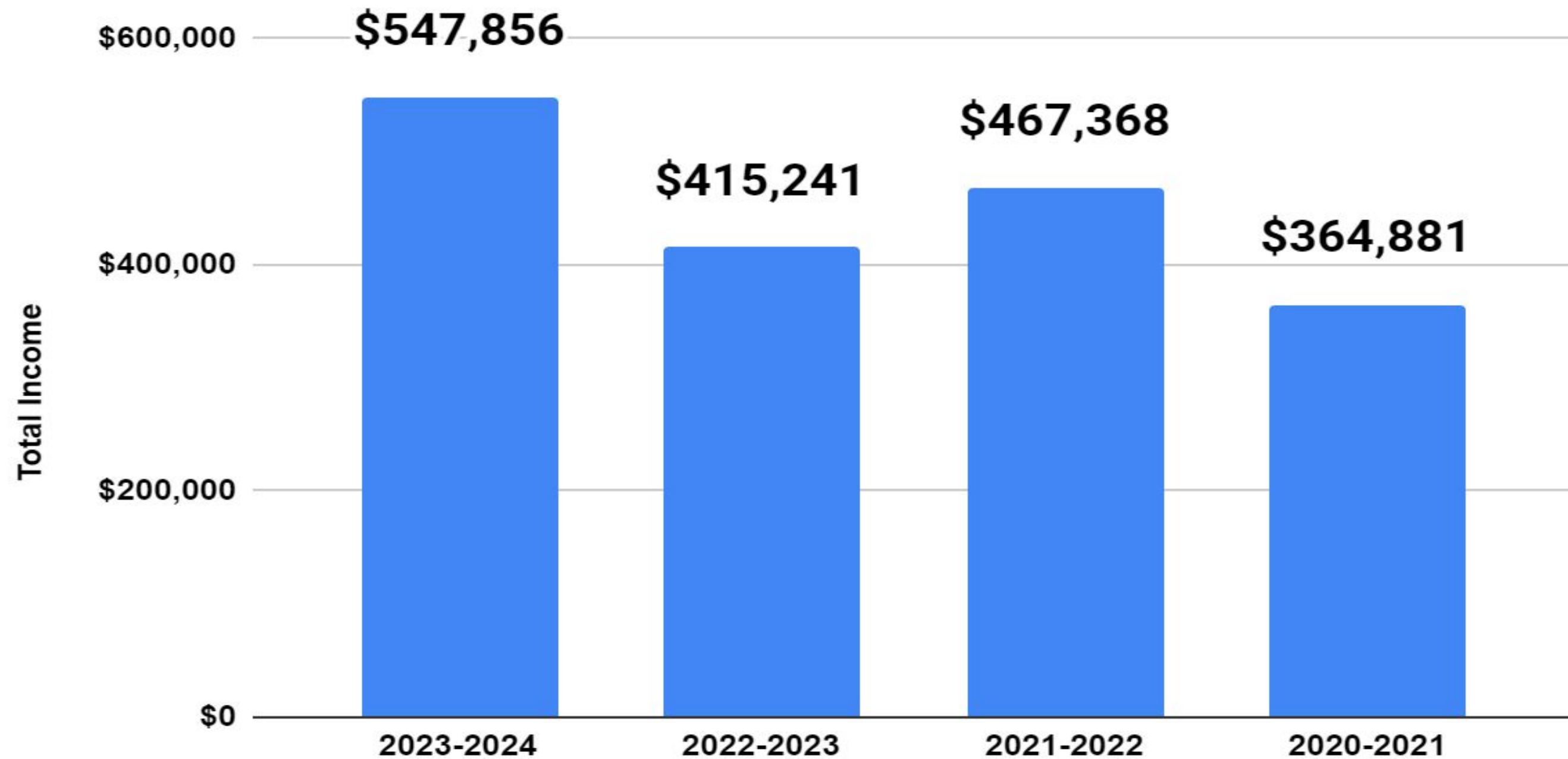
Updated Track and AEDs



Operational Vitality

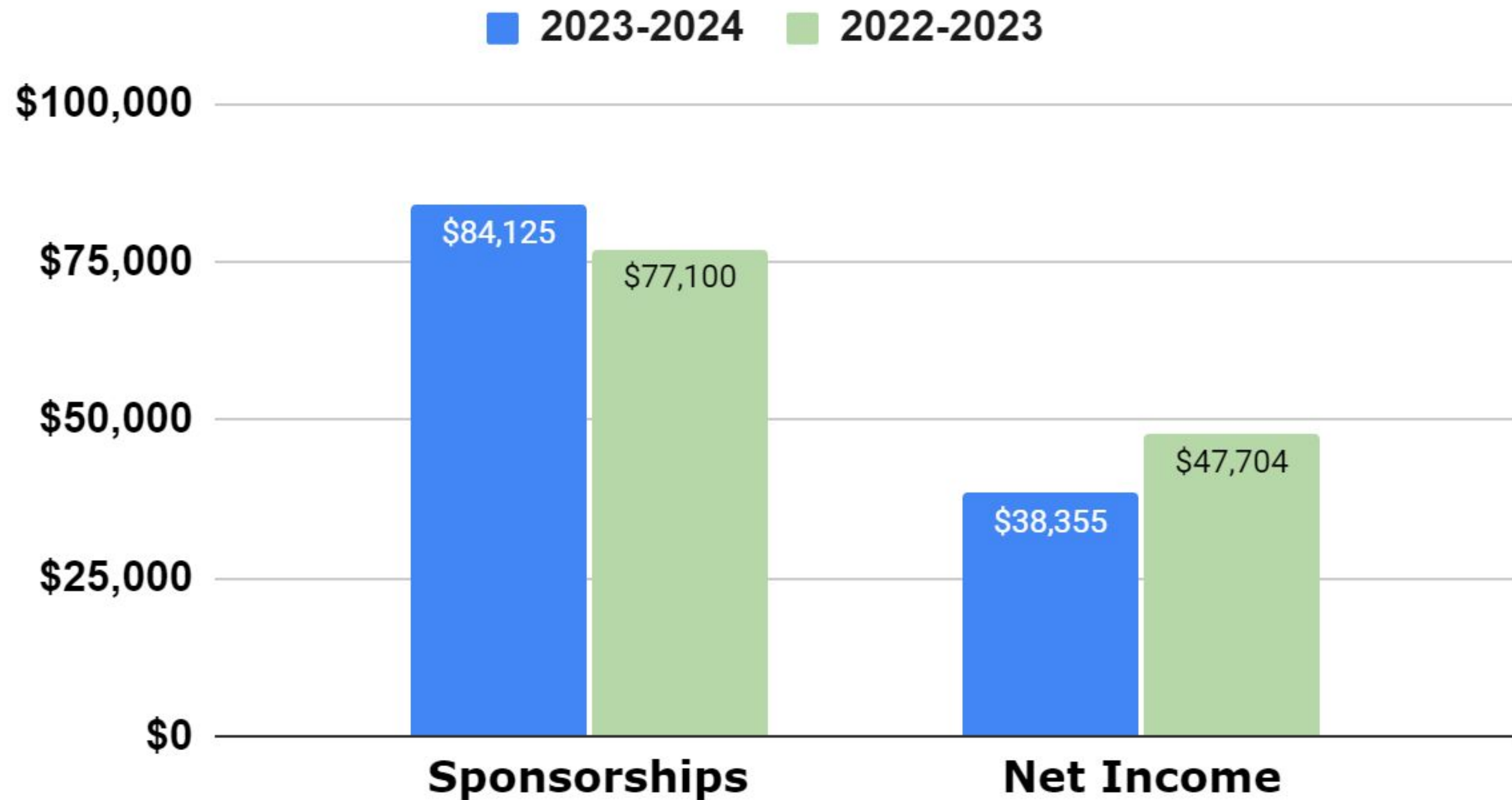
- ★ The SMCS community continues to support the mission of our school through generous contributions to the Tiger Fund, the Golf Classic, and The Parent Party.

Total Income as of February 7th



	2023-2024	2022-2023	2021-2022	2020-2021
Total Income	\$547,856	\$415,241	\$467,368	\$364,881
Percent of Total Goal	122%	92%	104%	81%
Number of Donors	452	443	419	415
Average Gift	\$1,212	\$937	\$1,115	\$879

SMCS Golf Classic



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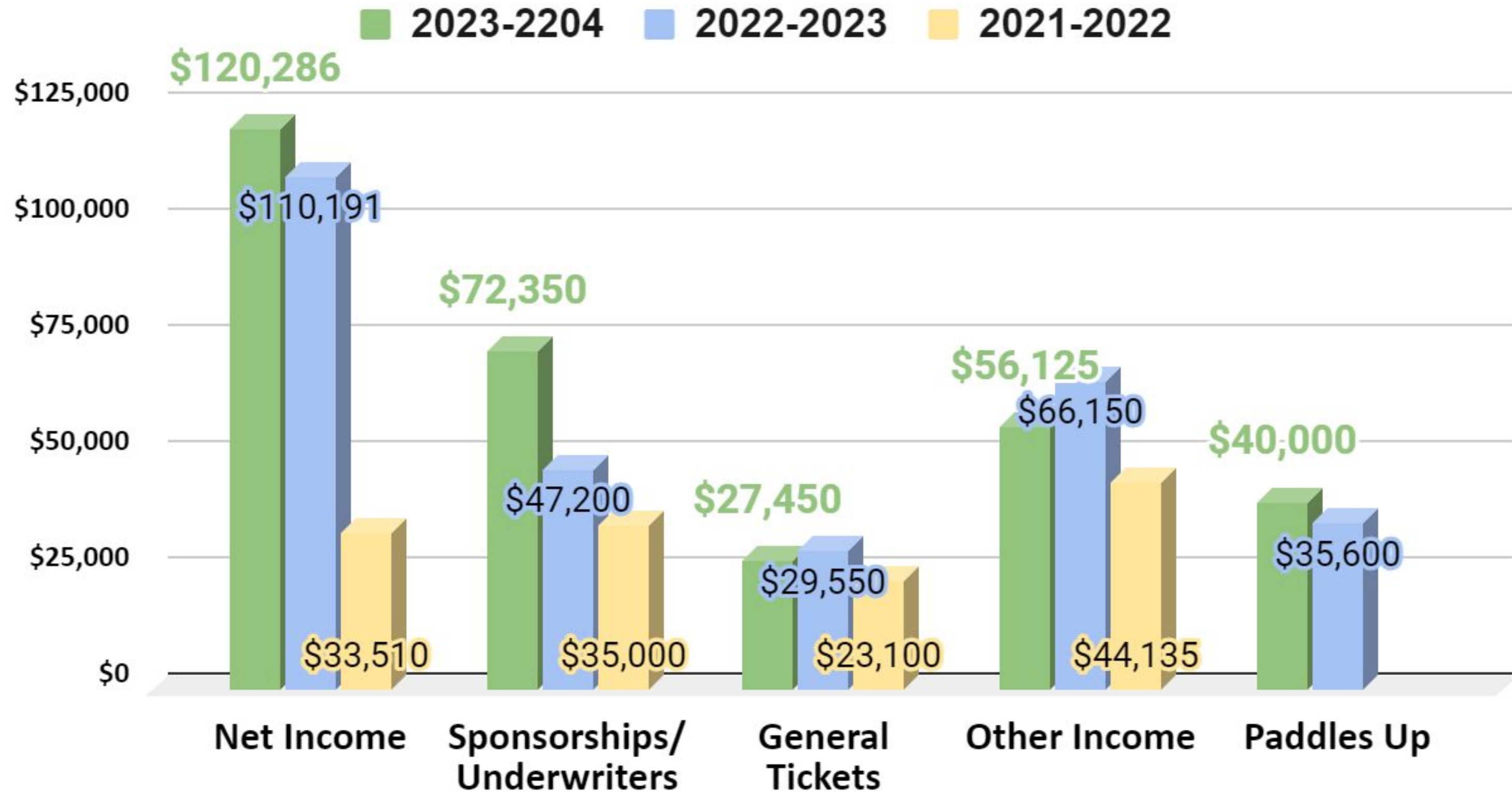
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SMCS Parent Party



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Operational Vitality

★ Strengths from our Accreditation Visit Report

- School security is a strength of the school with a continued emphasis on safety as a priority. Security measures include officers throughout the day and multiple officers and at arrival and dismissal, various secure entry points before accessing student areas, gate enhancements, newly installed fire exits, and the installation of the ballistic film.
- The school provides and implements safety training for students, faculty, and staff on emergency and safety procedures including attendance at the Texas School Safety Conference and the implementation of Raptor alert system.

Things to look forward to this Spring...

- ★ Parent Lunch Day: Fat Tuesday, February 13
- ★ Information about re-enrollment for current students will go out on February 13, and will be due by **Monday, February 26.**
- ★ Parishioner Tuition Rate application will be included with re-enrollment and will be due by **Friday, March 29.** Reminders will be sent out before the deadline.
- ★ Go Texan Day: Friday, February 23
- ★ Elementary Science Fair: Monday, March 4
- ★ Field Day: Friday, March 8



- ★ Art Car Day: Tuesday, March 26
- ★ SMCS Family Night at the Bookfair: Sunday, April 14
- ★ Bookfair: Monday, April 15–Thursday, April 18
- ★ Cocktails in the Courtyard: Thursday, April 25
- ★ Muffins with Moms: Friday, April 26
- ★ Light of Leadership Mass: Monday, May 6
- ★ Spring Musical *Shrek*: Wednesday, May 8–Friday, May 10
- ★ 2nd Grade First Communion Celebration: Monday, May 20
- ★ 8th Grade Graduation: Thursday, May 22
- ★ Last Day of School: Friday, May 23



A look ahead to the 2024-2025 School Year

- ★ All School Mass will continue but we will move Mass day to Wednesday. We will continue to go two times during weeks when there is a Holy Day of Obligation that does not fall on a Wednesday.
- ★ We will have a new uniform company-Flynn O'Hara. This is the company that was able to help the school with skirts at the beginning of the school year.
 - *The school uniform is not changing.*
- ★ We will bring back birthday lunch for students and parents. Parents will be invited to have lunch with their student on their birthday or designated birthday celebration day. Due to limited spacing, these birthday lunches will be limited to parents only (no siblings please).

A look ahead to the 2024-2025 School Year

- ★ Early dismissal days will end at 1:15/1:30 pm to give more time for Staff Meetings. Kidventure will be available on these days.
- ★ Middle school midterm exams will take place before the Christmas break.
- ★ We will continue with School Family Weekend at Mass.
- ★ A list of school activities will be published again in May for the 2024-2025 school year.

2024-2025 School Year Calendar

- ★ Wednesday, August 14: Meet the Teacher
- ★ Thursday, August 15: First Day of School
 - Holy Day of Obligation: Students in Kindergarten through 8th grade will go to 8:15 am Mass
- ★ Friday, October 11: Archdiocesan Staff Development Day
- ★ Monday, October 14: School Day
- ★ Friday, November 1: Parent/Teacher Conference Day
- ★ Friday, November 22: Grandparents/Grandfriends Open House
- ★ Monday, November 25-Friday, November 29: Thanksgiving Break

2024-2025 School Year Calendar

- ❖ Friday, December 20–Friday, January 3: Christmas Break
- ❖ Monday, January 6: Professional Development Day/Student Holiday
- ❖ Monday, March 10–Friday, March 14: Spring Break
- ❖ Friday, April 18–Monday, April 21: Easter Break
- ❖ Thursday, May 22: 8th Grade Graduation
- ❖ Friday, May 23: Last day of school / Dismissal at 11 am

The 2024-2025 school calendar will be available on the school website and a link will be included in Paw Prints.

Key Takeaways to share with your friends...

- Information about re-enrollment for current students will be sent out tomorrow and the deadline is Monday, February 26.
 - This will include how to re-enroll in FACTS.
 - How to apply for the bank loan and tuition assistance.
 - A link to apply for the Parishioner Tuition Rate.
 - This year the application will be done with a Google form so that you will receive a copy of your submitted answers to the questions.
 - Please be specific in the information that you include in your application about how you have given of your time, talent, and treasure to the school and to the parish. Applications will be reviewed by the Advisory School Council and Father Peter.

Key Takeaways to share with your friends...

- The information presented in Tiger Talk will be available on the school website.
- The 2024-2025 school calendar will be available on the school website and a link will be included in Paw Prints for the next couple of weeks.
- Tomorrow is Parent Lunch Day.
- Lent starts on Wednesday with Ash Wednesday.
 - Please send your students in PK4-8th Grade to school in their dress uniforms on Wednesday.
- This weekend, February 16-19, is a four day weekend!



**Thank you
for coming to
Tiger Talk!**