

Catholic Schools Annual Report



NEWS, STORIES, AND AWARDS

April in Paris(h)

Cathedral Catholic School

Friday, April 5, 2018, Cathedral School hosted the first annual April in Paris(h) event. This showcase of student and parishioner artwork provided an opportunity for school and parish families to join together as one community. Food carts were on hand for dinner, and the gym and courtyard were transformed into a stunning display of photographs, paintings, drawings, sculpture, and other beautiful works of art. Bidding was open on a collection of items, events, and some beautiful pieces of art, including a selection of Msgr. Brennan's photographs. Over 450 people attended the inaugural event. Plans are already under way for next year.



Excellence in Art

St. Clare Catholic School

Juliana Kromminga, St. Clare School 7th grader, earned a National Gold Medal in the 2018 Scholastic Art and Writing Awards competition for her photograph, *Empty*. National Medalists receive certificates and

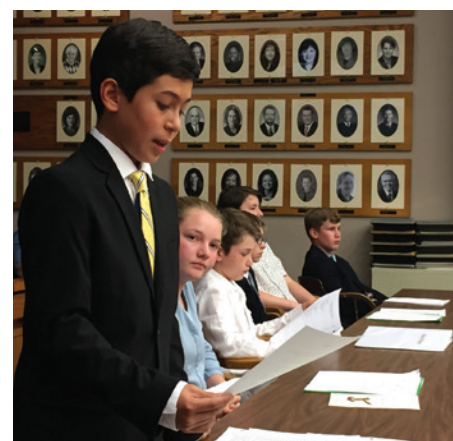


medals and are considered for national exhibition, publication, and scholarship opportunities. Juliana received her gold medal at the National Ceremony at Carnegie Hall in New York City in June 2018.

Mock Trial

St. Agatha Catholic School

St. Agatha Catholic School middle school students participate in an elective class one hour each week taught by faculty, teaching artists, and local professionals. One of the spring electives was Mock Trial, taught by the executive director of the Classroom Law Project, Marilyn Cover and Multnomah County circuit court judge Julie Franz. The students learned about the court process and culminated their learning by presenting their mock trial with a real judge at the Multnomah County Courthouse.



A Myriad of Mathematical Moments

St. Cecilia Catholic School



St. Cecilia School's inaugural "Family Math Night" in April 2018 was a huge success! Over 225 students and family members attended and experienced a fun variety of mathematics-based games and activities creatively designed and coordinated by the teachers. Decks of cards, bean bags, dice, dominoes, triominoes, and wood shapes were the featured playing pieces at a number of the math stations. "Fraction Snacks," coordinated by fourth grade teacher Mrs. Westermann, was a popular attraction: Students grabbed a bag of Chex mix, Skittles or M&M's and then had fun with math by estimating, writing fractions, adding, tallying, sorting, and comparing. This great event combined fun, learning and community all in one evening!

Beginning Lent with Service

Holy Trinity Catholic School



On Ash Wednesday, 8th graders at Holy Trinity volunteered at the Oregon Food Bank as a class. Students geared up, rocked out, and repacked an amazing amount of carrots. Students helped to repack 6,347 pounds of carrots. That works out to be 5,289 meals, or 89 meals repacked per student!

The Madeleine Water1st Board Members are Changing Lives

The Madeleine Catholic School

Madeleine students on the Water1st Youth Board made big strides in their first year. The Youth Board, led by Mimi Baldwin, Claire Gaber, Teddy Gehred, Ellie Matteri and Katie Stolberg, have led by example and inspired the rest of The Madeleine community to help raise funds for Water1st, which is a nonprofit implementing water and sanitation projects in the world's poorest



communities to improve health, create opportunity, and break the cycle of poverty. During the 2017-2018 school year, each board member organized multiple fundraisers at school and helped recruit walkers for the annual Portland Carry5 Walk for Water fundraiser, resulting in donations totaling \$6,700, which will directly help 80 people in La Virtud, Honduras get clean water and toilets for life.

Connecting Over Coffee

La Salle Catholic College Preparatory

La Salle Prep students opened a coffee shop in May to raise money for Mexican growers and students who want to go on immersion trips. Open before classes on select days of the school year, Café Justo features drinks such as El Otro Latte and Chiapas Cold Brew. Prices start at \$1.75. The



student-run shop buys supplies from Café Justo, a coffee growers' co-op based in Chiapas, Mexico. Students work in the shop for free, channeling proceeds and tips to a scholarship fund. "I want this shop to symbolize fair trade and justice for everyone," said barista Lenora Mathis, who will graduate in 2019. "I hope it can bring together the La Salle community while also connecting us to other parts of the world." The idea to open Café Justo came from 2017 graduates Emma Ly and Christian Reyes after going on La Salle's immersion trip to the U.S.-Mexico border. Ly says that the shop shows how students can—and should—make a difference. "Do something," she said.

STEM in the Classroom

St. Joseph Catholic School

St. Joseph Catholic School in Salem has recently adopted the Smithsonian Institute's Science and Technology program to make hands-on STEM more accessible to all. Part of these new



materials includes squid dissection for the fourth graders! Students gathered with Mrs. Dewar and Mrs. Stone in the Science Lab to fully explore all that a squid dissection has to offer. We went through all of the external anatomy, telling the difference between the dorsal and ventral side. Students were thrilled to learn that the chromatophores can be activated just by rubbing them! Students were able to separately look at the beak and the mouth. The "pen," the hard bit of cartilage that gives a squid its shape, was easily removed. Students also identified the ink sac, and used the pen to write with the ink on their worksheets! The last step was to find the lens in the eye - it's like an unpolished marble, much like a fish eye.

Bee Observation Hive Installed at SJF

St. John Fisher Catholic School

On Wednesday, April 25, 2018, SJF the colony of honey bees arrived at their new home in the library at St. John Fisher.



The observation hive was donated to the school by local green coffee distribution company, Costa Oro Intl, who has worked with "The Bee Cause" over the last 3 years to promote honey bee education for our future generation. This is the 4th observation hive that Costa Oro has donated to local schools for this purpose. The mission of the "Bee Cause Project" is to stimulate curiosity in young people about the importance of honey bees and the need to understand and embrace them and to care about their well-being through the installation of bee hives in over 1,000 schools.



National Award Winners

Marist Catholic High School

It was announced at the Marist All Catholic Schools Mass in February that English teacher Bill Ferrari and senior Caroline Gonyea both won awards from the National Catholic Education Association. Ferrari is one of 26 educators across the country to receive a Lead. Learn. Proclaim. award from the NCEA for his outstanding work as a

Catholic School educator. He traveled to the NCEA national convention in Cincinnati last April to receive his award. Gonyea was just one of 10 students across the nation to receive a Youth Virtues, Valor, and Vision award for a program she created, called Project KIND, to help schools cultivate a positive school atmosphere.

Marist 50th Anniversary

Marist Catholic High School

Marist Catholic High School in Eugene will celebrate its 50th anniversary on October 6, 2018.

Principal Awards

St. John Fisher Catholic School

The Oregon Association of School Libraries presented the Distinguished Library Service Award for School Administrators to Merrit Holub, principal of St. John Fisher.



APPOINTMENTS AND STATISTICS 2018-19

PRINCIPALS

Lesley Lindell	<i>St. Matthew, Hillsboro</i>
Jon Myers	<i>All Saints, Portland</i>
Christine Penwell	<i>St. Rose, Portland</i>
Joanne Smith	<i>St. Pius X, Portland</i>
Josie-Lynn "Gigi" Wolf	<i>Sacred Heart, Gervais & St. Vincent de Paul, Salem</i>
Mary Haluska	<i>St. John the Apostle, Oregon City (interim)</i>
Sandy Lonergan	<i>St. James, McMinnville (interim)</i>

PRESIDENTS

Andrew Kuffner	<i>La Salle Catholic College Prep</i>
Oscar Leong	<i>De La Salle North</i>

ENROLLMENT

Elementary	9,142
Secondary	5,656
Total	14,798

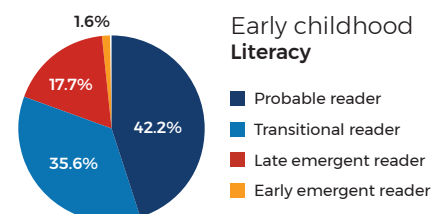
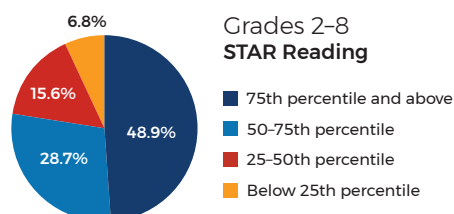
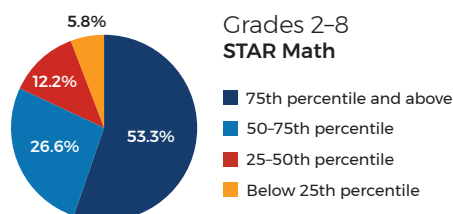
SCHOOLS

Elementary	41
Secondary	10

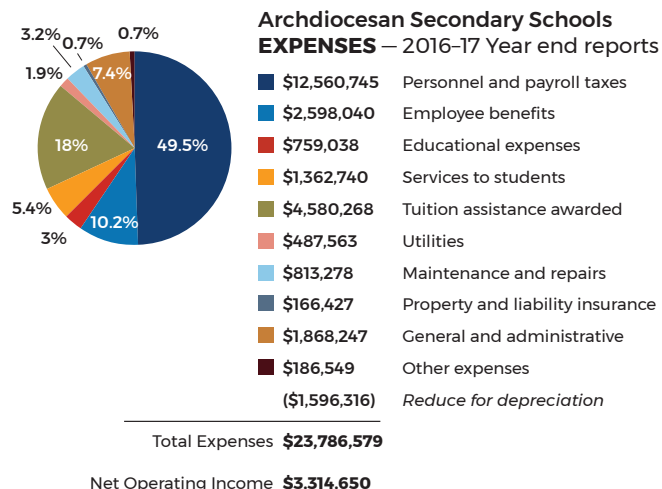
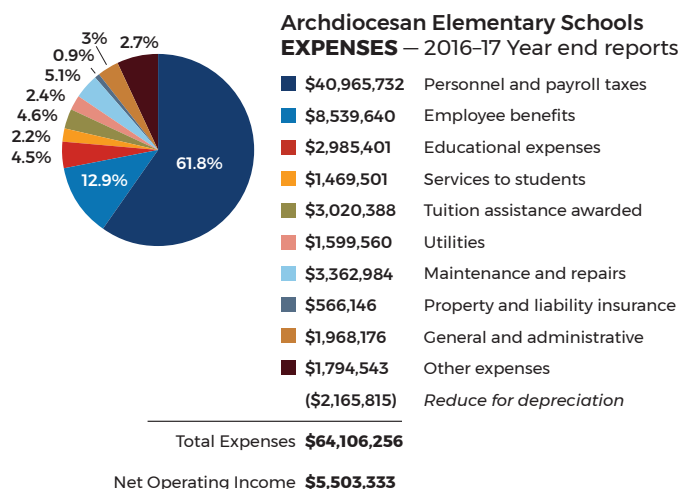
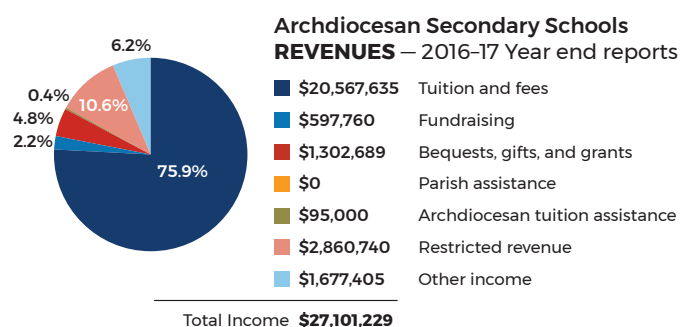
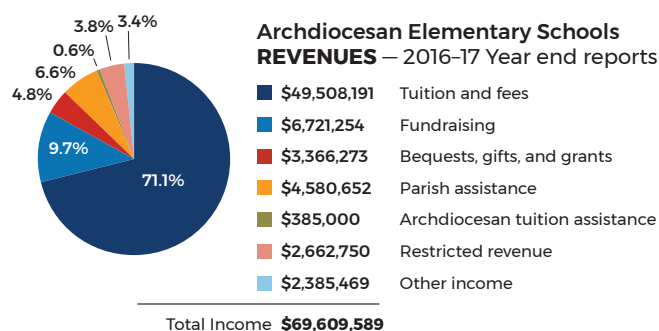
STAFF

Elementary	849
Secondary	567

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES 2017-2018



FINANCIAL REVIEW*



*Statistics are those available from the last completed report.



Catholic Schools Week Theme
Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.

The NCEA theme encompasses the core products and values found in Catholic schools across the country. Not only are we teaching students to become future servant leaders, faith-filled disciples, and enriched citizens in our communities, we, as educators, are growing with them.