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Welcome to the first HCEF Newsletter. I am Tim Sullivan and I have had the pleasure of working at SEAS since 2009. I started as a middle school teacher, and in the summer of 2014, became principal. I love being principal and in 2020 I got to add a new title- parent of a SEAS student! This is an amazing school and I feel blessed to be a part of it.



You may be asking yourself “what is the HCEF?” HCEF stands for Hastings Catholic Education Foundation. It initially started as an endowment in 1985 to create a fund that would support St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School. In 2018, the endowment changed to a foundation and the HCEF was born. The foundation exists to support Catholic education in Hastings.

How have they supported the school recently? For starters, at every meeting a simple question is asked: “What can the HCEF do to help the school?” If there is a need that was not anticipated in the budget, the HCEF is willing to help. During the early COVID years, they really stepped up to help meet the needs of our school. The HCEF not only donated funds for tech needs, but they also helped out families who lost income due to the pandemic but wanted to continue their child’s Catholic education.

This is why I love this community. When someone’s in trouble, we lift each other up. Our donors know the importance of Catholic education. We strive to give our students a solid, moral foundation rooted in the Catholic faith and an expectation of excellence in all that they do. The results are clearly evident. Our students’ NWEA MAP scores consistently exceed the Norm RIT, but even more important is the feedback we hear from high school teachers and staff who say that they “know” the SEAS students by their work ethic and their respect. That makes me prouder than any test score!

We do great things at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School. We make Christ known and loved. We develop leaders in our community and in our faith. We strive to create disciples who will go forth and spread the good news and we are extremely grateful for the love and support that we receive from our community.

God bless you all,
Tim Sullivan

Hastings Catholic Education Foundation, or HCEF, initially started as an endowment fund established in 1985. The purpose of the endowment fund was to help create a fund that would help support the operating expenses of Hastings Parochial School.

In July 2018, the endowment fund was changed to a foundation and a Board of Directors was developed. The change was made to ensure that all funds raised would be protected and used solely for the support of Catholic Education.

The goal of HCEF is to build strong, faith-filled children who do the very best they can in this ever-changing world.

The purpose of HCEF is:

- To support the mission and ministries of the Hastings area Catholic Schools
- Provide Tuition Assistance and Scholarships for students attending the school
- Provide Capital Improvements
- To support Technology Improvements in the teaching and learning environment
- To Subsidize Premium Education and Learning opportunities
- Equity Growth

1st Annual Scholarship Winner



We are pleased to announce our first annual HCEF scholarship winner, Ella Kelly! Ella started college this year at St. Catherine's University. She plans to pursue a degree in physical therapy.

The idea of a scholarship took root as we discussed how to further encourage the students who have attended Catholic schools in Hastings and the surrounding area. All further education including 4 year degrees, trade schools and vocational techs were included. The focus of the scholarship was centered on volunteerism, being active in their local church and an essay regarding how they felt their Catholic education has influenced them.

The answers from the candidates were very impressive and openly spoke about their relationship with God. They also spoke of the positive impact the teachers at SEAS made in the building their faith, confidence in themselves and the rigor in their studies which led them to be well prepared for high school. Ella was awarded this scholarship at the 2022

Spring Fling event and we look forward to praying for her and all the applicants as they begin new chapters in their lives.

SEAS Alumni Event

We are excited to be planning an Alumni Event on Wednesday, Nov 23 2022!

Fill out the interest form to be added to the mailing list!

<https://bit.ly/SeasAlumniEvent>



Tuition Assistance

The Hastings Catholic Education Foundation, or HCEF, exists to support the mission of our Catholic school in Hastings, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School. If you desire Catholic education for your child, the HCEF may be able to help.

Grants will be awarded on a need basis. There are a limited amount of grants available at this time. Your child(ren) must currently be enrolled at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School, Hastings, MN. Grants are paid directly to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School.

www.HastingsCatholicEducationFoundation.org/Tuition-assistance



Please consider donating to help HCEF support students, families, and staff along their journey through Catholic education. You may do so online at www.HastingsCatholicEducationFoundation.org/Donate or by completing and mailing in the attached envelope. Thank you for your generous contribution.

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Spring Fling Wrap Up!

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What an incredible event made possible by the generosity shared by sponsors, donors, volunteers, and attendees! We're incredibly grateful for everyone's support and participation.

Together, we raised a combined total of \$115,004 and surpassed our overall goals! What an incredible success! All proceeds will support SEAS Catholic School, families, teachers, and students through scholarships, capital, and technology improvements, teacher grants, and more!

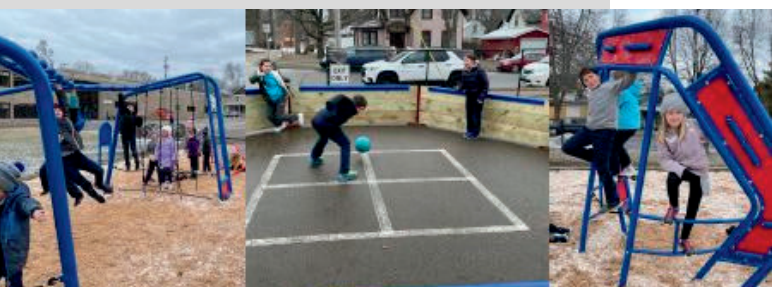
We can't thank you enough for supporting our efforts in making SEAS school an exceptional place to learn and grow in faith.

Meeting and exceeding the Fund-A-Need goal will allow us to move forward with both projects.

First is the replacement of two stationary basketball hoops and making them more functional with adjustable options. Second is the renovation of our staff lounge areas. The goal is to create a welcoming and functional lounge that will inspire and invigorate the faculty that educate the youth at SEAS!

We look forward to sharing updates on progress as these project begin! We appreciate your enormous generosity, love, and support! Thank you doesn't begin to express our gratitude.

Many blessings,
Kari Kasel and Shawndel Spader
2022 Spring Fling Co-Chairs



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Teacher/School Wish List

SEAS teachers work hard to stock their classroom with everything our students need. If you would like to help them out, here are some ideas:

- Expo dry erase markers
- Paper, especially colored paper
- Blue or green painters tape
- Amazon gift cards are always appreciated

***Donations to the school are not subject to the Archdiocesan assessment**