



**In Christ we learn;
in love we serve.**

2025 STATE OF THE SCHOOL PRESENTATION

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School Mission Statement

Inspiring students to **radiate** their God-given goodness and beauty while seeking truth in a **joyful** and **loving** community rooted in Catholic values.



We Believe:

All people are created in the image and likeness of God and blessed with gifts and talents.

God calls us to loving relationships through faith, family, and friendships.

Faith in Jesus Christ is expressed and deepened through prayer, study, worship, and loving service to others.

A living faith guides us through this life and prepares us for eternal life in heaven.



Love



Pray



Serve



Connect



Explore



Create

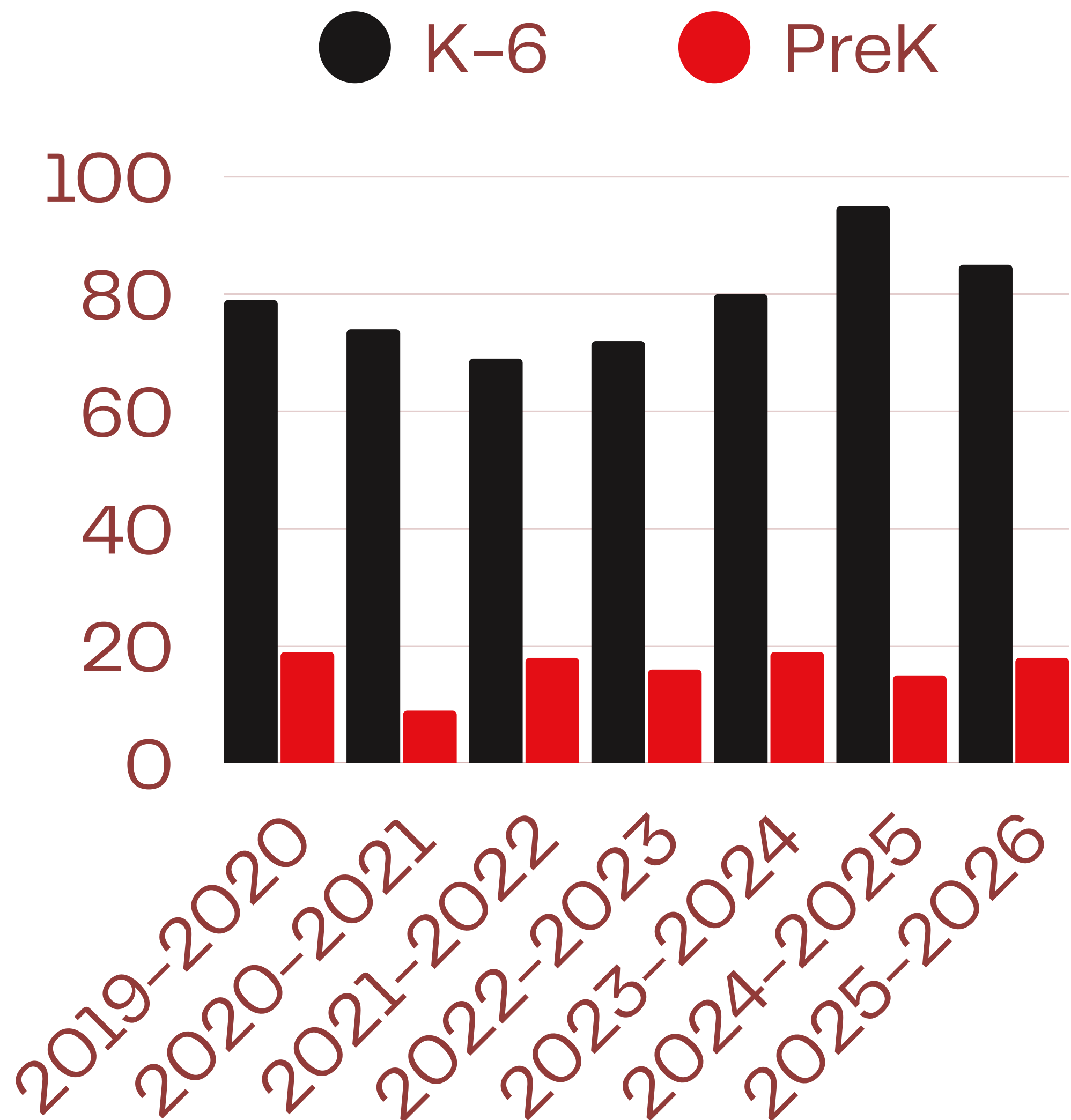
At St. John's, our students will:



Enrollment

A large graduating class and an average sized incoming Kindergarten class result in a lower K-6 enrollment.

ST. JOHN'S AREA SCHOOL

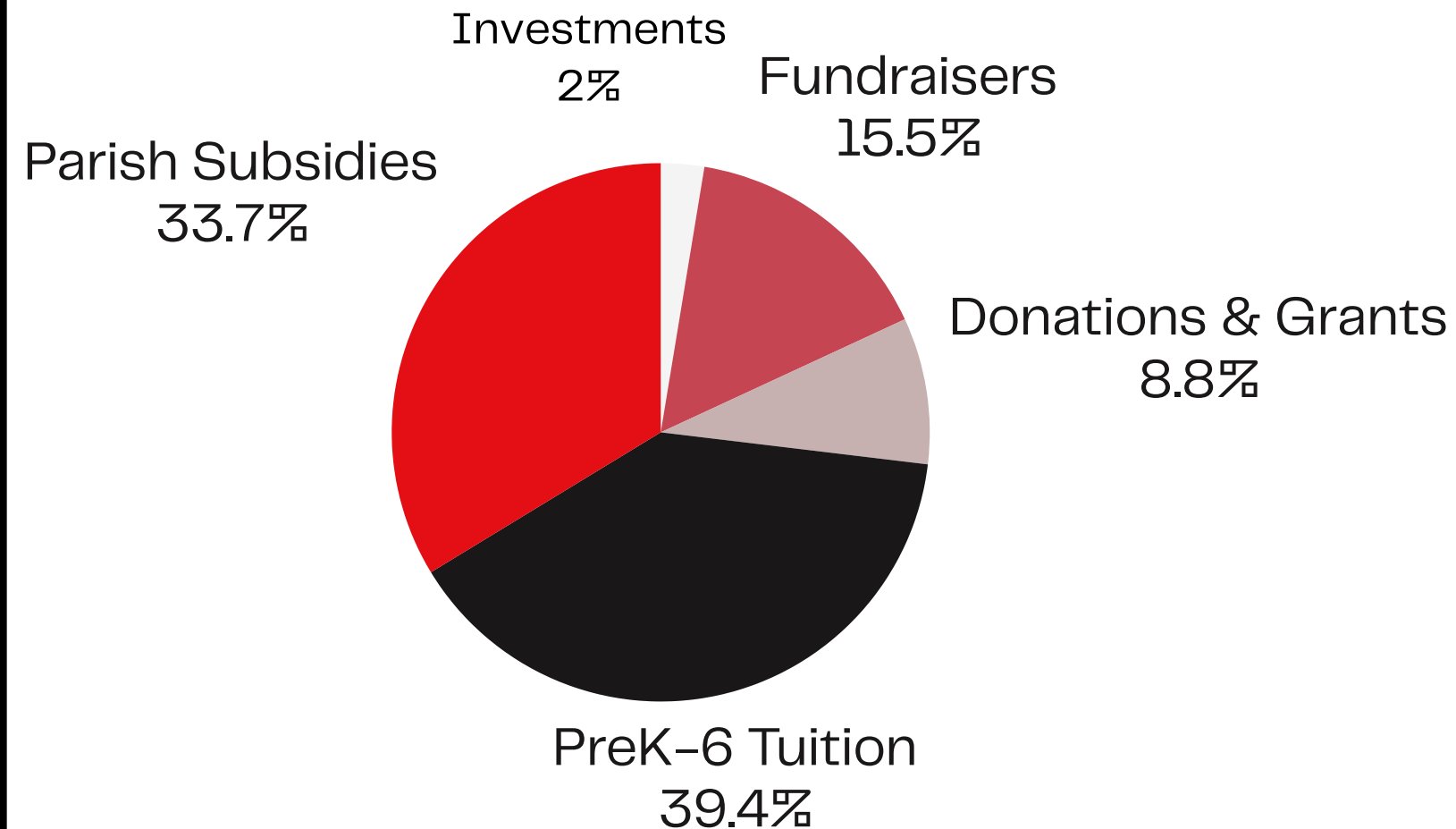


Budget: Income & Expenses

Income: \$703,038

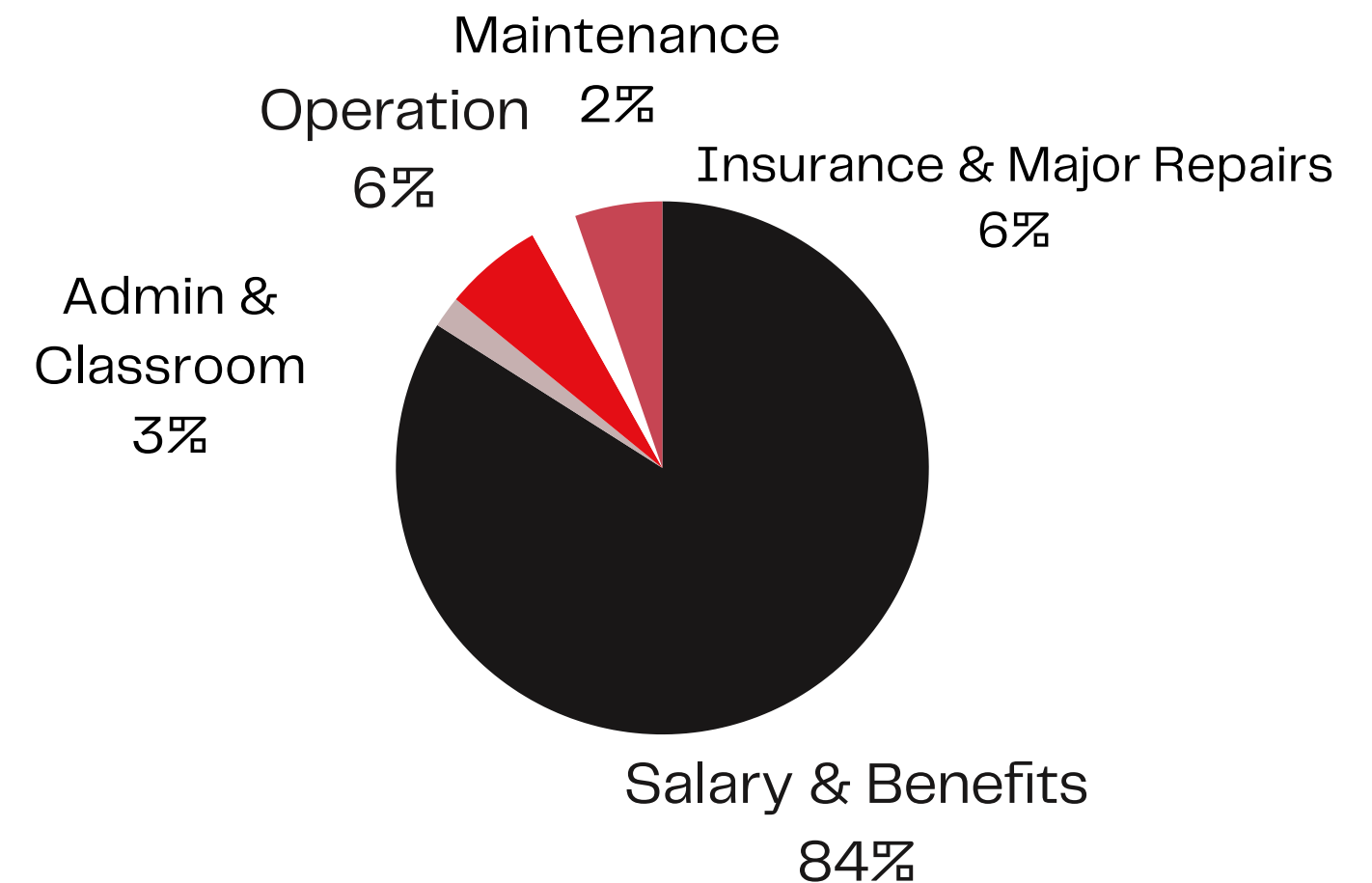
School fundraising totals:

- Walkathon- \$44,112
- Cookie Bake \$15,310
- Catholic United Financial Raffle \$26,610
- Spring Breakfast & Auction \$23,151



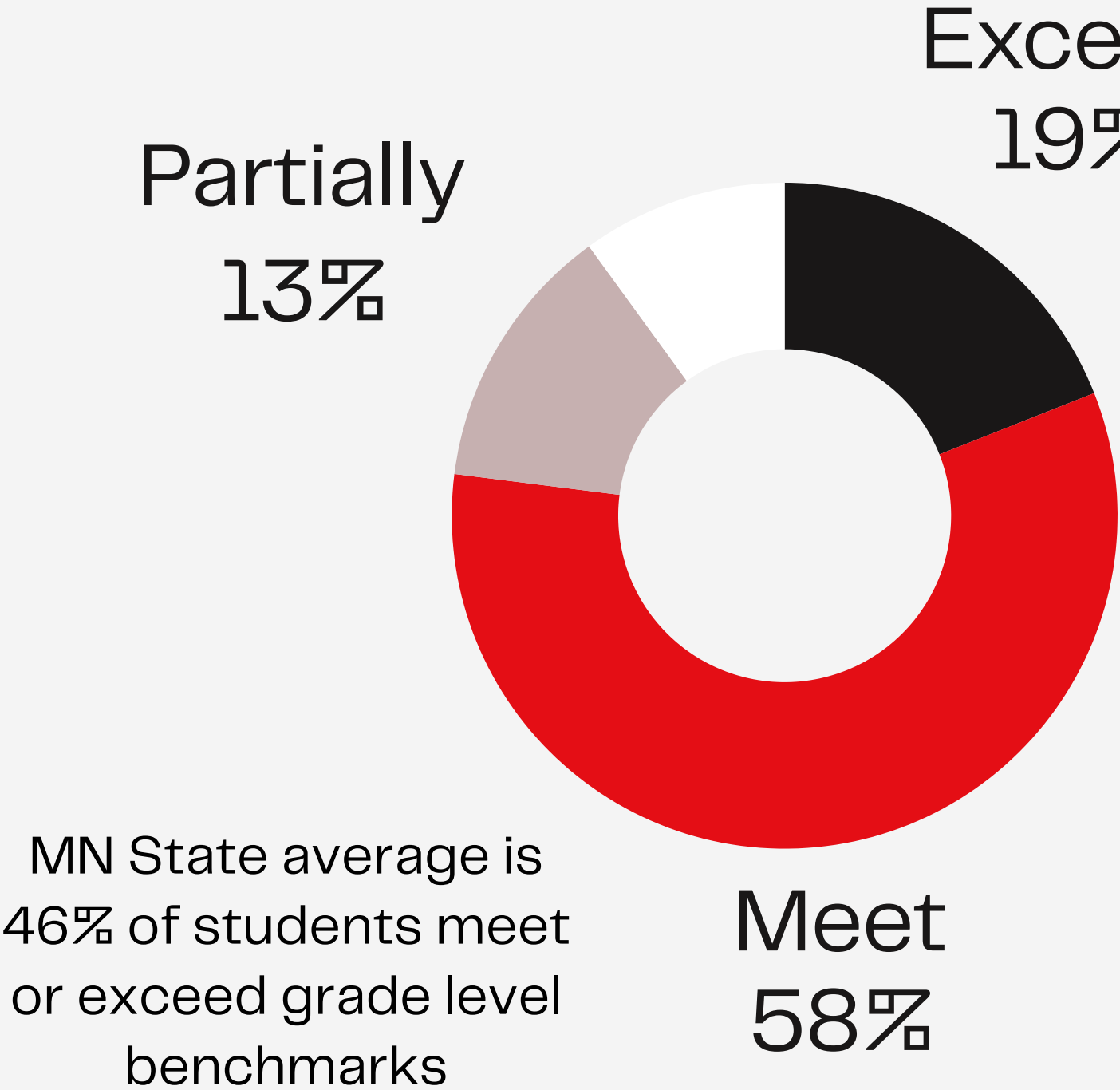
Expenses: \$612,225

Providing our own specialist teachers with the end of shared time classes with the public school increased expenses. Aging infrastructure and rising insurance costs also increased expenses.



RENAISSANCE
Star
Math

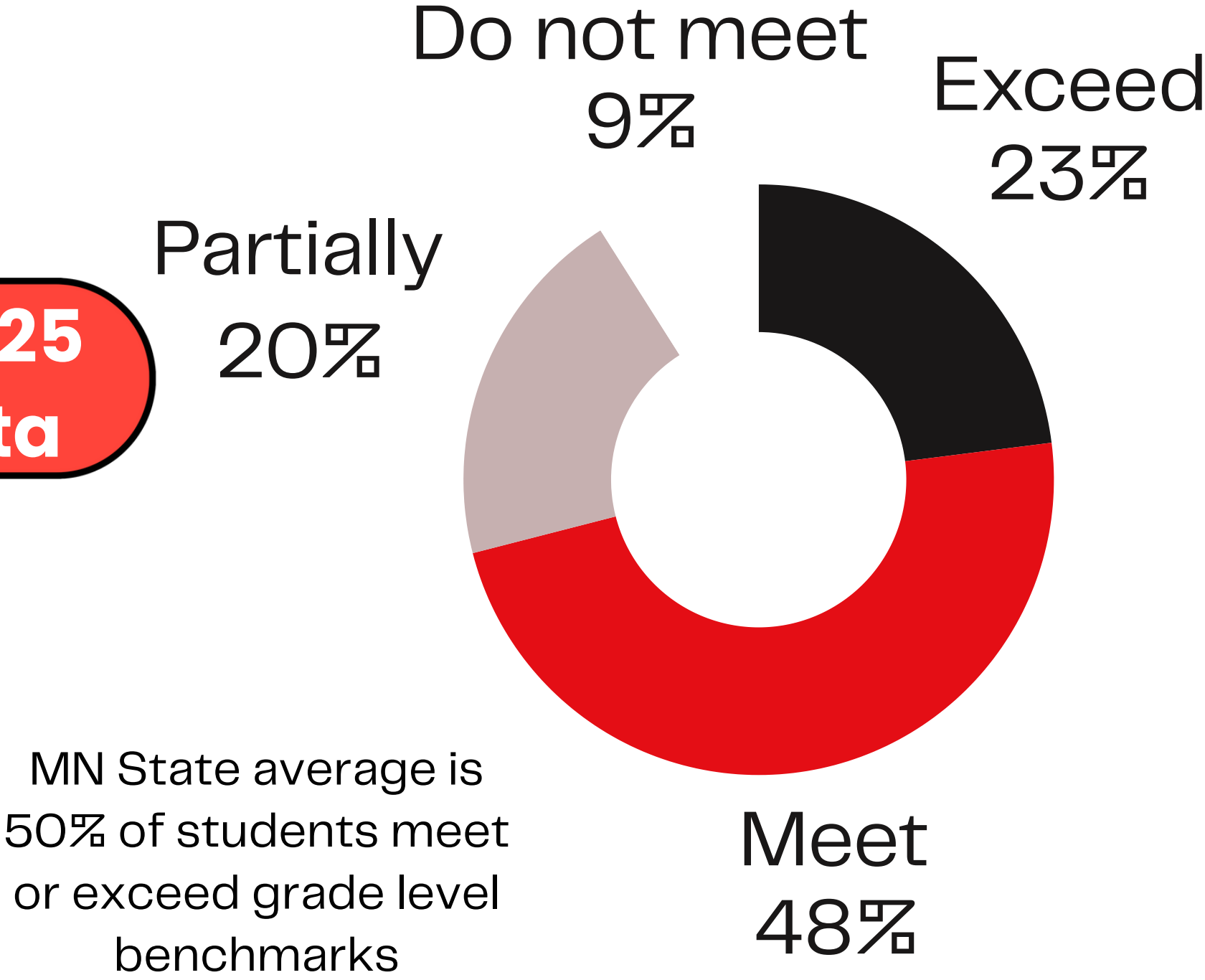
77% of 1st–6th grade SJAS
students meet or exceed
MN state benchmarks



**2024–2025
Test Data**

RENAISSANCE
Star
Reading

71% of 1st–6th grade SJAS
students meet or exceed
MN state benchmarks



School Strategic Plan Objective #1:

St. John's Area School will cultivate a joyful and loving Christ-centered community rooted in Catholic values.

2025 2026



Mission Implementation

Communicate the school mission through the physical environment as well as school policies and procedures.



Connecting Faith to Life

Provide an exemplary religious education and catechesis that integrates faith, culture, and life in the Catholic tradition.



Prayer & Service

Provide opportunities for student participation in prayer and service experiences that transform Catholic social teaching into action.



Adult Faith Enrichment

Provide opportunities for Christ-centered adult faith formation and service to promote the common good.

School Strategic Plan Objective #2:

*St. John’s Area School will meet
the academic needs of each student.*

2026
2025



**Engaging
Curricular
Materials**

Select engaging
grade level
curricular materials
that are aligned
with the Minnesota
State Standards.



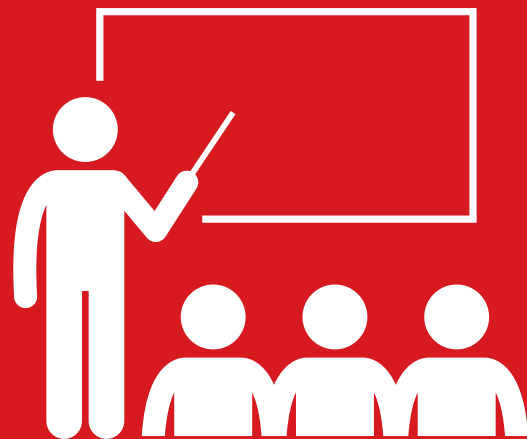
**Standards-
Aligned
Instruction**

Engage in a
curriculum-
mapping process
that aligns
academic
standards with
corresponding
curricular materials.



**Inclusive
Instructional
Approach**

Employ inclusive
instructional
approaches that
meet diverse needs.



**Professional
Development**

Engage in
professional
development to
support student
learning and well-
being.

School Strategic Plan Objective #3:

St. John's Area School will ensure viability by adhering to best practices for operational sustainability guided by our mission.

2025 2026



**Promoting
SJAS**

Promote St. John's
Area School to
alumni and friends.



**Marketing SJAS
to Parishes**

Market St. John's
Area School using a
variety of
approaches in the
7-parish area.

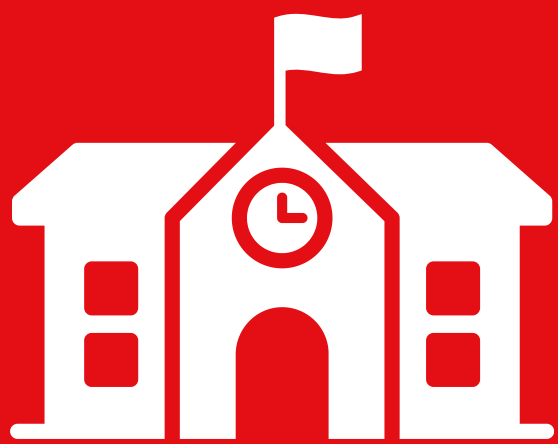


**Improve Faculty &
Staff Wages**

Utilize financial
resources to benefit
and improve staff
wages and salaries.

School Strategic Plan Objective #4:

***St. John's Area School will provide
a safe learning facility for staff and students.***



**Safe
Facilities**

Maintain and
improve facilities as
needed for safety.



2025 2026

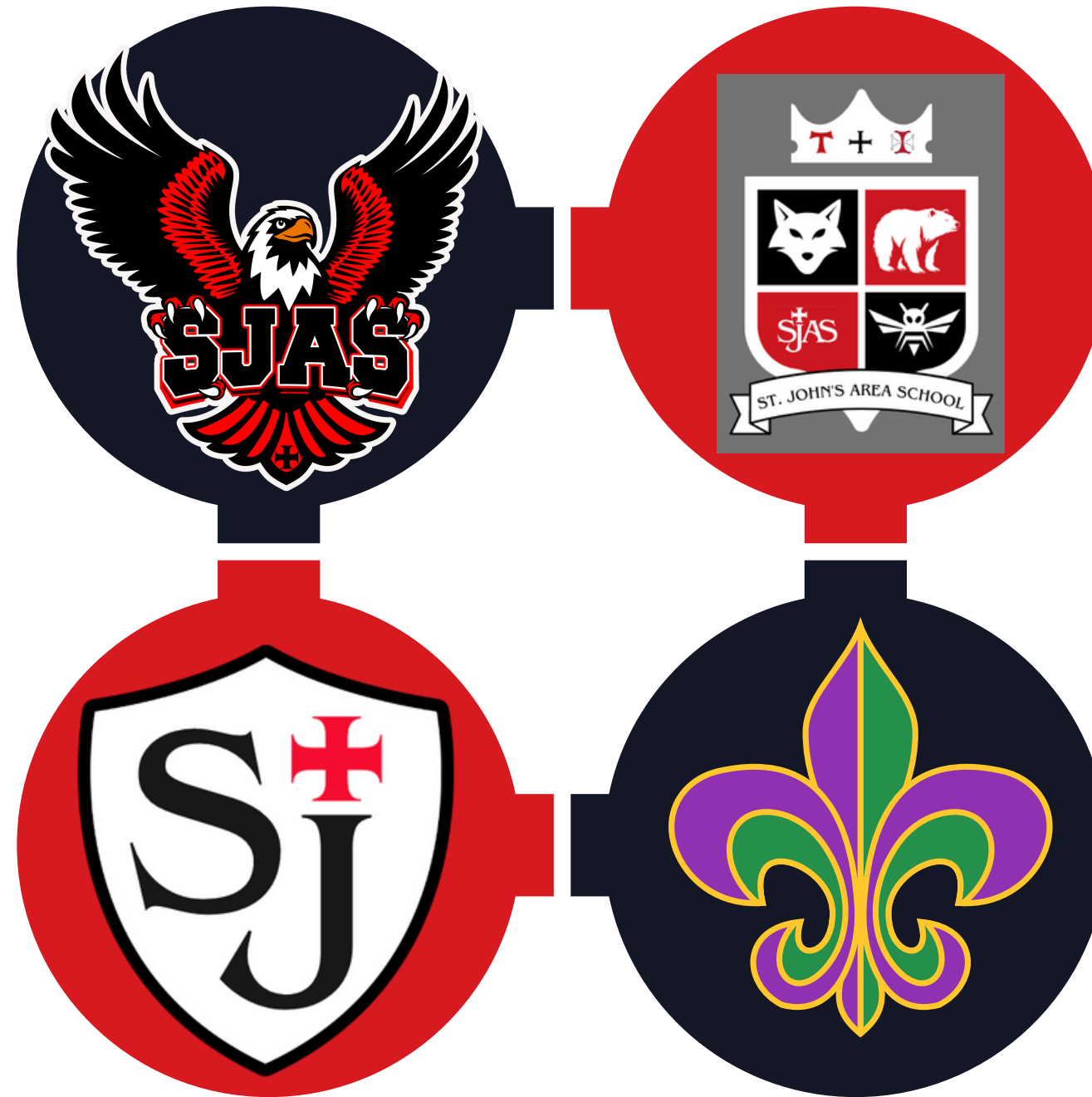
Highlights from 2024–2025

Extracurricular Activities

Students in the upper grades had an opportunity to participate in soccer, volleyball, basketball, and Knowledge Bowl this year.

Banners and Stickers

House banners and School Eagle Mascot stickers were posted around the school this year..



Student Leadership

House Captains in grades 4–6 helped organize activities and special events. Eaglets provided special events and led school service efforts.

Mardi Gras Carnival

5th & 6th Grade students provided a Mardi Gras Carnival to raise over \$1000 for the Poor Clare Sisters.

Highlights from 2024-2025

Reading with Maggie Mae

Students had the chance to read with Maggie Mae on Tuesdays. Students loved getting to know Maggie Mae..



New Roof

Thanks to generous support from several donors and St. John's Catholic Parish, SJAS received in new roof!

6th Grade Retreat

6th grade students enjoyed 3 days in September @ Camp Lebanon on a retreat to help make their faith their own..

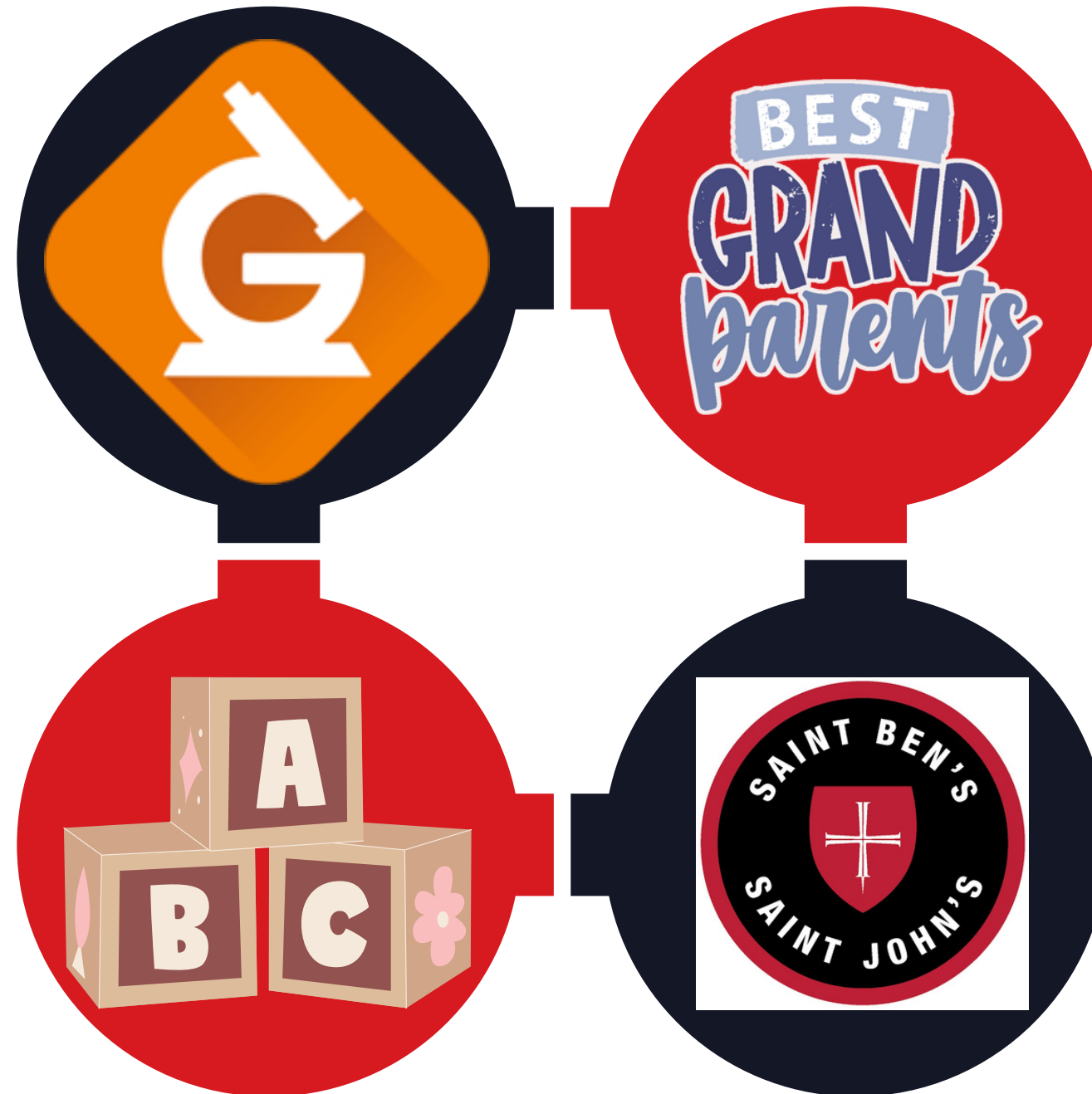
Specialist Classes

SJAS offered, funded, and staffed their own specialist classes this year: art, music, STREAM, Health, and PE.

Highlights from 2024–2025

Generation Genius Selected

Teachers from K–6 grade reviewed several science programs to implement and chose Generation Genius..



New PreK Classroom Opened

After a summer of renovations, a new, licensed PreK program began operation in a new classroom..

G–Parents & Special Friends

SJAS hosted Grandparents & Special Friends' Event on All Saints' Day.

Trip to St. John's/St. Ben's

All students and teachers visited St. John's University & the College of St. Benedict to learn more about Benedictine spirituality.

Highlights from 2024-2025

Babyball

Students in grades 3-6 participated in a pro-life wiffleball tournament called Babyball to raise money for Elevate.



Eaglets facilitate Mini-Retreat

6th Grade Service Leaders led primary grade students through a retreat during Catholic Schools' Week.

CROSS Center Connection

Crosier Cub students in grades 1 & 4 served at the CROSS Center to promote the life and dignity of the human person.

Bishop Neary Visit

Bishop Neary celebrated Mass with the school community at St. Patrick's Church in March then visited the school.

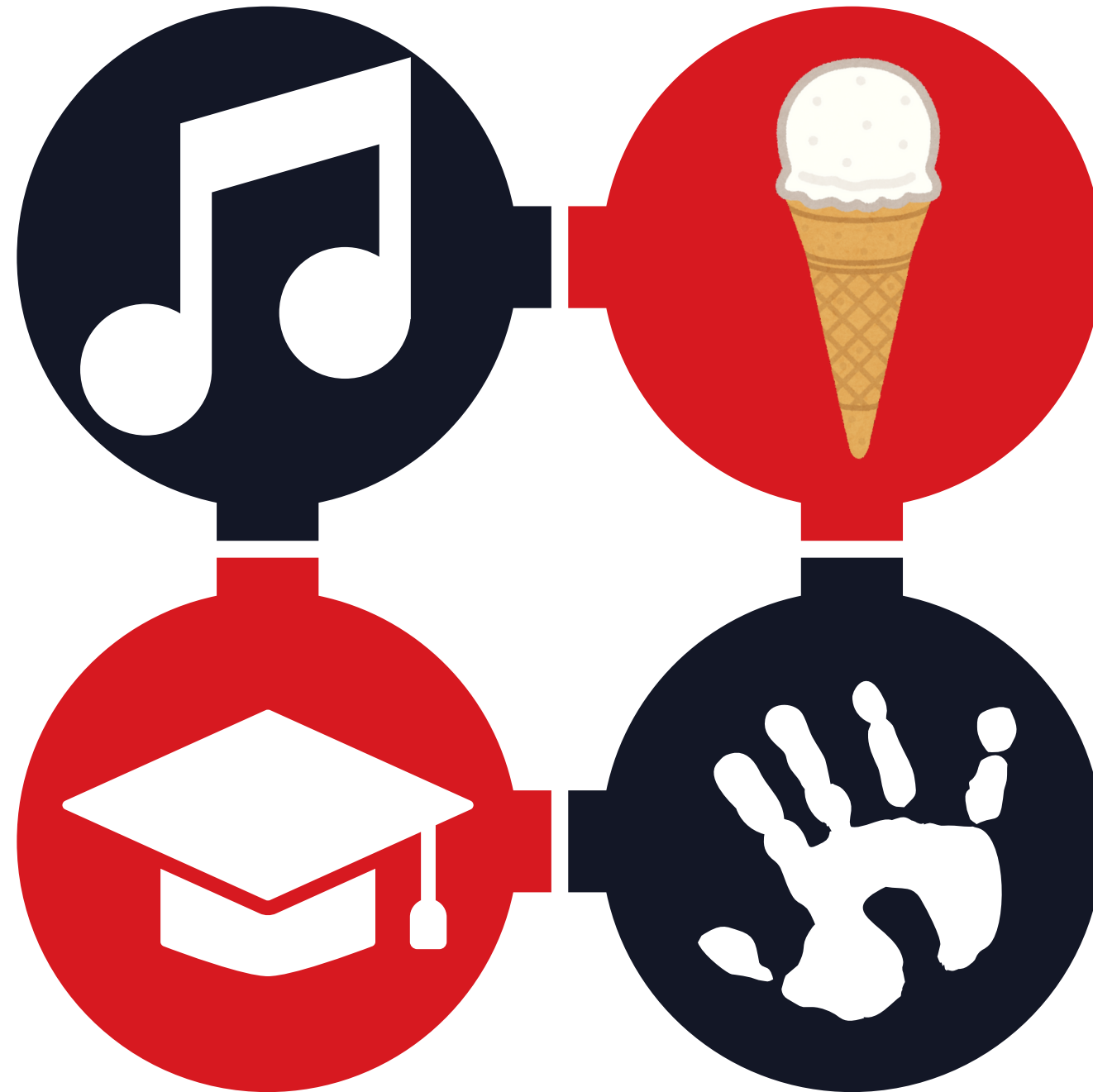
Highlights from 2024–2025

Spring Concert

Students in grades K–6 performed at an end of the year concert to share what they learned in music class this year.

6th Grade Graduation

Efforts were made to make the 6th grade graduation program more family-focused. A God in All Things Award was introduced.



Ice Cream Socials

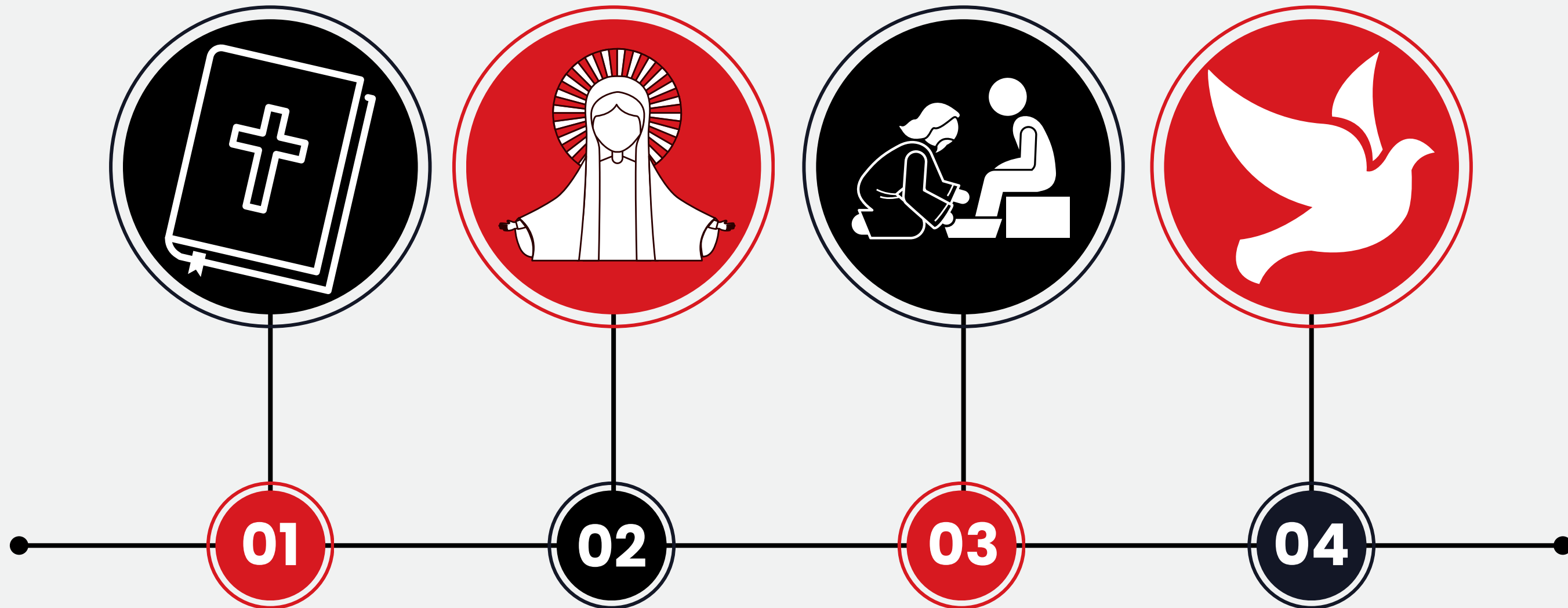
PreK and Kindergarten Programs offered summer ice cream socials to help parents and students get acquainted with each other.

Kindergarten Parent Meeting

An informational meeting was held in the spring for the parents of incoming kindergarten students to help acclimate them to the kindergarten program.

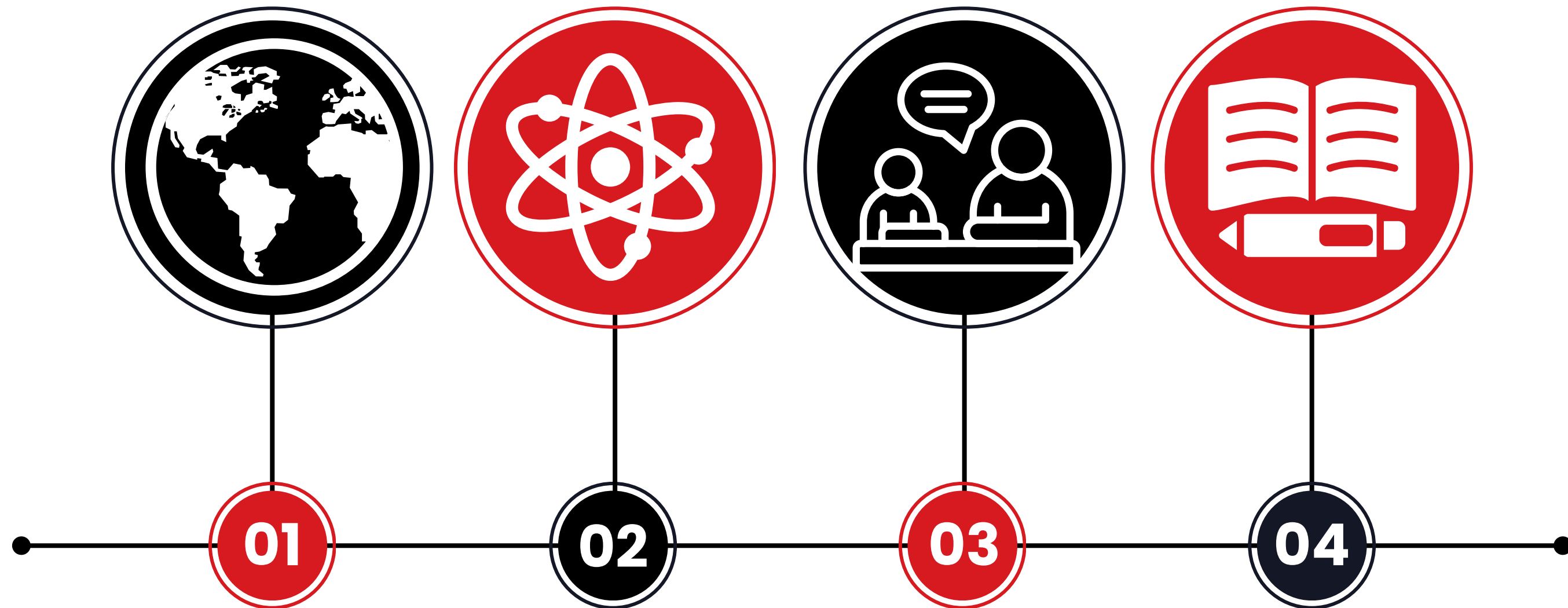
Catholic Identity Initiatives for 2025–2026 & Beyond!

- 1– Students will learn how their story fits into **Salvation History**.
- 2–Incorporation of the Liturgical Calendar, saints, and devotions into **daily life**.
- 3–Increased meaningful **prayer** & **service** opportunities for students and adults.
- 4–Integration of the **mission statement** into the look and feel of the school.



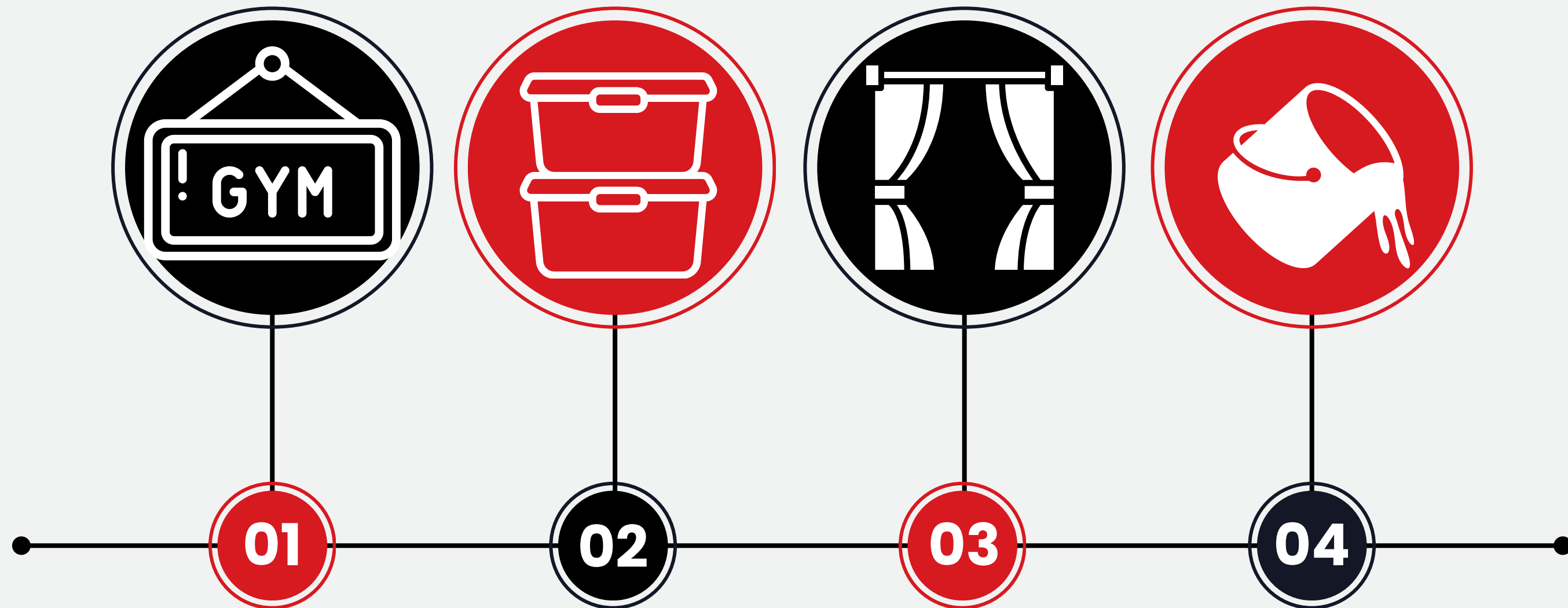
Academic Initiatives for 2025–2026 & Beyond!

- 1- Teacher review of **social studies** curriculum this year to implement in 2026–2027.
- 2- Implementation of **Generation Genius** for K through 6th grade students.
- 3- Interventionist to **meet the needs of all students**, below & above grade level.
- 4- Teachers trained in **Lexia LETRS** to guide literacy instruction.



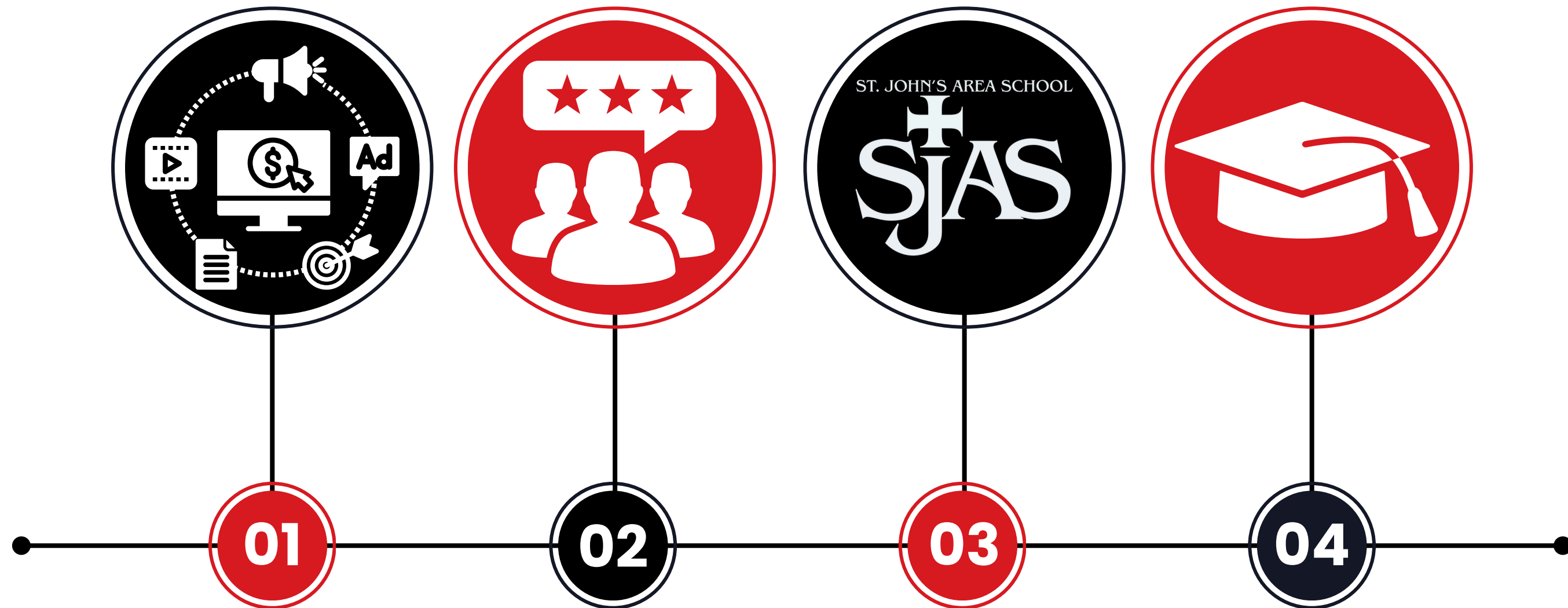
Building Initiatives for 2025–2026 & Beyond!

- 1- **Gym** renovations and **PE equipment** improvements.
- 2- **Storage area** renovations.
- 3- **New paint & curtains** in portable classrooms.
- 4- **Repainted and branded** main office and **repainted** doorframes.



Marketing/Alumni Initiatives for 2025–2026 & Beyond!

- 1– Talented part-time **Marketing/Communications Coordinator** on staff.
- 2–Incorporation of **student, parent, and staff member stories** into marketing materials.
- 3–**New admissions, marketing, and promotional materials** created.
- 4–**Alumni** communications, events, and fundraising efforts established.





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