



St. John the Evangelist Catholic School

ANNUAL REPORT OF GIVING 2024-2025



Dear St. John Families,

It is with deep gratitude and heartfelt joy that I share with you this *Annual Report of Gifts* for the 2024–2025 school year. Each page reflects your faith in our mission and your partnership in the beautiful work of Catholic education. This year, our school family continued to grow in faith, knowledge, and service—living out our call to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community and beyond.

This school year held special meaning as we celebrated the 70th anniversary of the founding of St. John the Evangelist Catholic School. What began in 1954 as a small parish school has grown into a vibrant, faith-filled community that continues to shape generations of learners and leaders. We celebrated this milestone with gratitude honoring the pastors, Sisters of Mercy, teachers, families, and parishioners whose dedication and sacrifice built the foundation upon which we proudly stand today. Throughout the year, students, alumni, and families came together in joyful celebration, honoring our past while embracing the promise of our future.

I am deeply grateful for the warm welcome I have received as I joined the St. John the Evangelist family. It has been a true privilege to become part of this extraordinary community—one rooted in building courageous and compassionate leaders. From my first days on campus, I have witnessed the love, generosity, and spirit that make SJE such a special place to learn, serve, and grow together.

As we look to the future with hope and anticipation, we remain deeply thankful for your generous support, your prayers, and your trust in our shared mission. The legacy of St. John the Evangelist Catholic School shines brightly because of each of you. May God continue to bless you and the good work of your hands.

God's peace and blessings,

Marlo Mong

Mrs. Marlo Mong

Principal



Mission

We are the **SJE family with Jesus in the center** of all we do.

He guides us in **leadership, scholarship,
and joyful service** to others.

Grounded in the Catholic faith,

St. John the Evangelist Catholic School

nurtures the God-given potential of each student,
providing a rigorous academic and spiritual foundation,
forming courageous and compassionate leaders.

1 School founded by
4 Sisters of Mercy shepherded by
10 Pastors and led by
13 Principals with
1 Mission of forming courageous &
compassionate leaders and over
1,941 Graduates so far.



We are

1 Body in Christ celebrating
70 years of academic excellence!



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Celebrating 70 Years!

Milestones don't roll around every day and this one was well worth the wait! On October 10, 1954, St. John the Evangelist Catholic School and Parish were founded by the Sisters of Mercy. The past 70 years have yielded some incredible fruit grown on the prayers and dedication of all those that have followed in their footsteps. A special 70th Anniversary school mass was celebrated by Fr. Nicholas Le (SJE Class of 2005). City of Hapeville Mayor, Mr. Alan Hallman, presented Principal Marlo Mong with a formal declaration honoring the 70 year legacy of SJE.

In addition to their vows of Chastity, Poverty and Obedience, the Sisters of Mercy also took a vow of Service. In honor of this vow of Service, it seemed only

fitting for SJE to commemorate its founding with a day of service. From preparing sandwiches and blessing bags for the homeless to crafting flower pens for nursing home residents, and from holding a book drive for children to creating handmade book marks, each class took on a service project of their own. SJE alumni and parents also worked together to assemble furniture pieces for the Furniture Bank of Metro Atlanta. Each participant carried the torch of service, continuing to be a light to the world! The legacy of our humble founders lives on in the heart of every student who walks the halls of SJE.





The Spirit of SJE

The rigorous academic and spiritual foundation that SJE is known for is grounded in our Catholic faith and celebrated throughout the year. Seventy years later, we continue to strive for excellence and we continue to soar! Traditions both big and small ground us in our mission of keeping Jesus in the center as we form courageous and compassionate leaders.



2nd Grade May Crowning



PreK Guardian Angels



Kindergarten Saints



8th Grade Stations of the Cross



Kindergarten & 8th Grade Buddies



Aladdin Jr. the Musical



Multicultural Mass



3rd Grade Play



Graduation



Running On Wings Like Eagles

The 22nd annual SJE Race for Education was a resounding success, featuring 270 energetic student runners who ran on wings like eagles to raise money for their school.

Thanks to the incredible generosity of the friends and family of SJE, we not only met but surpassed our fundraising goal of \$45,000, ultimately raising a total of over \$49,000! These contributions directly benefit educational programs and initiatives at SJE, making a significant impact on our school and its students.

We also extend our gratitude to our very first race sponsors. Our students proudly wore these sponsor logos on the back of their shirts for all to see. Thank you for supporting SJE and contributing to the success of our event.



Morrow
Family
Dentistry





STEM at SJE

St. John the Evangelist School has begun preparations to apply for **STEM Certification** through **Cognia**, an organization that provides accreditation and certification for educational institutions. This certification process will allow us to reflect on how our STEM program has evolved and to celebrate the progress we've made in creating a strong culture of STEM learning.

STEM, which stands for *science, technology, engineering, and mathematics*, is at the heart of our mission to prepare students for a rapidly changing world. Over the years, our program has grown from shared iPad carts to a one-to-one device model, where every student now has access to a Chromebook or iPad. These tools empower students to research, create, and collaborate effectively.

Our **science curriculum** emphasizes hands-on investigations and real-world applications. Students are encouraged to demonstrate their understanding through meaningful, authentic connections to the world around them. One example of this is our partnership with **Fulton County 4-H Clubs**, through which we are transforming our school garden into a thriving **learning garden**, connecting science concepts to agriculture, ecology, and sustainability.

The **Engineering Design Process** is another key component of our STEM program and is integrated across all subject areas. Students engage in creative problem-solving challenges—such as designing tools to help keep track of pencils, building boats to help storybook characters escape an island, or creating 3D-printed models of snowflakes. These activities foster innovation, critical thinking, and collaboration.

Through this certification journey, St. John the Evangelist reaffirms its commitment to continuous improvement and excellence in STEM education. We are proud of how far we've come and look forward to the next steps in our growth as a STEM-certified school.



With abundant gratitude, we wish to thank ALL of the donors listed in our 2024-2025 Annual Report. Every effort has been made to ensure that the list of all who made a gift between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025 is accurate. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs. Ashley Ward at AWard@sjecs.net.



At SJE, we celebrate 70 years of excellence thanks to our students, our teachers, our administration and the steadfast support of our families and donors. Whether through a one time donation or a monthly pledge, giving to the Eagle Fund supports so many things at SJE from enriching academic programs to covering operational costs and so much more. Every gift to the Eagle Fund supports the mission of SJE. Thank you!

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St. John the Evangelist Society

\$250-\$499

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Up to \$49

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Affiliation Key A = Alumni • AP = Alumni Parent • B = Business • C = Community Partner • F/S = Faculty/Staff

FF/S = Former Faculty/Staff • GP = Grandparent • P = Parent



Giving Tuesday is an opportunity for SJE alumni, family, and friends to give to organizations that matter to them. We sincerely appreciate your ongoing and steadfast support of our mission here at St. John the

Evangelist Catholic School. Donations from this year's campaign have contributed significantly to campus improvement projects and enhanced community visibility. A heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone who participated in this year's campaign. Mark your calendars for the next Giving Tuesday on December 2, 2025!

Blue Ribbon Donor

\$250+

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\$150-\$249

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\$25-\$49

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Happy Grandparents Day!



Hapeville Butterfly Parade





The Georgia GOAL Scholarship Program offers an incredible opportunity for individuals and businesses to make a meaningful difference in the lives of students by

providing access to education for those who may not afford it otherwise. By donating to GOAL, Georgia taxpayers can enjoy a 100% state income tax credit, while also directly funding tuition assistance for students wishing to attend St. John the Evangelist Catholic School.

Below is a list of individuals and businesses that have made contributions to St. John School. We sincerely appreciate these generous gifts. If you're interested in learning more about becoming a GOAL scholarship donor, please reach out to Ashley Ward at award@sjecs.net for further information.

Marylyn Adamski
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Scholarships

Scholarship funds and donations make a Catholic education more affordable for families in need of financial assistance and provide the opportunity for a child to experience an exceptional academic and spiritual foundation.

On behalf of the families of SJE, we extend our deepest gratitude to all those who support the scholarships listed here as well as SJE's general scholarship fund. Thank you for your constant generosity and support.

Anonymous

The George and Mary Kremer Foundation
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Wanstreet Scholarship Fund

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The Williamson Family

St. Katherine Drexel Scholarship- Anonymous

If you would like to make a donation towards a scholarship, please contact Ashley Ward at AWard@sjecs.net for more information.



Above and Beyond

70 years is worth celebrating and our Annual SJE Jubilee Auction Event offered the perfect platform to bring families, alumni and the SJE school community together to raise funds for the future. The theme of the evening was 'SJE Through the Decades' and attendees came dressed for the occasion in their favorite decade attire. Live performances by our talented students took guests back in time with music from decades past. The atmosphere was exciting as attendees engaged in competitive bidding for an array of unique items and experiences. The live auction showcased high-quality, grade-level artwork, featuring colorful decade themed art pieces crafted by our students. This ignited spirited bidding wars, especially for those in their final year as SJE parents. Wonderful experiences, ranging from vacations to local adventures, further enhanced the enthusiasm. Our goal was to raise \$40,000, but the community that gathered for this year's Jubilee helped to raise over \$57,000! Thank you for going above and beyond to support this fundraising effort!

The success of the Jubilee Auction Event is a testament to the dedication and generosity of all those who support our mission of forming courageous and compassionate leaders for the future. From our ten event sponsors, to the businesses who donated goods and services, to those who attended this wonderful event—thank you for playing a part in making this event a success.

We hope you'll join us for our next Jubilee event on March 7th, 2026. Please email sjejubilee@sjecs.net if you are interested in sponsoring the event or donating items for the auction.



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Legacy Sponsors (\$2500 Donation)

Cranford Realty (SJE Family)
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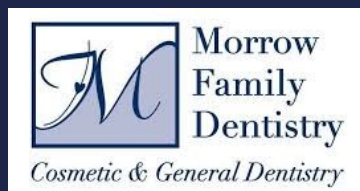


Leadership Sponsors (\$1000 Donation)

Caritas Medical Center (SJE Family)
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Caritas Medical Center

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LOCAL BUSINESSES & FAMILIES

1st Place Spiritwear
Alliance Theatre
Anwuli Eyewear (SJE Alumni Business)
Atlanta Botanical Gardens
Atlanta History Center
Atlanta Prestige Masonry (Current SJE Family)
Atlanta Track Club
Atlanta Vibe Volleyball
Beat the Bomb
Brass Tap – Hapeville
Chattanooga Riverboat Cruise
College Park Golf Course
College Park Skyhawks
Crown Security
Delong Delish
Hapeville Dwarf House
Hapeville Rec Center
High Museum of Art
G & E Studios
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Johnny's Pizza - Hapeville (SJE Alumni Family)
Legacy Theatre
Locos Tacos
Longino Lawn Care (SJE Alumni Business)
Ruby Falls
Schlotzsky's Deli
Six Flags Over Georgia
Sombreros Mexican Cantina
St. Mary's Academy
St. Pius X High School
Tellus Science Museum
Tiny Saints
The VanMeter Family (SJE Alumni Family)
Volare
Wild Animal Safari
Wild Adventures Theme Park
Your Pie – Hapeville



New Horizons

Our 2024-2025 School year culminated with the retirement of 3 veteran teachers, Mrs. Carolyn Triana (PreK), Mrs. Kristi Wilczynski (Kindergarten) and Ms. Bron Wolfe (Media Specialist). The entire SJE community—students, parents, faculty and staff—have been blessed both academically and spiritually by the knowledge and faith these teachers have imparted. As they begin the next adventure in their lives, we pray for God's constant guidance and protection over them and wish them well.



With Love...

Our SJE family experienced great loss this school year with the passing of 2 former SJE faculty/staff members, Mrs. Janice Jones and Mrs. Jean Challenger. For many years, Mrs. Jones was the Instructional Aide in 2nd Grade and notably kept everyone, including Mrs. Talamini and Mrs. Emefo, well organized. Labels and Post-it notes were her favorite school supplies and according to Mrs. Jones, everything had its place. Her thoughtfulness extended far beyond the classroom as she regularly provided delicious home cooked delights for various school events. Her cheerfulness and warmth are dearly missed. Our beloved, Mrs. Challenger worked as an aide during ESP and patiently taught many students how to crochet after school. After she retired, her steadfast love for SJE was still evident as she regularly asked about the students of SJE when she ran into former co-workers at Mass. She even requested a copy of the school yearbook each spring so she could keep the students in her prayers. These two remarkable women hold a place forever in our hearts.



Remembering Chase



SJE also mourned the loss of SJE alum, Chase Stegall (SJE Class of 2017). Chase had just completed his sophomore year at DePaul University where he was a model student both on and off the soccer field. In the spring prior to his high school graduation, Chase made a point to visit SJE. He is remembered for his tremendous strength of character. His smile could light up any room and his passion for life was immense. Over the summer, SJE held a candlelight vigil honoring Chase. Many SJE alumni, faculty, staff and families gathered to mourn and remember this remarkable young man who inspired so many. For those who had the privilege of knowing Chase, he will forever be remembered as a powerful and passionate young man.



Taking Flight

It fills our hearts with pride and joy when we receive a visit from SJE alum or hear great news about them. We would love to hear from you. Please send your updates to office@sjecs.net.



Megan Malasarte & Kevin Schilling
Engaged!



Katie, Anna, & David Wilczynski
Welcome Katie's daughter, Parker!



Alexandre Grand'Pierre—Olympic Swimmer



Current SJE student,
Bella Whitt, and
her brother,
Jude Ogundipe
(SJE Class of 2017)



Alumni Mass

A range of friendly and familiar faces gathered at our annual Alumni Mass. Celebrating 70 years of excellence made this year's event momentous.



2024-2025 Financial Review

Where We Receive Funding

Tuition & Fees	\$2,273,671
Tuition Assistance & Scholarships	
Archdiocesan	\$405,000
Local Aid	\$64,076
GOAL Scholars	\$75,436
Multi-Student Discount Grant	\$100,000
Student Services	
Extended School Program	\$191,948
Miscellaneous	\$29,633
Development	\$147,770
Home & School	\$1,565
Investments	
Savings	\$61,359
Common Fund	\$18,333
Endowments	\$214,407
Other Income	
Refunds/Reimb from Prior Years	\$9,539
Total Revenue	\$3,592,737

How Funds Are Utilized

Salaries & Benefits	\$2,588,652
Professional Development	\$1,712
Instructional Technology	\$171,575
Student Services	
Extended School Program	\$59,779
Miscellaneous	\$22,296
Development	\$20,621
Home & School	\$5,482
Facilities	\$288,062
Admin & General	\$62,293
Total Expenses	\$3,322,157
Net Revenue/Future Capital Improvements*	\$270,580

* The YTD income includes refunds, reimbursements and grants received outside of the normal operations. Excess revenue was transferred to savings and capital improvement accounts to provide funds for future improvements and repairs.

Cost to Educate	\$12,939
Average Tuition	\$10,420
Shortfall/Gap	(\$2,519)

Fundraising events like the Eagle Fund, Race For Education and SJE Jubilee help to close the gap between the actual cost to educate and the average tuition. **Every donation YOU make counts.**
Thank you for your generosity!



Chasity Le
SJE Representative
Archdiocesan Spelling Bee



Science Olympiad Team
1st Place in Region



Battle of the Books Winners



Madelena Tran
3rd Place
Archdiocesan Oratorical



Ms. Heather Beck—Employee of the Year



Our legacy of excellence continues...

Please save the date and join us for one or *all* of the following events!

Christmas Musical - December 18, 2025

SJE Jubilee Auction Event - March 7, 2026

Peter Pan Jr. the Musical - April 24-25, 2026

Alumni Mass & SJE Field Day - May 8, 2026



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If you're in the area, we hope you'll stop by to say 'hello'.

