



St. John the Evangelist Catholic School

ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024





Dear SJE Family and Friends,

It is with heartfelt gratitude and **joy** that I present to you this Annual Report of Gifts for the 2023-24 school year, a testament to your generosity. I invite you to peruse the pages that follow for some highlights from the past school year. You will see the tangible impact of your gifts, from scholarships that open doors to deserving students to new programs to enhance our curriculum. As we begin our **70th year**, steeped in a rich legacy of excellence, we continue timeless traditions while embracing new adventures.

SJE represents the very best in Catholic education. Our student body reflects the world, and we celebrate the beautiful diversity within our family. With Jesus in the center of all we do, our students **thrive**, at SJE and beyond, as they excel academically, show sportsmanship on the sports fields, and share their abundant gifts through the arts. Faculty and staff share their expertise and demonstrate an unwavering commitment to the success of every student. As a school family, we embody the deep sense of community and joyful service that reflect our Catholic values.

We could not accomplish this worthy work without **YOU!** It is the steadfast dedication of the entire SJE family, near and far, that supports the legacy of excellence for which we are so well known. We thank you for your generous support of the worthy mission of SJE. May God continue to bless you and the work of your hands.

If you haven't visited SJE in a while, we invite you to do so! Many areas on campus enjoyed a 'makeover' in the past few years. Start in the cafeteria, check out the new desks and chairs in the classrooms, the newly renovated Media Center, the outdoor classroom space in the Vogtner Plaza, and the the new basketball court on the field.

Peace & prayers,

Bernadette Boisis

Bernadette Boisis

Principal



2023-2024 Advisory Council

Luis Bonilla III (Chair)
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Mission Statement

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.



Multicultural Mass & Culture Night



The
JOY
of
SJE!



Kindergarten Saints
with Bishop Tran



Spirit Days



8th Grade Window Exhibition



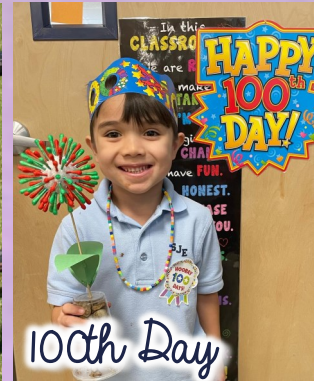
Bubble Lab



Dirt Lab



Solar Eclipse



100th Day



2nd Grade First Eucharist
& May Crowning



Vocations



Field Day 2024



The Kindness Club

Sensational Sports & Fabulous Fine Arts

This was SJE's first year participating in the Catholic Metro Sports League and our Volleyball, Cross Country and Basketball teams played their hearts out! We even added a 5th grade boys basketball team and they finished the season undefeated! SJE's Fine Arts Department also took its performances to the next level with Matilda Jr. the Musical. Under the direction of Mrs. Ashley Broadwater and Mrs. Fracena Byrd, students were double cast for two unique performances and some even played more than one role. We are proud of our sports teams and theater group and can't wait to see what the next season brings in athletics and fine arts.



Happy Feet!

SJE's Race for Education is one of our longest running and most time honored fundraising traditions. Students don their fastest sneakers and run laps with their fellow classmates. Sponsors donate, music plays, fans cheer and feet run lap after lap—all for the love of our amazing school!

With happy hearts, we thank all the friends and family members who sponsored our students and donated to our Race for Education this year.



\$43,183 raised

\$96 average donation

448 donors

8th Grade led the school in donations

Grace Scholars

How do you define a WIN-WIN? At SJE, we define a win-win in two words: GRACE Scholars. Our students win because those in financial need are awarded scholarship funds allowing them to attend an outstanding private school like SJE. Our donors win because they direct their tax dollars to an organization and a cause they believe in.

Thank you, GRACE donors! You are all winners in our book!

Any individual or business wishing to contribute to this tax credit program please contact Ashley Ward at AWard@sjecs.net for more information.

Ms. Marylyn Adamski
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6 Anonymous Donors

With overflowing gratitude, we wish to thank ALL of the donors listed in our 2023-2024 Annual Report. Every effort has been made to ensure that the list of all who made a gift between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024 is accurate. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs. Ashley Ward at AWard@sjecs.net.

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.

Wanstreet Endowment - Rheda and Robert Wanstreet Scholarship Fund

McLeroy Scholarship - Conrads Family Education Fund

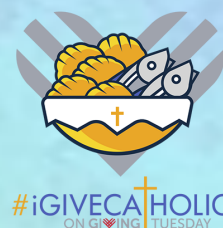
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The George and Mary Kremer Foundation

Tim Williamson Memorial Scholarship - The Williamson Family

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

Giving Tuesday is a day for #iGiveCatholic to bring out the best in the SJE alumni, family and friends! Thank you for your continued and loyal support of our mission!



Blue Ribbon Donor **\$250+**

Anonymous Donor
Ha Le & Thu Nguyen
Fr. Nicholas Le

Leadership Donor **\$150-\$249** Vivian Vu

Scholarship Donor **\$100-\$149**

Anonymous Donor
Deborah Lum
Truc Mai
Tabitha Mayhew
Hugo Sanchez
Tu Tran
Kathy Van Meter
Cecil and Ashley Ward

Eagle Donor **\$1-\$99**

Charlotte Tirado-Rivera



SJE rejoices in one thing most private schools can't touch—winning the distinguished National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence award **three** times without requiring a prestigious price. This isn't possible without YOU - the incredible donors to the Eagle Fund! You help us keep the lights on, run the water, compensate our phenomenal faculty and staff, and pave the way for the real winners - the students.

Circle of Saints

\$1000-\$2499

Sam Brown F/S
Justin & Christa Castile A, P,
AP, F/S
Leo Do & Thanh Trang Pham P
F.E. Huggins Memorial Fund
Stephen & Dana Gicale P
Michael Misale C
Andrew Nelson &
Leah Gladu P
Leo & Vera Ovadjie P, AP
Clifford & Tracey Sams P
Richard & Merrilyn Vogtner A

Sisters of Mercy Society

\$500-\$999

Kenneth & Deanna Carlson
AP, F/S
Brendan & Melinda Dalton P
John Ferguson A
Ha Le & Thu Nguyen P
Michael Nguyen &
Minh Trang Le P, AP
Fidelia Osinubi P
W. Keith & Tabitha Ramsey P
Sombrosos Mexican Cantina
LLC B
John & Karen Vogtner A, AP,
GP, FF/S
Chan & Thanh Vu P
Cecil & Ashley Ward A, P, F/S

St. John the Evangelist Society

\$250-\$499

Jessica Collet P
Lawrence Dalton P
Flynn O'Hara Uniforms, Inc.B
Greg & Janice Jones AP, FF/S
Bethany Ketchen P
Macah Spinks & Chiatne
McFarland-Spinks P
Hoa Nuguen & My Vu P, AP
Peace of Mind Psychiatric B, P
Publix Partners B
Tho Quach & Phuong Nguyen
P, AP
Jeanne Rast AP, F/S, GP
Your Pie Hapeville B
Tu Tran & Mu Trang P
Charles & Anne-Lise Walker P
Jeffrey Woolums AP

Scholars Council

\$100-\$249

Mark & Dana Abraham P
Heather Beck F/S
Bernadette Boisis AP, F/S
Luis Bonilla &
Charlotte Tirado-Rivera P, AP
Ashley Broadwater F/S
Sidney Brown C
Cong Bui & Truc Mai P, AP
Trungtin Bui &
Phuong Pham P
Kimberly Burgess F/S
Angela Bush F/S
Stanley Chutkhan &
Christene Facey-Chutkhan P
Donatien Cicura P
Dion David P
Carlo &
Adrienne DeCesare P
Robert & Tashwanda Dixon P
Jasper & Cynthia Jewell P
Terry Edwards A, AP, F/S
Vanessa English GP
Artemio & Jessielyn Faypon P
Annemarie Fisher A, F/S
Dustin & Heather Foreman P
Gerald &
Kimberly Funderburk P
Patricia Galindo AP, F/S
Bethany Geist P, F/S
Kelly & Erica Guthrie P
Conrad Herrera &
Maria Loreda-Vazquez P, AP
Jason's Deli B
Cheryl Jones F/S
Kona Ice B
Nga Le P, AP
Nhien Le P
Virda Lester GP
Javier Martinez &
Ivania Hernandez P, AP
Don & Camille May P
Hayley Newman P, F/S
Thanh & Anhthu Nguyen P
Loc Nguyen & Linh Vu P
Lakisha Parker P
Tesfayohannes Petros &
Askale Asghedom P
Vu Phan & Dung Hoang P
Mary Rose Rague F/S
Mark & Anna Roach P
Karen Rorabaugh AP, F/S
Virginia Schilling FF/S, AP, GP
Marcus &
Michelle Skrzypek P, F/S

Joyann Spangler FF/S
Kiet & Phuong Ta P
Katie Talamini F/S
Yasmin Taylor AP, F/S
Hao Tran & Tram Phan P
Hung & Tram Tran P
Huy & Ni Tran P
Hien & Khuong Tran P
Tue Tran & Ngoc Phan P
Carolyn Triana AP, F/S
Katie Vo P
Mary Weaver AP, F/S
Kristin Wilczynski AP, F/S
Bronwyn Wolfe AP, F/S
Jeff &
Monica Woodson P, AP, F/S

Eagle Circle

\$50-\$99

Ranjan & Sofie Avasthi P
William & Terrica Gupton P
Jombo & Lynda Ibe P
Alicia Kelly P
Kimani King &
Cynthia Lester P
Kroger Community Rewards C
Phuc Ly & Loan Vu P, AP
Bruce &
Tabitha Mayhew A, P
Giulianna Muschi F/S
Phuong & Phuoc Nguyen P
Huy Phan & Yen Tran P
Phap Pham &
ThuHong Nguyen P
Zac & Venus Price A, AP, F/S
Jared Rivera & Aixa Berrios P
Juan Rivera &
Yazmin Arredondo P
Sabrina Simms P

Blue & White Club

Up to \$50

Daniel Alvarado &
Maria Don Juan Gomez P
Anonymous
Ivana Anthony P
Beth Bauer F/S
John Beliard &
Valerie Rouse Beliard P
Justin & Leya Black P
Boxtops for Education C
Douglass & Nza Branton P
Rico & Danielle Brunson P
Claudia Campbell P

Lucas Carlson A, F/S
Ana Carrillo P
Christina Clements A, AP, F/S
Juan Criollo C
William & Erika DuCloux P
Nathan & Aubrey Dyer P
Anita Emefo AP, F/S
John Ettinger &
Natasha Yamaoka P
Christopher Faulkner &
Theresa Ma P
Azael Flores &
Maria Acosta P, AP
Eric Frazier P
Adrian &
Traci Gibson P
Romero &
Kelley Graham P, AP
Guillermina Gutierrez P
Anthony Hale A, P
Krystle Hargrove P
Krista Hicks P
Dominique Hill P, A
Quintavius Hill P
Jeremy & Frances Jackson P
Troy & Nicole Jenkins P
Patrice Leflore P
William &
Sandra Maldonado P
Julie Mateus P
Ryan & Lisa McGinnis A, P
Geraldine Medina F/S
Sanchez Minor &
Shane Travers-Minor P
Gabriel & Nineshia
Mont-Reynaud P, AP
Kirk & Alexandria Morris P
Clifton & Sharita Moulton P
An Nguyen AP
Loc Nguyen & Diem Trinh Le P
Giang Phan & Trang Nguyen P
Tuan Phan & Hong Thai P
Ronald Ross & Taray Blake P
Teresa Sandolph AP, F/S
Pablo Santiago &
Vivian Trujillo P
Greg & Kelly Scibona P, AP
Kevin Johnson & Erica
Shumpert Johnson P, AP
Zac & Krystal Vogtner A, P
Trinh Vu P
Charles Walton &
Belen Gutter- Walton P
Matt & Jill Williams A, P
Sue Yarber F/S

JOYFUL Jubilee

We are overjoyed to announce that our Jubilee Auction Event in April 2024 was our most successful yet! We exceeded our goal and **raised \$51,000!** This is all thanks to our incredible sponsors, donors and attendees!

Not only were SJE students in attendance, they introduced their own class artwork, played games, and gave their parents and grandparents some insider tips on the best items up for bid in the silent auction. The excitement in the air was truly tangible and the families and friends of SJE made it a night we'll never forget! We hope you can join us for next year's event on March 1, 2025!



SJE JUBILEE SPONSORS

LEGACY SPONSORS \$2500



LEADERSHIP SPONSORS \$1000



EAGLE SPONSORS \$750



Local Business Donors

1st Place Spiritwear
 Academy Theatre
 Alliance Theatre
 Atlanta Botanical Gardens
 Atlanta History Center
 Atlanta Prestige Masonry
 (Current SJE Family)
 Atlanta Print Makers
 Beat the Bomb
 Best Western Atlanta Airport East
 Beyond the Lens
 Bowlero
 Center for Puppetry Arts
 Chapman Drug Company
 Chattanooga Riverboat Cruise
 College Park Skyhawks
 Corner Tavern - Hapeville
 Creative Discovery Museum
 Crest Liquor Store
 Fun Spot America - Fayetteville
 Georgia Institute of Technology
 Georgia Renaissance Festival
 Georgia State University
 Hapeville Dwarf House
 Hapeville Rec Center
 High Museum of Art
 J & L Jewelers
 (Current SJE Family)
 J & R Clothing
 Johnny's Pizza - Hapeville
 (Current SJE Family)
 Junior's Pizza - Hapeville
 Kennesaw State University
 Kupcakerie
 Legacy Theatre
 Macon Bacon Baseball Team
 Morrow Family Dentistry (Current
 SJE Family)
 Ruby Falls
 S & S Fire Pits
 Sammy Cheezecake
 Sing, Sing Suites
 Six Flags Over Georgia
 Sombreros Mexican Cantina
 St. Mary's Academy
 St. Pius X High School
 Sweet Moments
 Tellus Science Museum
 Top Golf
 Wild Adventures Theme Park
 Willy's Mexican Grill
 Wonder Works Panama City
 Yellow River Wildlife Sanctuary
 Your Pie - Hapeville
 Zoo Atlanta

SJE Donor Families & Friends

Susan Bailey
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 Ada Ngoddy
 Ha Le & Thu Nguyen
 Keith & Tabitha Ramsey
 Bill & Tammy Ruppel
 Hien & Khuong Tran
 Kathy Van Meter
 Cecil & Ashley Ward
 Pre-K Class Parents
 Kindergarten Class Parents
 1st Grade Class Parents
 2nd Grade Class Parents
 3rd Grade Class Parents
 4th Grade Class Parents
 5th Grade Class Parents
 Middle School Parents



Scattering **KINDNESS** like confetti!



allowing Him to guide her steps in leadership, scholarship and most especially joyful service to others. To know Ms. Boisis is to witness a humble, kind, passionate Catholic educator. She attended Catholic schools as a child and always felt God's gentle voice calling her to work in the field of Catholic education. She began her years at SJE over 20 years ago as a summer camp counselor and her passions grew from there. Ms. Boisis enjoyed years as SJE's guidance counselor before beginning a family of her own. While raising an incredible son, she also raised the bar professionally, becoming the Admissions Director and then Assistant Principal of SJE. In 2020, as Mrs. Vogtner announced her retirement as principal of SJE, she confidently entrusted leadership of the school to Ms. Boisis and SJE rose to amazing new heights!

During her tenure as principal, Ms. Boisis spearheaded countless academic and spiritual initiatives all while skillfully guiding our school community through a global pandemic. She planned each school year around a meaningful theme and infused it into every aspect of school life. Academically, our students excelled beyond national standards as she implemented FLEX testing and IXL math skills enrichment, as well as peer tutoring and mentoring. She strategically spent grant money and outfitted our entire school with brand new furnishings in the classrooms, the cafeteria, the science lab and even outdoors! Each goal Ms. Boisis pursued for SJE was intentional. She ensured that every gift from our generous donors was utilized in ways that maximized impact in the areas that mattered most. Without a doubt, our school has been richly blessed by the leadership of Ms. Boisis.

Confetti has a way of sticking around long after the celebration is over. The academic and spiritual joy Ms. Boisis scattered throughout her years at SJE will be remembered forever.



Library **LOVE**



When Kathy Van Meter walked in the doors of SJE as a volunteer library aide almost 30 years ago, there was no telling where her life's path would lead. The year was 1994, and Mrs. Van Meter's oldest daughter, Mary,

entered St. John School in 5th grade along with her son James in 2nd grade. At that time the library was located in a double-wide trailer on the soccer field and the space was shared with the 8th grade class. As life would have it, SJE's librarian retired, inspiring Kathy to pursue her masters degree and become the media specialist at SJE. In her early years at SJE, a generous grant from the Goizueta Foundation made the dream of a new library space possible. Kathy was boldly instrumental in transforming the library from a trailer to the media center we have today. She not only created a space for shelves upon shelves of great books, she created a home where everyone felt Important and most of all welcome.

Some of Mrs. Van Meter's fondest memories include growing the tradition of competitive reading with the annual Archdiocesan Battle of the Books and managing the Safety Patrols and Leadership Retreat. She still travels with Ms. Wolfe and SJE's teams to the Battle of the Books competition and enjoys every minute of it! Safety Patrols also earned a special place in her heart. She became the faculty supervisor for the patrols and sold Chick-Fil-A biscuits every Wednesday to raise funds for a Leadership Retreat at the end of the school year as a way to show her appreciation for our student leaders. This tradition continues to this day!

Kathy retired as SJE's Media Specialist in 2016, but couldn't stay away for long. She loves SJE so much that she regularly volunteers in the media center! Thank you, Kathy Van Meter, for opening so many hearts to a love for reading and for challenging our students to be their best selves.



Another **ADVENTURE** awaits

SJE's 8th Grade Class of 2020 graduated from high school in May. Their last year at SJE was an unusual adventure unlike any they may ever

experience. With our world on pause and schools closed, they did not get to experience a traditional SJE graduation. They did, however, experience a high school graduation and are off to colleges near and far. Join us in covering them with prayer as they begin their next great adventure. May God bless them abundantly and keep them always in His care.

Georgia Institute of Technology

Soncerá Adams
Nathan Tran

Georgia State University

Penny Dang
Diego Martinez
Daniel Nguyen
Travis Nguyen
Tiffany Quach
Micah Rorabaugh

Georgia Southern University

Maya Garcia-Veurink

Florida A & M University

Brennan Baudy
Ava Elmore
Sydney Hill

Boston College

Alfredo Cortes Argueta

Louisiana State University

Shawn Brown

Valdosta State University

Brian Ekpenyong

University of West Georgia

Hayden Forbes-Johnson
John Wheeler

University of Tampa

Cece Hale

University of Alabama

Justice Henry

Florida State University

Skyler Jatio

Spelman College

Kennedy Johnson

Kennesaw State University

Caleb Kadree-Small
Brent Ooten
Tasha Tran
Jeffrey Woodson

University of Georgia

Thien Nguyen

University of Alabama (Huntsville)

Kosi Obidegwu

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Laura/Zammy Okoli

Syracuse University

Gabby Ovadje

Rice University

Camille Quarterman

Morehouse College

David Riley

Loyola University Marymount

Ryan Simmons

North Carolina A&T

Nyla Turner

Howard University

Kai Turnley

University of North Georgia

Franklin Vo

Wellesley College

Jackie Vu

Oglethorpe University

Abby Wheeler





Legendary Legacy

During Catholic Schools Week at the end of January 2024, SJE hosted a legacy dinner celebrating the rich history and vibrant future of our school. From generation to generation, these families have experienced firsthand the rewards of a Catholic education and keep their families coming back for more. Continuing our legacy of excellence, with Jesus as the source and summit of our academic and spiritual growth, prepares us for courageous and compassionate leadership in our family, in our school and in our world.

2023-2024 Financial Review

Where We Receive Funding

Tuition & Fees	\$2,262,358
Tuition Assistance & Scholarships	
Archdiocesan	\$375,000
Local Aid	\$67,379
GRACE Scholars	\$68,040
Multi-Student Discount Grant	\$101,275
Student Services	
Extended School Program	\$189,767
Miscellaneous	\$26,736
Development	\$145,943
Home & School	\$8,290
Investments	
Savings	\$52,418
Common Fund	\$21,468
Endowments	\$181,223
Other Income	
Refunds/Reimb from Prior Years	\$15,956
Total Revenue	\$3,515,852

How Funds Are Utilized

Salaries & Benefits	\$2,417,072
Professional Development	\$4,556
Instructional Technology	\$107,362
	\$114,151
Student Services	
Extended School Program	\$60,266
Miscellaneous	\$20,105
Development	\$17,100
Home & School	\$10,088
Facilities	\$339,994
Admin & General	\$51,418
Total Expenses	\$3,142,112
Net Revenue/Future Capital Improvements*	\$373,741

* 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	\$12,564
Average Tuition	\$9,998
Shortfall/Gap	(\$2,566)

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!

Awards and Accolades

Battle of the Books



3rd Grade wins 1st Place



Christopher Aderinola
Division Winner @
First Cross Country Meet



Dean Ettinger
Archdiocesan
Spelling Bee Winner

Samantha Graham
Archdiocesan
Oratorical Finalist



7th Grade wins 1st Place



5th Grade Boys Basketball Team

Undeclared



4th Grade wins 2nd Place



Our beloved **Athletic Director and Office Aide, Monica Woodson**, was chosen by her colleagues as the **2023-2024 Employee of the Year for SJE**. Celebrating this honor with her and pictured above are 4 other Employee of the Year recipients: Karen Rorabaugh (2021), Bernadette Boisis (2008), Venus Price (2014), Zac Price (2019)



8th Grade wins 2nd Place



At SJE, the JOY of the Lord is our strength,
and there is strength in our numbers.

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

Christmas Musical - December 19, 2024

Alumni Mass & Reception - January 17, 2025

SJE Jubilee Auction Event - March 1, 2025

Aladdin Jr. the Musical - March 28-29, 2025



Alumni Mass & Reception, January 2024

Please scan the QR code to update your contact information
so we can keep in touch. We love seeing our alumni.
If you're in the area, we hope you'll stop by to say 'hello'.



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