

# ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL JACKSONVILLE BEACH



Three Year Report

August 2016

Dear Parents and Friends of St. Paul's Catholic School,

As we begin my fourth year as principal at SPCS, it is time to reflect and evaluate our last three years. I hope that this three-year report provides a snapshot of our growth and success. A similar document was presented to the Florida Catholic Conference in November, 2015 as a follow up to our 2012 accreditation. Please review this report for an update regarding financial allocations, facility improvements and opportunities provided for SPCS students. I am proud of our accomplishments over the course of these three years. This was accomplished through the wonderful collaboration and hard work of our PTA, Carnival, Dad's club, outstanding faculty, and incredible support from our Pastors.

St. Paul's Catholic School is a ministry of the St. Paul's parish community that walks with children and their families, providing both faith formation and a challenging academic program. As you review this report, I am sure you will see that the school is a tremendous asset to our parish as well as a source of pride for our community.

It is truly an honor to serve as principal and I look forward to our future with great excitement. Thank you to each and every parent for your ongoing support.

In Christ,

Krissy Thompson

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*The last three years have seen many changes...facility up-grades, technology up-grades, security up-grades, a focus on leadership opportunities for students, expansion in extra curricular activities, and more opportunities to be living examples of the faith based life.*

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Fourth Grade Field Trip to St. Augustine

## A Snapshot of our School

### *Who are we?*

St. Paul's Catholic School in Jacksonville Beach, FL has a tradition of inspiring faith and excellence in students for over 65 years and offers a fully accredited, affordable education for children of all faiths. We currently have 605 students in grades PreK-4 through eighth grade. Approximately 30 children are in each class, with two classes of each grade level. PreK-4 classes are capped at 20.

A new offering is our Kindergarten Prep grade level, a year between PreK-4 and Kindergarten. It serves our summer birthday students and offers them the gift of time. We all also offer an Early Learning Center for children 18 months to three years.

St. Paul's was selected as a Blue Ribbon School in 2011. This status is now permanent.

St. Paul's implements the Stephen Covey Seven Habits of Highly Effective Students and has introduced "The Leader and Me" program throughout all grade levels.

Parent involvement and parish support is a vital component to our success. Our school is a family and our parents are key to our success. Our events have become a legacy for several generations.

St. Paul's Catholic School provides a superior education in a secure and stimulating, faith-based environment that encourages the spiritual, academic, social, and physical development of each individual child.

### **St. Paul's Students**

- ◆ Rank in the top 10% on National Achievement Test
- ◆ Won State and Regional awards for academics and sports.
- ◆ Won multiple divisional championships in basketball, volleyball, soccer, softball and cross country in the last few years.
- ◆ Are well-prepared for the academic and social challenges of transitioning into both public and private high schools. Diocesan statistics confirm that 99% of our Catholic School students will graduate from high school, 98% will go on to college,

### **St. Paul's Teachers**

- ◆ Are Florida-certified teachers, 12 with graduate degrees
- ◆ View their teaching as a ministry
- ◆ Average 17 years of teaching experience
- ◆ Utilize teaching assistants in the classroom (Pre-K-4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade)
- ◆ Strive to continuously improve their craft, attending over 1,500 hours of professional development annually.

St. Paul's Honor Society  
students help fill the food pan-  
try at Catholic Charities.

## Graduates of St. Paul's Catholic School are...



### Faith Filled Catholics who:

- Understand and practice the foundations and theology of the Catholic Church
- Apply the principles of Catholic Social Teaching and make good moral decision based on Gospel values
- Hold themselves to higher ethical, moral and social standards
- Form a personal faith-filled relationship with God through prayer, worship and stewardship

### 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learners who:

- Pursue life-long physical, social, emotional and intellectual wellness
- Utilize the seven habits to set and achieve goals
- Apply the four "C"s to problem solving-: critical thinking, collaboration, creativity, and communication
- Appreciate diversity in our global community
- Love and respect the Arts, Literature, Music, and Drama.

### Responsible Students who:

- Meet and exceed academic expectations
- Use technology ethically and effectively
- Publish original work
- Demonstrate personal accountability in all actions

### Effective Communicators who:

- Clearly communicate ideas in variety of methods
- Participate, collaborate and lead in group settings

### Respectful People who:

- Respond positively to cultural differences
- Care for themselves and others especially the less fortunate

# A THREE-YEAR REVIEW

## Improvements

### **Facility Upgrades:**

New Front Lobby and Entrance

Landscaping

Media Centers: The HUB and The POD

New functional Front Office

Signage throughout campus

Updated symbols of faith throughout building

Renovate Middle School Science lab/department

Gymnasium Renovation: floor, roof, bleachers, stage, walls

New water fountains providing filtered water and access to refill reusable bottles.

Renovation of school store to additional classroom for academic coach

Complete Playground Renovation



### **Security Upgrades:**

Lobby Double Door entrance system with receptionist

Upgraded security cameras throughout campus

Upgraded lighting throughout campus

### **Leadership:**

Leadership roles for every students

Student led academic leader recognition events.

Student led service and stewardship events

Peer Leadership

Seven Habit Parent Nights

Leadership quotes throughout the school

Personal plans for behavioral and academic growth

Student led parent-teacher conferences



### **21<sup>st</sup> Century Students:**

Expanded extracurricular opportunities: The God Squad, Robotics, Stem for Girls

Expanded forms of assessment: movie making, prezis, Living Museum, mock trials, Shakespeare in the Round, etc.

Expanded academic competitions: Geography Bee, Science Fair- Diocesan and NFFLEG, Robotics, Bishop Bowl, Brain Brawl

Six Traits Writing Curriculum integration at all grade levels including common language and rubrics

### **Technology upgrades:**

Wi-Fi infrastructure throughout building

Ren web Parent Student Teacher Portals

Upgraded servers



Elementary and Middle school Media centers to replace the aging library

**Technology upgrades, continued:**

Apple TV in all classrooms

Electronic communications, forms, registration, FACTS Tuition collection, etc.

Technology integration at all grade levels

1:1 iPad initiative for middle school



**Other:**

Addition of a Transitional Kindergarten program (The Redshirts!)

education from age 18 months to 8<sup>th</sup> grade!

Additional Academic Coach on staff

Online Resources

Afterschool Homework Assistance

Incorporation of St. Paul's Preschool to the St. Paul's Early Learning Center...seamless Catholic education

**Faith in Action:**

The mission statement includes the commitment to Catholic identity and is very visible.

Religion classes are an integral part of the daily curriculum.

Faculty meet all diocesan requirements as Educational Catechists.

A standard of excellence in academic and intellectual formation in all subject areas

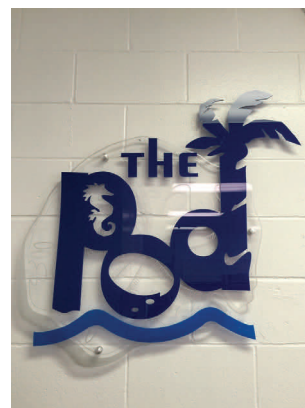
Student participation in parish and community service projects.

Liturgical celebrations including:

Stations of the Cross, May Crowning, Living Rosary, Reconciliation, and weekly school m

Daily prayer and prayer centers in every classroom

Student retreats and other spiritual experiences at all grade levels.



**Service to Community:**

Apple Dental Clinic project, Flip flops for the Philippines

St. Vincent de Paul toiletry drive, Thanksgiving baskets for StVdePaul

Adopting multiple families at Christmas, Sandwiches for Mission House

CSW food drive, Stocking the Pantry at Catholic Charities

Notre Dame food drive, Pablo towers visits- singing and visiting

Making valentines and Christmas cards for Pablo Towers residents

K9 for Warriors, Breast Cancer fundraisers

Toys for Wolfson's Hospital patients, Stocking St Vincent de Paul's closet

**Athletic Success:**

Competitive middle school teams representing our school in regional competition in five sports and cross country running, Diocesan Championships in several categories.

# Moving Forward:

- Faith formation in every student
- Meeting the needs of students as 21<sup>st</sup> century learners
- Continuation of campus safety upgrades
- 1:1 iPad Integration
- Building upon and celebrating our strengths
- Commitment to future growth and improvement of facilities, the educational program, and the parish.
- Increasing Latino enrollment
- Classrooms for our VPK
- Replace windows in school
- Alumni data base
- Better communications for new families
- Revamp Extended day program
- On-line Debit card system for cafeteria
- Additional foreign language offerings
- Coding, web design and Stem courses
- Increase Arts program
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade Mission Trip
- Update Science materials for all grades
- Create a community of inclusion for all students
- Locker room for gymnasium
- Paved parking in front of school
- Alumni outreach
- Increased involvement with Religious education and St. Paul's Youth Group

Help us grow, change and respond to the needs of our students.

Continual change and updating are planned, while celebrating and building our core values and traditions.

Join us, we value your input. Please offer ideas and suggestions for the future of St Paul's

# Financial Information

- Tuition and fees incurred a 3% increase annually over the last three years to offset the rising cost of operations.
- \$ 51, 500 was awarded in financial aid for the 2015-2016 school assisting our K-8 families. These families required assistance due to illness, job loss, and other financial hardships. We are so thankful that we were able to assist in continuing the Catholic education of these students. These funds are provided through the dedicated efforts of the annual golf tournament and other generous benefactors.
- We also accepted \$109,354 in Step Up for Students Scholarship funds in 2015-2016 assisting 28 students.

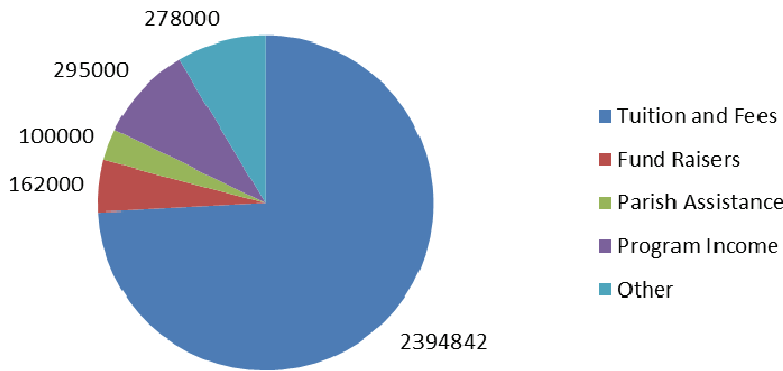


FUNDRAISERS INVOLVE OUR FAMILIES IN THE LIFE OF OUR SCHOOL AND PROVIDE A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF INCOME FOR THE SCHOOL. YOU ARE AN EXAMPLE OF SERVICE IN ACTION FOR OUR STUDENTS. THANK YOU!

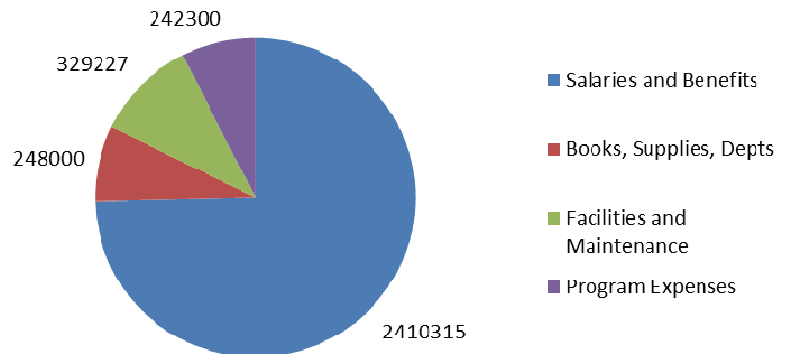
Three year total income from our most popular fundraisers Include:

- Carnival- \$350,000
- Oyster Roast-\$137,000
- Used Uniform Sales- \$21,000
- Book Sale - \$19,000

## 2015-2016 Income



## 2015-2016 Expenses



For Your Information-Base Tuition 6th Grade St. Pauls		Fees
Providence	\$4,320	\$100 + \$600
Episcopal	\$11,384	\$300 + \$700
Beaches Chapel	\$13,550	\$300 + \$750
Bolles	\$6,033	Not available on website
Palmer	\$23,160	\$500
	\$5,990	\$200+\$680

## St. Paul's Catholic School 2016-17

- August 10: First Day of School, PTA Parent Coffee-8:00 a.m. cafeteria  
August 10-12: 11:30 Dismissal KP-2  
September 2 No VPK-4 Only Planning Day (Child Care Available)  
5 No School VPK-8, Labor Day  
9 Mid Quarter Progress Reports-Check Portals  
30 12:00 Dismissal, No school VPK (Child Care Available)  
October 7 End of First Quarter  
10 No School-VPK-8, Diocesan Planning Day 1  
20 12:00 Dismissal, Parent Teacher Student Conferences/Report Cards. 1-8  
21 Discretionary Day  
November 10 Mid Quarter Progress Report-Check Portals  
11 No School VPK-8, Diocesan In-service Day  
22 12:00 Dismissal KP-8, No School VPK (Child Care Available)  
23-25 No School VPK-8, Thanksgiving Break  
December 8 Christmas Program (Grades 3-8) – date subject to change  
16 12:00 Dismissal KP-8, No School VPK (Child Care Available), End of Second Quarter  
Dec 19– Jan 2 Christmas Holiday  
January 3 No School Pre-K-8, Diocesan Planning Day  
4 Classes Resume  
13 Report Cards  
16 No School VPK-8, Martin Luther King Day  
January 30– February 3 Catholic Schools Week/Art Fest  
February 3 Mid Quarter Progress Reports, Check Portals  
17 No School-VPK-8, Diocesan Planning Day 3  
20 No School VPK-8, President's Day  
March 1 Ash Wednesday  
6-10 ITBS Testing  
10 End of third quarter  
11-12 Eucharistic Congress  
13 No School VPK-8, Diocesan In-Service Day 2  
17 No VPK Only-Planning Day, (Child Care Available), Report Cards  
16-20 Carnival  
April 12 12:00 Dismissal KP-8, No School VPK (Child Care Available)  
13-23 Easter Break  
24 Classes Resume  
28 Mid Quarter Progress Reports-Check Portals  
May 12 May Crowning  
18 Safety Patrol Trip  
19 11:00 Dismissal, Field Day, Last Day for Pre-K4  
26 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Awards Luncheon/Dance  
30 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip



## School Wide Goals 2016-2017

To serve as an excellent example and role model of faith and service to students

To incorporate varied technology into multiple instruction and assessment strategies

To increase student use of leadership and 21st century skills: the **5 C's** of Global Learners—**C**urate information, **C**ommunicate knowledge, **C**ritical thinking/problem solving, **C**ollaboration, and **C**reativity.

*The mission of the St. Paul's Catholic School community is to provide an environment where the Gospel message and teachings of the Catholic Church are woven throughout quality education.*

### **We believe...**

- each child should be recognized as an individual and capable of learning.
- children should be instilled with a strong sense of responsibility for their learning.
- teachers should provide a variety of technological and educational approaches to prepare each child for an ever-changing world.
- teachers should promote personal best effort to achieve academic excellence.
- open communication and mutual respect prepares the heart, mind and soul to meet life's many and varied challenges.
- service to school, parish, community, country and the world is essential



**Email us**—it is always the first initial of our first name followed by our last name @stpaulscatholicsschool.com

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This works for any teacher or staff member. Thank you!

Thinking ahead to High School? Catholic schools do an amazing job with a very tight budget. For example, base annual tuition for a high school student at local College Prep High Schools:

Bishop Kenny \$7,930

Providence \$11,997

Episcopal \$22,400

Bolles \$23,870