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CATHOLIC EDUCATION: CHALLENGES AND ASPIRATIONS

The title of this article would more appropriately be suited for a doctoral dissertation; the topic, nonetheless, is cogent and timely. Ambitious as it may seem for a brief article, reflection on the issue by all stakeholders in this important ministry is indeed necessary. Much of the recent discussion on the matter has centered, it seems, primarily on the organizational, data-gathering and economic aspects of the enterprise. So, following the example of our Lord, allow me to employ a story in order to simplify the notion.

A shepherd was herding his flock in a remote pasture when out of a dust cloud sped a brand-new Mercedes toward him. The driver, a young man in an Armani suit, Gucci shoes, Ray-Ban sunglasses and D&G tie, leans out the window and asks the shepherd, "If I tell you exactly how many sheep you have in your flock, will you give me one?" The shepherd looks at the man, who is obviously impressed with himself, then looks at his peacefully grazing flock and calmly answers, "Sure. Why not?"



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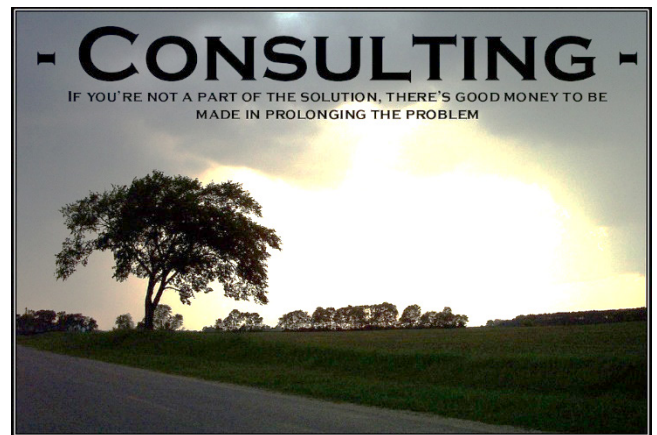
The young man parks his car, whips out his Dell notebook computer, connects it to his AT&T cell phone, surfs to a NASA page on the Internet, where he calls up a GPS satellite navigation system to get an exact fix on his location which he then feeds to another NASA satellite that scans the area in an ultra-high-depth resolution photo. The young man then opens the digital photo in Adobe Photoshop and exports it to an image processing facility in Hamburg, Germany. Within seconds, he receives an email on his Palm Pilot that the image has been processed and the data stored. He then accesses a MS-SQL database through an ODBC connected Excel spreadsheet with hundreds of complex formulas. He uploads all of this data via an email on his Blackberry and quickly receives a response. Finally, he prints out a full-color, 150-page report on his hi-tech, miniaturized HP LaserJet printer and turns to the shepherd and says, "You have exactly 1586 sheep."

"That's right! Well, I guess you can take one of my sheep," says the shepherd. He watches the young man select one of the animals and looks on amusingly as the young man stuffs it into the trunk of his car. Then the shepherd says to the young man, "Hey, if I can tell you exactly what your business is, will you give him back to me?"

The young man thinks about it and sees the shepherd's lack of sophistication and says, "Okay, go for it?" Without a pause, the shepherd confidently states: "You're a consultant." "Wow! That's incredible," says the young man, "but how did you guess that?"

"No guessing required," answered the shepherd. "You showed up here even though nobody called you; you want to get paid for an answer I already knew; to a question I never asked; and you know absolutely nothing about my business. Now, get my dog out of the trunk of your car."

While institutions of Catholic education are oriented toward and obligated to strive for academic excellence, they cannot be reduced to simply that. Similarly, while the authentic disciple of Jesus lives in and is influenced by this world, the human person cannot be reduced to a random or meaningless product of evolution nor be enslaved to pretentious ideologies that subjectify truth and mitigate the meaning of words and language. Pope Benedict XVI reminds us: *"Only where God is recognized does life truly begin; only when we meet the living God in Christ do we know what life is. ... Each of us is the result of a thought of God. Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary. There is nothing more beautiful than to be surprised ... by the encounter with Christ. There is nothing more beautiful than to know Him and to speak to others of our friendship with Him."* One of the great challenges of Catholic education, in every age and particularly in our own, is precisely in confronting the "this world" view that seeks to remove God and His authority over His creation and from our awareness and discernment. The slithering prince of this world is seductively suggesting that we can find our fulfillment in ourselves or in other fallen creatures. Consequently, the great temptation is that we grasp at control, absolute control over our destiny, at all costs; even if it demands that we deny Truth and Charity. The very standard of our Catholic faith—the crucifix, however, stands as a sign of contradiction to this approach to life and boldly reveals both the supreme humility of God and His abiding mercy. As individuals, families and societies, we are seduced "to live for the moment," to strive for convenience and to promote the "self" as the end-all of everything that exists. We become dependent and then addicted to these things and programs that will make us better, that will make our lives more fulfilled and convenient. Yet, we find ourselves shackled to these things and more and more alienated from our true selves and the very Author of Life and God of Love. Often, we find ourselves yielding our freedom to someone else, because it's convenient and discover that we have been lulled into a state of incapacity of knowledge, opinion or free



choice. While these tactics are not new in the “bag of tricks” of the Father of Lies, the ever-increasing notion among those who call themselves Catholics that dismisses our relationship with God as non-essential and non-consequential to being; or tolerates His existence, as long as His presence demands nothing from us, is greatly disturbing. In such a world-view, the idea that God would lower Himself to become the servant of His creation to the point of death, death on a cross, is both absurd and a scandal. Yet, it is precisely this mystery that we proclaim, celebrate and adore as the source and summit of our Catholic faith in the Most Holy Eucharist. And, at the core of our existence, this mysterious Reality is set as the foundation and capstone, the Beginning and the End, the meaning and purpose of the existence of Catholic School. Diminishing this aspect in the planning, engaging and implementing Catholic education on all levels lessens the Divine commission to proclaim the Gospel and dishonors our human dignity as created, redeemed and sanctified by our Most High and Holy God.

The aspirations of Catholic education, while dependent on the temporalities of this world, cannot be distracted by them in pursuit of its ultimate purpose and divine mandate. Institutions of Catholic education: must recommit themselves to the Truth and Charity of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; must instill in their students that, as persons created in God’s image, we are servants and seekers of the Truth and not its source nor designers; must proclaim that Love can in no way be reduced to simply a human reality, but that it is the Divine Nature itself in which we are graced by God’s Holy Will and the Incarnation of Jesus Christ to participate and toward which to strive. In a culture less and less influenced by the Gospel, this aspiration is in and of itself another challenge. It is incumbent for Catholic Schools to accept, reclaim and proclaim the nobility and dignity of the human person in accord with the loving design of the Creator. In his recently posted article, titled “Creation and the Order of Love,” on *The Catholic Thing* website, Stephen P. White wrote the following:

Human dignity is a consequence of both our origin and our end. We are made in God's image and likeness, and we are made for communion – both here, albeit imperfectly, in this life, and forever with God in the next. To grasp human dignity is to grasp something of the whole order of Creation and of our place and purpose in that order. As Pope Francis writes in Laudato Si': "The universe did not emerge as the result of arbitrary omnipotence, a show of force or a desire for self-assertion. Creation is of the order of love." Creation is the order of love. When we cooperate with the order of Creation, we grow and become more like the One who created us. Sin, by contrast, arises from and causes the disordering of our loves. When we love the wrong things, or love them in the wrong way, we not only violate the order of things, we invite further disorder, for ourselves and others. Sin masks and diminishes our dignity, though never destroys it entirely. (<https://www.thecatholicthing.org/2024/04/04/creation-and-the-order-of-love/>)

In the days leading up to Jesus’ Passion and Death, certain Greeks, captivated by His preaching and the stories of His works, approach Philip and Andrew to seek a meeting with Jesus. He responds not using references to the Old Testament or the Hebrew traditions, but to nature to make His point. He says: “Amen, Amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves Me must follow Me, and where I am, there also will My servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves Me. ... Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to Myself.” (Jn 12: 24-26, 31-32) The language seems harsh, but verses 31 and 32 create the context of what Jesus is speaking. When He speaks of “loving” or “hating” one’s life, He says “in this world,” whose ruler (Satan) will be driven out when vanquishes death and all the other limitations that bind us to the Evil One and his realm of death, through His resurrection.

This is not so much a teaching about death or about hating ourselves or about suffering, as it is a lesson about LOVE and moving from narcissistic self-centeredness to Eucharistic self-giving. We learn the lessons

of genuine love, each time we die to ourselves through our acts of charity; each time we place the needs of another before our own; each time we give without expecting anything in return; each time we do the right thing rather than the convenient. In this Jesus broadens our perspective and opens our hearts to embrace the Cross, which reminds us that He did not come into our world to remove suffering and death ... rather, He came to fill this world with His Presence giving us hope in our pursuit of the fullness of life and love in eternity. Still today, we hope and strive to hand on to our children the light of Christ and His Good News to prepare them to enter an often-violent world of fragile peace, broken promises, and a frightful disrespect for human life.



The eminent French chemist, stated: "When I approach a child, he inspires in me two sentiments; tenderness for what he is, and respect for what he may become." In light of the above-mentioned teaching of Jesus to the Greeks, Pasteur offers a strategy for all stakeholders in Catholic education (students, parents, extended family, teachers, administrators, consecrated religious clergy, alumni, parishioners and benefactors) to accept and accompany with tenderness each child as he/she is, a child of God; the seed planted in our midst that must undergo the arduous process of "dying to self" in order to discover him/her self authentically. At the same time, we must stand back in wonder and awe of the interior potential waiting to burst forth into a new life for the good of the whole world. Pope Benedict XVI in an address to a group of clergy reflected on the state of the world saying: *"It is becoming ever clearer that only moral values and strong convictions, and sacrifices, make it possible to live and to build the world. ... If there is no moral force in souls, if there is no readiness to suffer for these values, then a better world is not built; indeed, on the contrary, the world deteriorates every day, selfishness dominates and destroys all. . . . It can be seen that morality as such does not survive and is not effective unless it is deeply rooted in convictions that truly provide certainty and the strength to suffer for a love that grows in suffering and is the substance of life. In the end, in fact, love alone enables us to live, and love is always also suffering: it matures in suffering and provides the strength to suffer for good without taking oneself into account at the actual moment."* (25 July 2005) These are the core values that form the mission of Catholic education, our school and our desire to build a civilization of love and a culture of life.

Ever grateful for your continued prayers, interest, generosity and constancy in response to that appeal that has echoed across more than a century, you challenge each of us: students, faculty, administration and staff to strive evermore competently to fulfill that mandate from our Lord Himself to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth. You allow us to teach about the real world, which Jesus called the Kingdom of God that is present, albeit imperfectly, in this world but fulfilled in the hereafter. We can challenge our children to know, love and serve God; to seek the truth of God's world in charity and to live life in this world in preparation for eternal life. We can teach that words have meaning and that they reveal both the reality of the idea or thing described and the integrity of the speaker. Looking into the signs of the times with the light of Faith and Knowledge, we ask that you remain with us as we continue this awesome task of love by forming the future of our parish, our community and our world. Your gifts make a huge difference in the lives of our students. Be assured of our profound gratitude and a remembrance in our prayers.

(Rev. Msgr.) Albin J. Grous
Pastor

From the Principal

A teacher cannot deny the warm pride one has when the student achieves and succeeds. Our day-to-day course at Saint Andrew School provides many such occasions. From the excitement of little ones learning letter sounds that form words, to the robust responses at school Masses, to seventh grade inventors getting a deal from their “sharks” in their Shark Tank Project, and all that happens in between and beyond, the rewards are great! Beyond the ordinary, the pages of this newsletter provide the reader with the details of the recognitions Saint Andrew students continue to receive from outside agencies such as the National Catholic Educational Association, The Connelly Foundation’s Neumann Scholars, Future City Philadelphia Regional Competition, LaSalle University’s Writers Matter Program and the Delaware County Science and Engineering Fair. We are very happy to share this good news with our stakeholders!



For this Catholic educator, however, one of the most rewarding moments of my career manifested at the Career Fair held during the 2024 Catholic Schools Week (CSW). For many years relatives of the faculty and students shared their career choices with the students in individual classrooms. This was the case for the primary grades this year. However, the middle school students were offered a different experience. These students were able to select three occupations from a list of fifteen. The students were given a schedule for three twenty-minute sessions with the guest speakers, most of whom were Saint Andrew School alumni.

Following the tradition of hearing from family and friends, Heather Alosi, Levi Beverly, Christine Bold, Caroline Gozzard and Mark Rodia presented to the middle school students. Through the concerted effort of the CSW committee to attain alumni to present, ten alumni spoke to our students. They were Kristin McLean Beverly '95, Veronica Boyce '08, Richie Conley '91, Jonathan Dale '91, Patricia McGarvey Knebels '76, Andrew Maenner '11, Deirdre Finnegan Martin '89, Brian McNevin '04, Colin McNevin '05, and Trish McLean Schiller '99.

From these volunteer presenters the students heard about careers in the armed forces, civil law, construction, cyber security, education, emergency medical aid, engineering, government, health care, heating and air conditioning, masonry, real estate investing, sales, and scientific research. More so than the particulars in each field, the students heard of the rewards of knowing one is doing a good job in providing for the needs of others. The dignity of meaningful work and developing a good work ethic were common themes in each of the talks.

Jonathan pointed out that monetary compensation took second seat to the pride of being able to show his children buildings in and around the city that he built. Those who know him will understand that Richie was quick to tell everyone he was my favorite student. This is true; however, he was not to only favorite there that day. Deirdre, who was always a forward thinker, was the first to propose a virtual meeting from Pacifica, California. The virtual option opened the door for Kristin and Levi to present from Louisville, Kentucky. Apart from Patricia McGarvey Knebels, I had the privilege of teaching all of the alums. As children, some were imps, some were shy and reserved, while others were outspoken shakers and movers. All were lovable and memorable. It is so good to see how God formed their talents and traits into the competent and compassionate adults they are today. This teacher is so happy to know that these former students have achieved and succeeded in this life.

Over the course of my years at Saint Andrew School, there have been many students who have touched my heart for a multitude of reasons. The list continues to grow as we continue to build the culture of Life and civilization of Love through faith and knowledge. At the end of the career day, my heart swelled when my Trish, who is a teacher in the Springfield School District commented, “Mom, your kids are so good!” Yes, they are! This is why we do what we do. They are His, and we are obligated to let them know His love for them.

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Class Notes

"It is the bonds that develop over the elementary school years that link alumni for life."

Francis X. Bernard '62

Just moved to Mullica Hill, NJ to the same town as our two daughters. We now live in a brand new 55+ community called "Orchard View at Mullica Hill, NJ."

Mullica Hill, NJ

Karen Matthews Bateman '71- what a wonderful friend and sister. She was a loving person who loved her grandchildren. She died on August 7, 2019 and her husband passed two weeks later - Class of 1971.

Upper Darby, PA

Mary R. Vantine '05

Married Dan Rohm and had a baby boy, Daniel Emerson Rohm on April 18, 2022

Matthew K. Vantine '07

Married Lauren Davish - September 16, 2022.

In Memoriam



Br. Christopher O'Brien, O.C.S.O. '53 - a Lay Brother of St. Joseph's Abbey in Spencer Massachusetts, died very peacefully Sunday, January 29, 2023 in Saint Joseph's Abbey Infirmary.

Born James Patrick O'Brien on November 10, 1939, in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania to Joseph L. O'Brien and Mary C. Cullen of Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania, he was a proud graduate of Msgr. Bonner Catholic High School in Drexel Hill.

In 1957 he entered the Trappist order as a Lay Brother postulant directly out of high school, receiving the name Brother Christopher. He pronounced his solemn vows as a Lay Brother in 1965.

Over the years Brother Christopher lived the life of a dedicated Trappist Lay Brother, working tirelessly at many and various jobs: landscaper and groundskeeper, cook, overall maintenance, special occasions coordinator, liaison for contractors, gift shop buyer and at Trappist Preserves, the Abbey's jams and jellies industry.

Brother Christopher was predeceased by his brothers John and Joseph, and his sisters Gertrude, Mary, Helen and Sheila. In addition to his religious brothers at the Abbey, he leaves his sisters Cecilia and Margaret, his devoted nephews, Joe, Eric and Derek, and their families, as well as numerous friends from his many years in contact with contractors for the Abbey who, through Brother's warmth and his welcoming hospitality, became his dear friends. With gratitude for the wonderful gift of his presence among us, the brothers commend Brother Christopher's soul to your prayers.



M. Denise Myers '60, (née Nolan) of West Chester, PA born September 26, 1946 to the late Vince and Helen (nee O'Brien) Nolan, peacefully passed on Thursday, October 26, 2023. Beloved wife of 50

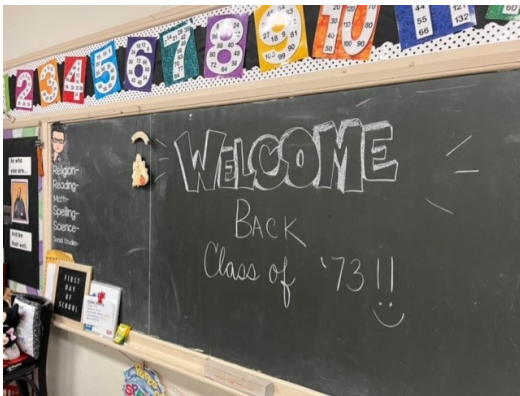
years to Jim, loving mother to Kristen (Christopher) Storti, Kerrie (Kevin) Olivo. The best Nanie to Madeline, Kiernan, Nathaniel, Alexander, and Luke.

Even though she was an only child, Denise had many cousins and friends who considered her their sister.

Graduate of Archbishop Prendergast High School and Gwynedd Mercy College with a degree in Allied Health Services, Denise had a long, fulfilling career with the Lankenau Heart Group (Kelly Cardiovascular Group). She affectionately referred to her office mates as her "girls", who shared in many funny stories, and treasured the group's talented doctors.

SAS Class of 1973 – 50th Reunion

“We had a small group, only 35 at the party, but we had 15 at Mass!!! I was so excited that so many were there. Special thanks Dr. Helen McLean, Principal, Patty Crest, Msgr. Grous, for the beautiful Mass and especially Deacon Tom Verna, whose sister, Dorothy, is a member of our class, and I've known since Tom was 3 or 4. His homily was so heartwarming!” – Sue McFadden '73





Gerry Cuddy & Friends



Steve Collette & Dave



Special thanks to the Class of 1973 for their generous donation of \$1,000 for tuition assistance to help kids in need – to have the educational opportunity they were fortunate enough to have. Joining Dr. McLean (back left) from the Class of 1973 is Sue McFadden and Jim Callahan together with members of SAS Student Council.

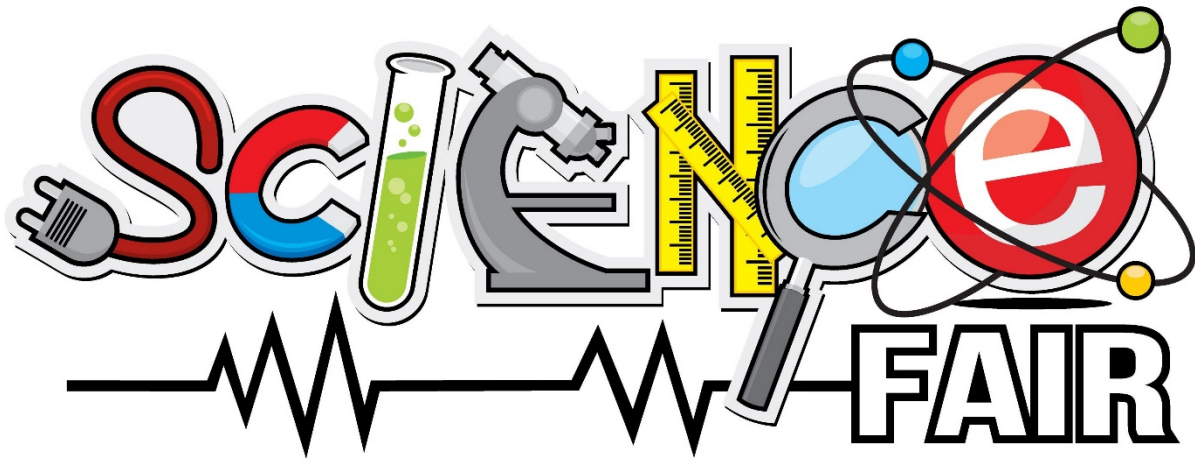
Class of 2003 Mini - 20th Reunion



Special Thanks

to the Class of 2003 for their donation of \$680 to Saint Andrew School. Members of the Class of 2003 gather at *Casey's Saloon & Restaurant* in the spring of 2003 to celebrate their 20th reunion from SAS. Thomas McPhillips, Jr. made the check presentation to Dr. Helen McLean, Principal, in the fall of 2023. Joining in the reunion festivities was current SAS 5th grade faculty member Joe Lignore.





Saint Andrew Science Fair Awards

Best of Fair

Lily Martinez

1st Prize

Zora Lewis, Laina Mamaluy, Connor Happold & Lily Martinez

2nd Prize Nicholas Davidson 3rd Prize Rafaella Sterling

Honorable Mentions

Life Science

Madeline Bozzone, Adedayo Aladekere, Olivia Ngyen & Thomas Forbes

Physical Science

Carter McPherson, Inayah Claxton, Zayne Kritz & Isatu Bangura

Consumer Science

Adotey Allotey, Kathryn Dolceamore, Clare Lester & Angelo Hutchinson



Congratulations Madeline Bozzone!

Madeline was awarded the National Catholic Education Association's **2024 Youth Virtue, Valor and Vision Award**. This award recognizes students in elementary and secondary schools who through selfless service, determination, innovation and ideals are changing the world while bearing witness to their Catholic Faith.

Congratulations Madeline - this award is well deserved! We are so proud of you!





2024 Future City Philadelphia Competition

	School	City /State	Award
1	Bala Cynwyd Middle School	Bala Cynwyd, PA	
2	Central Jersey College Prep	Somerset, NJ	
3	Christopher Columbus Charter School	Philadelphia, PA	
4	Cinnaminson Middle School	Cinnaminson, NJ	
5	Collingswood Middle School	Collingswood, NJ	
6	Congreso de Latinos Unidos	Philadelphia, PA	
7	Downingtown Middle School	Downingtown, PA	3rd Place
8	Drexel Hill Middle School	Drexel Hill, PA	
9	E.N. Peirce Middle School	West Chester, PA	
10	East Norriton Middle School	Norristown, PA	
11	Eisenhower Science and Technology Leadership Academy	Norristown, PA	
12	Eyer Middle School	Macungie, PA	
13	Great Valley Middle School	Malvern, PA	
14	Holy Rosary Regional School	Plymouth Meeting, PA	
15	J.R. Fugett Middle School	West Chester, PA	
16	Lionville Middle School	Exton, PA	1st Place
17	Mother Teresa Regional Catholic School	King of Prussia, PA	
18	Murray Avenue School	Huntingdon Valley, PA	
19	Our Lady of Good Counsel	Southampton, PA	Honorable Mention
20	Paxon Hollow Middle School	Broomall, PA	
21	Pottsgrove Middle School	Pottstown, PA	
22	Queen of Angels Regional Catholic School	Willow Grove, PA	
23	Radnor Middle School	Radnor, PA	Honorable Mention
24	Sacred Heart School	Havertown, PA	
25	School Lane Charter School	Bensalem, PA	
26	Southeast Delco School District	Glenolden, PA	
27	Springton Lake Middle School	Media, PA	
28	St. Anastasia	Newtown Square, PA	
29	Saint Andrew School, Drexel Hill	Drexel Hill, PA	2nd Place
30	St. Andrew School, Newtown	Newtown, PA	Honorable Mention
31	St. Martin de Porres Catholic School	Philadelphia, PA	
32	St. Mary Interparochial School	Philadelphia, PA	
33	Thomas Holme Elementary School	Philadelphia, PA	
34	William Penn Charter School	Philadelphia, PA	

On Saturday, January 20, 2024, our Future City Team won second place in the Philadelphia Region Future City Competition. The team of eighteen 7th and 8th graders under the guidance of Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Dolceamore and Mr. Rippert worked after school twice a week to meet the requirements of the competition which was to design a 100% electrically powered city with energy generated from sources that keep your citizens and the environment healthy and safe. The team also received two special awards: the *Alternative Energy Innovation Award* sponsored by Vicinity Energy Philadelphia, Inc. and the *Net Zero Carbon Design Award* sponsored by Ballinger.



SAS Future City Team

Eamonn Barrett	Team Member
Brayden Begley	Team Member
Inayah Claxton	Team Member
Nicholas Davidson	Presentation and Q&A Alternate
Katie Dolceamore	Team Member
Jaden Dowling	Team Member
Irelyn Ewing	Team Member
Thomas Forbes	Presentation and Q&A Participant
Zayne Kritz	Team Member
Donato Lo Sasso	Team Member
Ava Mainardi	Team Member
Laina Mamaluy	Team Member
Carter McPherson	Team Member
Olivia Nguyen	Team Member
Cassidy Oteri	Team Member
Lucas Pio	Presentation and Q&A Participant
Weston Ross	Team Member
Rafaella Sterling	Presentation and Q&A Participant



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I am ever grateful to the alumni, family and friends who support our efforts spiritually, temporally, and financially. Know that we will be looking for more alums to volunteer to speak at the next Catholic Schools Week Career Fair. Please consider sharing your story with our students. The Lord’s message of Love is all so necessary in this rapidly changing world. Thank you for helping us bring the students to know, love and serve God!

Helen McLean

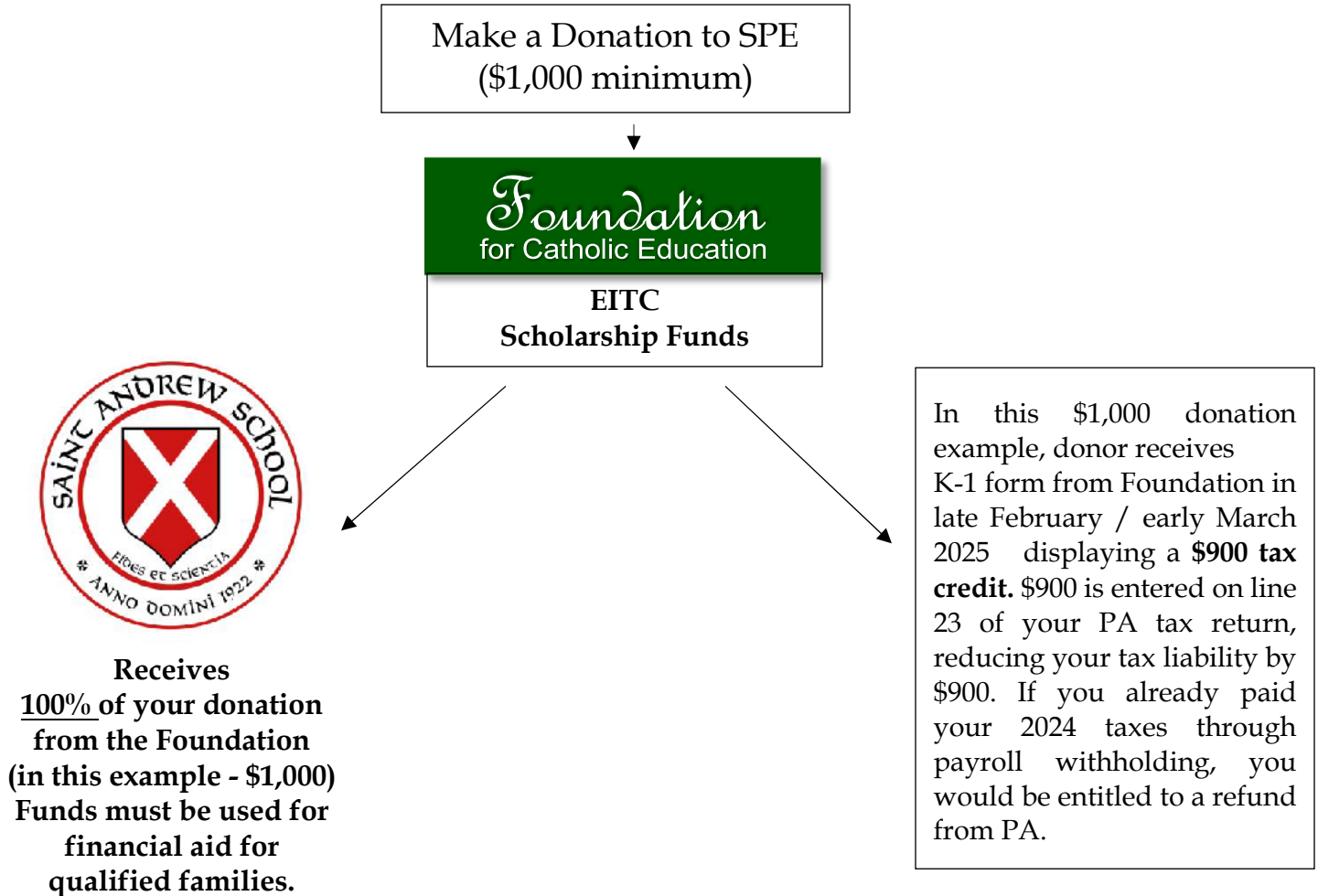


Catholic Schools Week Career Fair Speakers

You are making a huge difference!

...to all Alumni, SAS school families, parishioners, businesses and friends of SAS residing in Pennsylvania. Individual tax payers are now able to make a donation to the Foundation for Catholic Education's Special Purpose Entity (SPE) and **get 90% of it back** in the form of a PA tax credit which reduces your 2023 PA Income Tax obligation.

It's worth repeating - **you make a donation and get 90% of it back!** For the upcoming 2024-2025 school year, Saint Andrew School will award over **\$200,000** in financial aid through these SPE programs thanks to our loyal donors and supporters of SAS.



- This SPE requires a two-year commitment to earn the 90% tax credit (for both the 2024 & 2025 tax years).
- Participation eligibility requires taxable income from a for-profit company. If a married couple has one spouse working for a non-profit and the other spouse working for a for-profit, they are eligible to participate at their total combined income level.
- With the minimum donation level at \$1,000, annual taxable PA income should be at least \$35,000.
- Any questions or for more information, please contact Steve Litz, school business manager, at 610-259-1169 (bus.mgr@standrewdh.org) or Kevin Kelly, Vice President for Development at the Foundation for Catholic Education, at: kkelly@foundationFCE.org or phone - 610-793-8597.
- Interested in helping SAS School families and receiving a 90% tax credit on your donation? Please complete the form on the following page and return to the rectory at 3500 School Lane, Drexel Hill, PA 19026



INDIVIDUAL COMMITMENT TO CONTRIBUTE TO SPE

I agree to contribute the sum of \$ _____ per year to the SPE designated by the Foundation for Catholic Education. I understand that the SPE will provide me with a final Operating Agreement. I also understand that my commitment to the SPE will not be final until I agree and sign the SPE's Operating Agreement.

Please accept my contribution for the time period:

- Spring 2024 (Check written February-March)
- Fall 2024 (Check written October-November)

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Cast

8th Grade

*Madeline Bozzone, Nicholas Davidson, Alexander De La Cruz,
Mason Gray, Connor Happold, Katrina Manning, Aashir Marshall,
Ella McDevitt, Ajiri Omuyeh, Ujiro Omuyeh, Ivory Potoway,
Jummy Rufus, Trevon Veney, Ariel Weber*

7th Grade

*Sophia Accar, Inayah Claxton, Juliana Martinez, Taylor Rodriguez,
Rafaella Sterling*

6th Grade

*Oumou Addo, Caylin Alosi, Alice Binda, Sarah Bold, Ciaran Boyle,
Michala Coll, Noella Cooper, Rylee Griffin, Kobie Hinmant, Chloe
Jean-Baptiste, Erin Johnson Corinne King, Elizabeth Lyon, Rosemary
Meermans, Tegan OChuilin, Alanna Perry, Danielle Pyfer, Stella
Pyfer, Trey Reichard, Layla Sheppard, Godiva Smith*

5th Grade

*Honora Barrett, Dennisha Bayinka, Valentina De La Cruz, Jasmine
Dowling, Nicholas Ezzie, Jaylynn Johnson, Himieda Jones, Sydney
Jones, James Lester, Charlotte Matsinger, Riley McCusker, Samantha
Oteri, Macie Van Dellen, Nicolette Villanueva, Emma Weber*

Theatre Program Director

Dr. Lauren McGinnis '07

Production Assistants

Mrs. Kathleen Ochuilin, Mrs. Mary Lyon, Mrs. Mariejel Weber,
Mrs. Melissa DiNofia-Bozzone

Stage Crew Mgr. - Mrs. Sandy Kritz: Sound - Ms. Beth Zdinak

Assistant Director - Miss Katrina Manning

Director's Note

Teamwork made this dream work. I am so proud of the leadership demonstrated by several of the St. Andrew School classmates. Many students stepped up to help each other grow and succeed in their roles. We had more new performers this year than ever before. I am so proud of the seasoned performers who taught their peers confidence, leadership and fearlessness. These children included: Katrina Manning, Trevon Veney, Sarah Bold, Erin Johnson, Sydney Jones, James Lester, Trey Richard, and Stella and Danielle Pyfer. When asked to teach, they taught. When asked to lead they marched. I applaud them for their skills at such a young age. May you grow with that artistry.

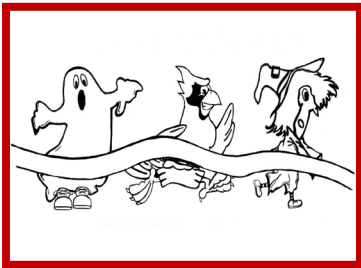
Our second team lived backstage. The parental support this year was crucial. Thank you so much to Mrs. Katie OChuilin, Mrs. Sandy Kritz, Ms. Beth Zdinak, Mrs. Melissa Bozzone, Mrs. Mary Lyons, Mrs. Mariejel Weber for your help and support. This could not have happened without you

It has been an honor watching you all grow up (and out!) of the SAS theater program. Now, on with the show!

Dr. Lauren McGinnis







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ST. ANDREW 15TH ANNUAL 5K SPIRIT RUN OCTOBER 26, 2024

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2023 Race Results

Place	Name	City	Group	Group Place	Pace	Chip Time	
1	Colin Bodels	-	M (50-	Overall Male 1	5:54	18:18	🏆
2	Thomas Dierkes	Drexel Hill, PA	M (14-	Overall Male 2	5:58	18:31	🏆
3	Blair Biggin	Havertown, PA	M (30-	Overall Male 3	5:58	18:32	🏆
4	Brian Pinder	Philadelphia, PA	M (30-	1st	6:20	19:39	🏆
5	Ashley Clyman	Villanova, PA	F (14-19)	Overall Female 1	6:37	20:33	🏆
6	Stephen Dierkes	Drexel Hill, PA	M (20-	1st	6:37	20:33	🏆
7	William Christie	Drexel Hill, PA	M (40-	1st	6:38	20:36	🏆
8	Himien Jones	Lansdowne, PA	M (14-	1st	6:46	21:01	🏆
9	Melissa Locketto	Newtown, PA	F (40-49)	Overall Female 2	6:48	21:07	🏆
10	Mike Wynne	Springfield, PA	M (50-	1st	7:03	21:53	🏆
11	John Mcnicholas	Springfield, PA	M (20-	2nd	7:03	21:53	🏆
12	Eric Dougherty	-	M (14-	2nd	7:08	22:09	🏆
13	Nicholas Pepi	Breinigsville, PA	M (30-	2nd	7:20	22:46	🏆
14	Richard Considine	Drexel Hill, PA	M (50-	2nd	7:40	23:49	🏆
15	Maggie Quigley	Drexel Hill, PA	F (20-29)	Overall Female 3	7:42	23:53	🏆
16	Lauren Frederick	Springfield, PA	F (30-39)	1st	7:48	24:13	🏆
17	Matthew Oyen	Lansdowne, PA	M (40-	2nd	7:54	24:30	🏆
18	Griffin Miller	Lansdowne, PA	M (14-	3rd	8:13	25:32	🏆
19	Melissa Mcshane	-	F (30-39)	2nd	8:23	26:01	🏆
20	Rachel Wentworth	Lansdowne, PA	F (40-49)	1st	8:26	26:13	🏆
21	Cassy Pressimone	Drexel Hill, PA	F (40-49)	2nd	8:30	26:25	🏆
22	Kacy Ewing	Bellmawr, NJ	F (20-29)	1st	8:41	26:58	🏆
23	Theresa Dierkes	Drexel Hill, PA	F (20-29)	2nd	8:48	27:21	🏆
24	Beth Pastore	Holmes, PA	F (50-59)	1st	8:48	27:21	🏆

Alumni Results

8	Himien Jones	Lansdowne, PA	M (14-19)	1st	6:46	21:01	2022
14	Richard Considine	Drexel Hill, PA	M (50-59)	2nd	7:40	23:49	
15	Maggie Quigley	Drexel Hill, PA	F (20-29)	Overall Female 3	7:42	23:53	
18	Griffin Miller	Lansdowne, PA	M (14-19)	3rd	8:13	25:32	🏆
35	Ava Ezzie	Drexel Hill, PA	F (14-19)	1st	9:06	28:16	🏆
41	Paul Lester	Drexel Hill, PA	M (14-19)	5th	9:28	29:24	🏆
43	Kenny Lester	Drexel Hill, PA	M (14-19)	6th	9:32	29:35	🏆
45	Buck Ryan	Media, PA	M (30-39)	5th	9:34	29:42	🏆
46	Janet Karasavas	Drexel Hill, PA	F (40-49)	6th	9:35	29:47	#
52	Vicenta Moreno	Clifton Heights,	F (40-49)	7th	9:52	30:37	





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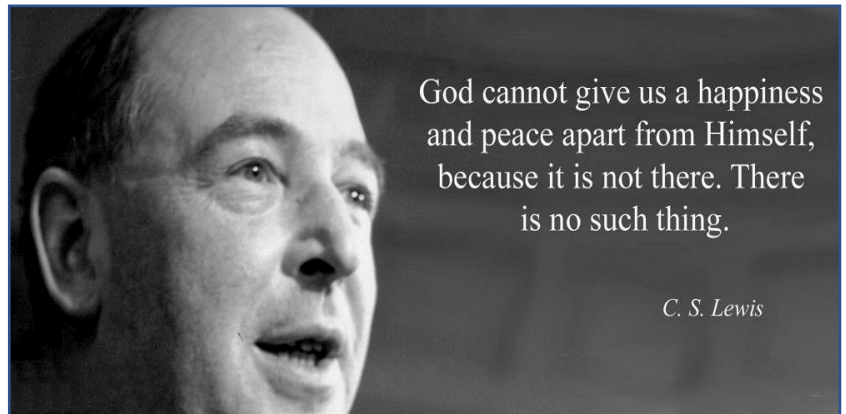
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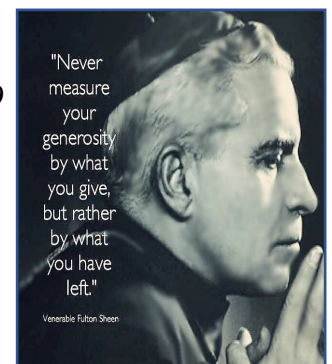
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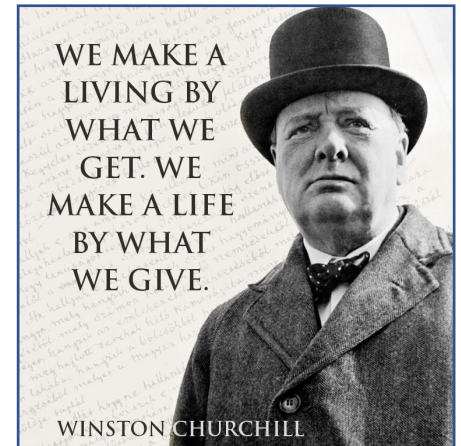
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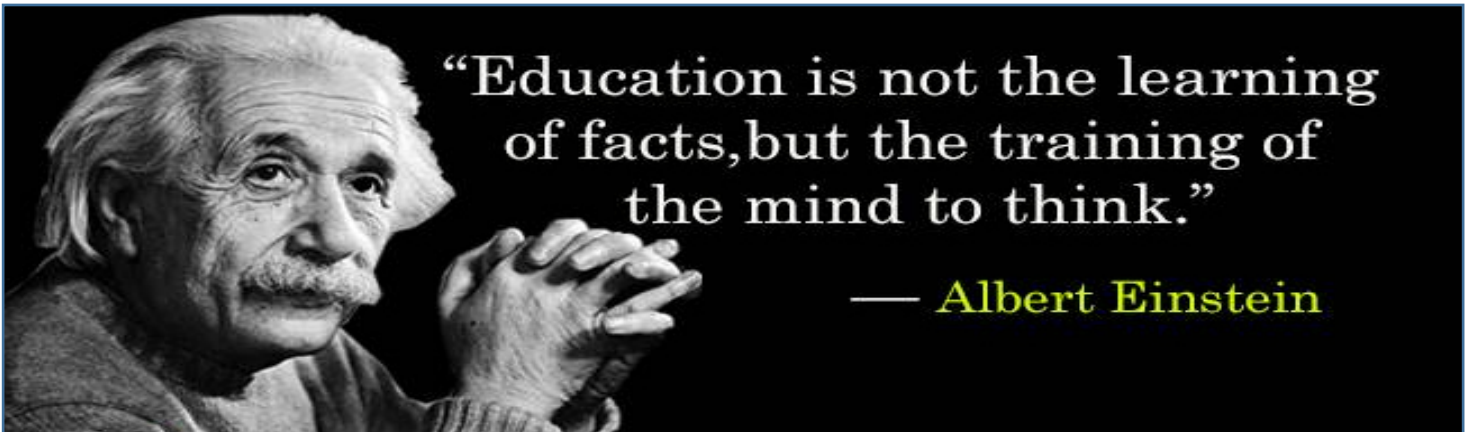
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