



ST. JAMES
CATHEDRAL SCHOOL
ORLANDO, FL

SJCS

ANNUAL REPORT

90TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION

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A rich history
of faith continues
to strengthen
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as we continue to educate
the whole child.

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Be watchful;
stand firm in
your faith;
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- 1 Corinthians 16:13

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THIS YEAR, OUR 90TH ANNIVERSARY WAS A CELEBRATION OF OUR PAST. NEXT YEAR, WE CONTINUE TO HONOR OUR HISTORY AND CELEBRATE OUR PRESENT AND FUTURE.

While the look of the classrooms and campus may have changed over the past 90 years, what has remained the same is our solid Catholic foundation.

Over the summer of 2017, our Window Project was completed. This project provided an updated look while still preserving the historic integrity of the building, and most importantly allowed for better energy efficiency

and improved safety. As the year moved forward, we continued to enhance our campus by resurfacing our main playground area, updating our preschool classrooms, and beginning our elevator/lift project.

In addition, our students participated in several off-campus service projects at places such as Bishop Grady Villas and Clean the World. Each week, the students participated in our on-campus Masses by serving as readers, singers, ushers, and altar servers.

Academically, our students, in all grade levels, continue to flourish.

St. James Cathedral School is a ministry of the church that serves God's beautiful children and prepares them to go out and to serve others. I am excited to share our updates and successes and blessed to be a part of this special journey. 2017-2018 was an amazing year! I hope you enjoy this edition of our annual report. ☐

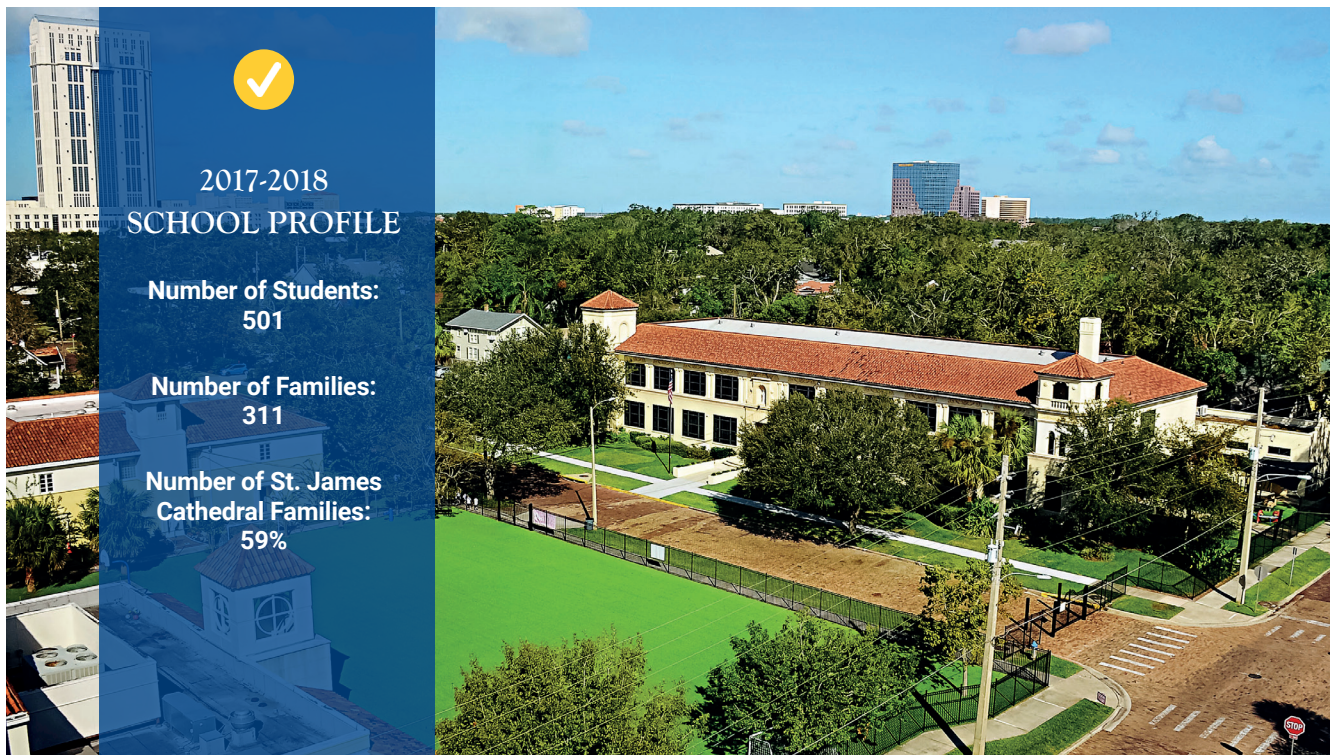


**PRINCIPAL
DAWN HELWIG, M.A., M.Ed.**

Serving St. James Cathedral School
and our families since 2007.

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St. James Cathedral School was established in 1928 as a ministry of St. James Cathedral. As a parish school, we exist as an extension of the church community aiding in the formation of its parishioners and the community at large.

Here at St. James, we employ a dedicated faculty who work diligently to offer challenging and innovative instruction. Learning extends beyond the school day, as SJCS continues to provide many educational and extra-curricular activities to nourish the whole child.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR

Athletics
Clubs & Organizations:
Altar Servers
Art Club & Fine Arts
Band & Choir Club
Boys & Girl Scouts
Chess Club
Drama Club
Liturgical Choir
National Junior Honor Society
Community Service

EDUCATIONAL & ELECTIVE

Advanced Technology
ALPHA/Gifted
Art
Drama
Foreign Language – Spanish
Media
Physical Education
Reading Counts
STREAM



MIDDLE SCHOOL STREAM COURSE OPTIONS

2D Art Graphic Design
Building the Ancient Pyramids
Codecraft Lab
Design It!
G.E.A.R.
(Get Excited About Robotics)
Hollywood Bound
Junior Thespians
Lake Ecology & Citizen Science
Orlando Science Center Presents
Our Faith Through Art & Film
Panther Peer Leaders

AFTER SCHOOL PAID ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

Art
Chess
Coding
Cooking
Dance
Engineering
Martial Arts
Piano
TGA Golf
Violin



St. James was responsible for the strong faith-based education that not only helped me in my high school years, but also through college, graduate school, and my professional career. As a second generation family educated at St James, it was nice to see the campus again and meet some of the faculty and renew friendships.

- JOHN GIORGIANNI, CLASS OF 1963



Pictured in this photo are students who have attended St. James since Kindergarten.



SCHOOL

ADVISORY BOARD

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS ENSURE
COMMITMENT TO QUALITY & EXECUTION.

Today's Catholic School Principal holds a vital seat, ensuring the commitment, quality, and execution of operating a highly effective Catholic educational institution. This is done through strategic partnerships that extend throughout the community to ensure common goals, commitments, and dedications are aligned to achieve top performance results at St. James Cathedral School.

The School Advisory Board is a consultative body to the Principal acting on behalf of the total school community. As a volunteer-based group, the Board

assists in reviewing policies formulated by the school Principal and offering recommendations on the overall operation and functioning of

the school. This body advises the Principal concerning the programs at St. James Cathedral School, subject to regulations of Canon Law and the directives of the Diocese of Orlando, and the St. James Cathedral Rector. □



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THE STORY OF OUR TABEBUIA TREE

Just to the right of our school's entrance, you can see our Tabebuia tree standing strong on the grounds of our main campus.

This tree was planted by students in our 2018 graduating class when they were Kindergarteners.

Each spring, this tree blossoms with vibrant yellow flowers only seen for about four weeks in March before fading back into the landscape.

The yellow color of the flowers are a symbol of light and purity. It speaks of youth, happiness, hospitality, love, and benevolence.

ST. JAMES AT A GLANCE



100%

of our teachers are certified
by Florida Department of
Education



8-2-1

Eight teachers hold advanced
degrees(Masters)' 2 of our teachers and
1 of our teacher assistants are alumni



16:1

The student to
teacher ratio.

16 YEARS

Our teachers average sixteen years of
teaching experience.



BISHOP MOORE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL VS. OTHER SCHOOLS



75%

of students will attend
Bishop Moore



25%

will attend Private, Charter,
Public or Other Schools

AFTER SCHOOL & ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

The After School Program serves our SJCS
families, while Camp Blue summer camp
serves families throughout Central Florida.

167

After School
Registrations

55

Spring Break Fest '18
Registrants

241

Pain Enrichment
Registrations

245

Camp Blue
Registrations



DRAMA/FINE ARTS PROGRAM

The St. James Cathedral School Drama Program had a wonderful 2017-2018 School Year!

Afterschool Drama Program presented Cinderella and Seussical

Kindergarten & Second Grade presented Dr. Seuss' The Sneetches

1st & 3rd Grade presented The Lorax

4th & 5th Grade presented Horton Hears a Who!

JUNIOR THESPIANS

3 students received Superior & Critics Choice

31 students received Superior Awards

17 students received Excellent Awards

DISTRICT RESULTS

3 students received Superior & Critics Choice

30 students received Superior Awards

28 students received Excellent Awards

STATE RESULTS

2 students received Superior & Critics Choice

21 students received Superior Awards

9 students received Excellent Awards

AWARDS & RECOGNITION



SJCS students excel in multiple areas be it academics, athletics, community service, or the arts. They share these gifts not only within the confines of our school, but with the community at large. We are very proud of all our students who have received awards or recognitions throughout the year, and those have tried something new.

DISNEY DREAMER & DOER

Gabby G. and Eva B.

LIGHT UP PUERTO RICO

Litza P.

THE VFW'S PATRIOT'S PEN AWARD

Charlene G, Peter L., and Ameila S.

GEOGRAPHY BEE

Champion: Liam T

SJCS SPELLING BEE

Champion: Charlene G.

NATIONAL SPELLING BEE

Norah F. – 8th Grade

Shannon B., Pablo S., and Liam T. – 7th Grade

NATIONAL HISTORY BEE QUALIFIERS

9 students named National Qualifiers

3 students name Regional Finalists

THE DIOCESAN FINE ARTS EXTRAVAGANZA

8 students awarded 3rd place or above

WINTER PARK ARTS FESTIVAL

2 students received Awards of Merit

NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

In its inaugural year, the SJCS National Junior Honor Society inducted 30 members which are selected from the 7th and 8th grade using the Five Standards: Scholarship, Service, Leadership, Character, and Citizenship.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mark Bruno, Anna Lee Cathcart, Rachel Gutierrez, Kristana Reitz, Christi Willard, Marcia Ochinerio (Sponsor).

INDUCTEE RECITAL

In front of all here today, I promise to maintain high scholastic standing,
To endeavor intelligently and courageously to be a leader,
To give of myself freely in service to others, and
To hold, as fundamental and worthy, an untarnished character;
So that in doing so, I will be a credit to my school and the
National Junior Honor Society.

7TH GRADE INDUCTEES

Shannon B. Palmer M.
Rachel B. Tyler P.
Gabiella G. Pablo S.
Bryce G. Liam T.
Hannah I. Adriana T.
Nicholas L. Kate W.
Mason L. Thomas W.
Matthew L. Elijah Z.

8TH GRADE INDUCTEES

Katerina A. Sophia G.
Sofia C. Michelle H.
Evelyn C. Peter L.
Calla C. Kheeno L.
Norah F. Lauren P.
Charlene G. Sophia S.
Carlie G. Joseph T.

CATHOLIC BLESSINGS

SCHOOL MASS

Every Wednesday, Mass is held on campus and families gather to worship and celebrate the word of God.



PALM BURNING

This year, our students participated in palm burning. The ashes were then used for Ash Wednesday Mass.



FISH FRY

During Lent, the school held two fish frys in partnership with the Knights of Columbus.



PET BLESSING

An annual event where we celebrate St. Francis Assisi on school campus.



ST. JAMES

OUR FAITH



by Fr. Miguel Gonzalez, Rector
St. James Cathedral

It is my privilege to serve together with our dedicated faculty and staff members who have answered God's call to serve you and respond to our mission to provide academic and spiritual development to our children. The students at St. James have the opportunity to be in a learning environment in which they can encounter the Good News of Jesus and reach academic excellence. We empower our students

to have faith in what they are doing; we teach them to believe in themselves and to pursue their God-given talents.

Our commitment to excellence in instruction, service, activities offered and facilities never stops! It is with the generosity of our families, friends and benefactors that we can continue to provide for the needs for our students. In the pages that follow, please allow us to share all the wonderful accomplishments from the past year.

I gratefully acknowledge the good work we achieved, and look forward to the many ways we will work together in 2018-19 school year. May our generous God reward you for your faith, your fidelity, and your dedication. □





GIVING BACK

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Wednesday, February 1, 2018 was our school-wide "Day of Service" where each grade focused on a different service project.

In addition to our grade service projects, our students also supported the community by donating 48 hours of their time to The Commons, an elder care facility and 141 hours to Bishop Grady Villas, a community of adults with intellectual disabilities.

CANNED GOODS

Over 4,000 canned goods were donated to the Christian Service Center during the Souper Bowl Sunday Food Drive. This annual

event not only helps a wonderful cause, but brings a fun, friendly competition between the Catholic schools throughout the Diocese.

PEANUT BUTTER & MORE

Students collected over 13 boxes of

peanut butter this year. Additionally, our school collected items such as shoes and socks throughout the year which were sent to our Diocesan Mission. These items were distributed to our sister parish in San Juan.



For it is in giving that we receive.
- Francis di Assisi



SERVICE PROJECTS

Grades PreK-1: 1 hour

Created Valentine's Day cards for children at Florida Hospital.

Grades 2-3: 2 hours

Packed items for Coalition for the Homeless.

Grades 4-5: 2 hours

Packed items for Catholic Charities.

Grade 6: 3 hours

Assisted at Second Harvest.

Grade 7: 4 hours

Landscaped and repaired the volleyball court at San Pedro Retreat Center.

Grade 8: 4 hours

Cleaned facilities and performed for residents at Bishop Grady Villas.



FEATURED DONATION



GENEROUSLY DONATED BY DR. BILL MILLS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

HISTORIC STATIONS OF THE CROSS ARE LOCATED ON CAMPUS IN THE SCHOOL'S CHAPEL.

In 1892, St. Katharine Drexel's sister, Elizabeth Drexel, commissioned French artisans to make the Stations of the Cross for the chapel at St. Frances de Sales High School (a.k.a. "Castle Rock") in Powhatan County, Virginia. The school was named after St. Drexel's father Frances. The high School was created to educate girls in the underserved American Indian and African American communities in the area. The school was open until 1970.

St. Katharine's other sister, Louise Drexel Morrell, also joined her efforts in educating these communities by opening a second school named St. Emma Military Academy for Boys. The campus covered over 2,200 acres. When the schools closed, the Stations were relocated to the Sisters

of the Blessed Sacrament's Mother house – The Shrine of Katharine Drexel in Philadelphia, PA. St. Katharine Drexel founded the order in 1891. The Stations have resided in the chapel there until December 17, 2017 at 12:30 p.m. At this time, the final Mass was celebrated in the chapel.

Dr. Bill Mills, a parent of an alumni, attended the closing Mass and spoke with the Sisters. He requested to bring the Stations to St. James Cathedral School. At the time, the Stations had already been assigned to another individual. However, Dr. Mills received an unexpected call that the decision had been made to allow him to take ownership of the Stations.

Upon receipt of the Stations of the Cross, Dr. Mills lovingly restored the wooden frames. The centerpiece of each Station is created by oil paintings on porcelain. They are in their original state. Thank you to Dr. Mills for this beautiful gift of our Catholic history. It is a true honor for St. James to become the next stewards of these Stations of the Cross. □



SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL, S.B.S.

GRANDPARENTS DAY CELEBRATION



**OUR ANNUAL EVENT CELEBRATED
OVER 700 ATTENDEES THIS YEAR.**

On Friday, February 2, 2018 we welcomed our grandparents to campus. It is an honor for our Administration and students to host this very special group in our community. For many of us, grandparents started the tradition of Catholic education in our homes. The day was filled with a beautiful Mass celebrated in the Assembly Hall, a fun slide show presentation of the students, lunch on the green field, tours of the school, and professional photographs for our grandparents. The celebration could not happen without the countless volunteers who work tirelessly to make this such a special experience for all those involved. A special “thank you” to Carrie Conti and Wendy Thomson who co-chair this event and their amazing team of volunteers.



**SAVE
THE
DATE**

Join us on
Friday, February 1, 2019
for Grandparents Day
Celebration!



FACILITIES

YOUR FUNDS HARD AT WORK



Your donations are hard at work at SJCS. Monies have been raised for several projects this past year. Maintaining an updated and efficient facility is a priority in a 90 year old building.

PLAYGROUND RESURFACING

Thanks to the generosity of countless donors who supported our Boosterthon and Gala, we were able to resurface the main school playground. Our students use the area daily as they enjoy God's gifts of friendship, nature, and fitness. The new foundation is a poured-in-place surface that provides a high degree of safety and is environmentally friendly.



TOTAL COST: \$73,000

The playground resurface was completed in April 2018.



Walking the halls of St James after 37 years with my class it all came rushing back. The memories were all here. The bonds seemed stronger and the concern of our teacher had never faltered. For two years this was my school and it shaped the person I am today. I hope every child that walks these halls knows how special it is to be a student of St James Cathedral School. It is truly special and my favorite place in the world. I am forever proud to call this my school.

- KEVIN EWEN, CLASS OF 1981



MAIN BUILDING ELEVATOR PROJECT

A vision and dream two years in the making, the elevator/lift project truly exemplifies the phrase "where there's a will, there's a way."

Numerous hours of meetings, planning, teamwork, praying, organizing, and fundraising came to fruition when the project broke ground in summer 2018. There's a lot of logistics to renovate a 90-year old building, but nothing the St. James community working together couldn't overcome! The lift would not be a reality without the incredibly kind donations and sacrifices made by benefactors who supported the Annual Fund. These gifts of the heart combined with careful budgeting enabled the initiative. Students and visitors alike now have the ability to access our second floor in an

alternate way than was possible for the last 90 years. For one of our current learners, Joshua S., this gift truly provides the lift he needed to walk the journey with his peers. ☐



TOTAL PROJECTED COST: \$200,000

The elevator/lift project is anticipated to be completed in fall 2018.



FINANCIALS

INVESTING IN SJCS

Our school’s funding is the lifeline to building our academic and spiritual foundation.

INCOME

82% - Tuition & Fees
9% - Fundraising & Development
6% - All Other
3% - Parish Subsidy

EXPENSE

83% - Instructional
12% - Facilities & Administrative
5% - Capital Improvement

Our school's working capital is comprised of 97% self-funded revenue and 3% parish subsidy. It is through the continued generosity of our supporters that SJCS has been able to continue to grow through our self-funding initiatives. Our enrollment has increased helping to strengthen our financial capital through tuition and fees. Fundraising

efforts have achieved new heights this year and are a direct reflection of the excitement our SJCS families, parishioners, corporate sponsors, and community supporters have about the future of SJCS. These accomplishments would not be possible without the love and continued support we are blessed to experience every year. □



GIVING TUESDAY FUN RUN

#SJCSFUTURE

688 Donations
\$61,000 Raise

First Place Winning Class
Mrs. Charlotte Becker (3rd Grade)

Social Media Contest Winners
Larke E. – 1st Place
Austin R. – 2nd Place
Marie C. – 3rd Place

For the first time 100% of the proceeds from our Fun Run went directly to the school and this project.

GTFR COMMITTEE

CO-CHAIRS:

Dan Markiewicz
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GIVING TUESDAY FUN RUN WHAT A DIFFERENCE A DAY MAKES!

The inaugural Giving Tuesday Fun Run was a combination social media campaign and fun run. For the first time the school reached out to our extended family on social media to raise monies for a worthy cause.

Our social media campaign was coupled with our student fun run. The entire St. James community had a way to be involved. The funds raised this year went directly to our "Elevator/Lift" project. A much needed addition

to our main school building, the lift will allow students, parents, or guest with physical disabilities to have access to the second floor.

Our inaugural Giving Tuesday campaigns raised \$61,000 towards this effort. For the first time 100% of the proceeds from our Fun Run went directly to the school and this project.

Thank you to the many volunteers who helped us make Giving Tuesday Fun Run a success. We couldn't have done it without you. ☐



STATS

144 Players / 36 Teams
\$48,000 Raised
19 Sponsors

2017 COMMITTEE

Marvin Snyder – Co-Chair
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Brian Battles
Karl Brown
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VOLUNTEERS

Members of the SJCS Panther Parents Association. Thank you to all our SJCS Panther Parents for your help.

RAFFLE PRIZE DONORS

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Golf Academy
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Orange Tree Golf Course
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PAC Sports Program
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Wahburgers
Mike & Gina Buell

FINANCIALS

29TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



The 29th Annual St. James Golf Tournament was held at the Historic Dubsread Golf Course on Friday, October 27, 2018. Each year the tournament raises monies for families that are experiencing financial hardships or personal crisis and this year's event raised over \$48,000 for our families. The tournament included a field of 144 players and countless volunteers. We are especially thankful for our 2017 Golf Committee for their help.

Thank you to all those individuals and organizations that made this tournament a success. The McCormick Cup trophy, which represents Fr. John McCormick's love of helping and serving our children, was awarded to the 1st Place Winners: Ignacio A., Mike Lawrence, Anthony Moreno, and Brant M. Replica trophies will be given to the 1st thru 3rd Place winners. The McCormick Cup is a perpetual cup and will be kept at St. James Cathedral School. ☐

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PAR

De Beaubian, Knight, Simmons, Mantzaris,

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Village Original – The Grilli Family



SAVE THE DATE

Join us for our
30th Annual
Golf Tournament
on October 26, 2018.
For information, visit
www.stjcs.com/golf or
contact golf@stjcs.com.



STATS

375 Attended
29 Sponsors
\$247K Raised



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Jeanette Apelado
Laura Haag, Alumnus '90



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Mary Haupt	

SPECIAL THANK YOU

Sincere thanks and appreciation to the Bishop Moore Catholic Leadership Team and students who worked tirelessly to make our evening a success.



90TH DINNER & AUCTION

FINANCIALS

The 90th Anniversary Dinner & Auction was an amazing success! This year, the layout of the events' activities transformed our campus and took attendees on a walk through time. From hors d'oeuvres and silent auction in the assembly hall to a seated dinner in a tent under the stars,

and finally dessert and dancing in a lounge setting alongside beautifully displayed historical prints ... it was an unforgettable evening. So many of our alumni and parents of alumni attended the event this year. It was a joyous occasion to welcome many of our families back home to St. James. The proceeds from the event went towards

the playground resurfacing project, a new swing set, and sun shade. Thank you to the Dinner & Auction Committee, all the volunteers, and guests that made this evening such a great success. Don't forget to SAVE THE DATE for next year's event. You will not want to miss it! ☐

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

This is a community event. We invite you to get involved and attend.

SPONSOR

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COMMITTEE

VOLUNTEER

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Join us for our
11th Annual
Dinner & Auction
fundraising event
March 2, 2019.

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*(in recognition of Matthew Anstett,
Class of 1931 by his sons
George Giorgianni, '61
and John Giorgianni, '63)*
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After taking a tour of the St. James Cathedral School and attending the 90th Anniversary, I was impressed with the Catholic education being provided to children of all faith's, backgrounds, and economic status. In 1952, our recently-widowed mother wanted only one thing for her three children - a Catholic education. The parish and school stepped up and helped to provide the Catholic education which formed the foundation for our future education, our success in life, and our continued dedication to the Catholic faith. Supporting and attending the 90th Anniversary Auction and Dinner renewed my commitment to St. James Cathedral School and to Catholic education in Orlando.

- GEORGE GIORGIANNI, CLASS OF 1961

FINANCIALS

PPA

PARENT PANTHER ASSOCIATION

St. James Cathedral School is proud to have such an interactive Panther Parent Association (PPA). Many achievements coordinated by our PPA have offset logistical and financial responsibilities that would otherwise be carried out by our school. The PPA's continued stewardship and contributions to our school have a direct, positive impact on our students, school, parents, and community.

PPA COMMITTEE

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Book Fair – Luly Cueto-Lauridsen
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Christina Rexford
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INFLOWS = \$40,659.58

\$ 922.80 - Box Tops
\$ 9,195.35 - Parking
\$ 25,138.67 - Spirit Items
\$ 514.96 - Amazon Smile
\$ 4,887.80 - Other Income

OUTFLOWS = \$31,387.91

\$ 310.35 - Arty Facts
\$ 1,964.55 - Catholic Schools Week
\$ 750.00 - Field Day
\$ 470.39 - Hospitality
\$ 1,250.00 - Parking
\$ 18,072.82 - Spirit Items
\$ 1,519.68 - Teacher Appreciation
\$ 2,859.60 - Teacher Start Up Money
\$ 4,190.52 - Other Expenses
\$ 2,000.00 - 2017-2018 PPA Gifts - SJCS

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THE FUND FOR ST. JAMES

THE ST. JAMES ANNUAL FUND

This is the most important giving initiative at St. James. Participation is critical and gifts, large and small, make possible the enhanced resources and programs that make each student's education unique and powerful, provide additional training and support for the faculty and staff, and allow for campus maintenance.

TUITION ASSISTANCE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Dr. Louis Murray and his wife Sue generously supported St. James Cathedral School for over two decades. Education was important to Dr. Murray and it was his desire to help ensure a Catholic education was available to those who desire one. The Dr. Murray Scholarship Fund provides financial assistance for those families. Dr. Murray and his wife Sue embodied the school's motto: We come to learn. We leave to serve.

ST. JAMES SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND

Endowment giving is an opportunity to invest in the future of St. James. The St. James Scholarship Endowment was established in conjunction with the Cathedral to be able to provide tuition assistance to families in need. Contributions to the Endowment fund are perpetual; as the endowment grows, so does the school's ability to carry on its mission. Gifts of any level are appreciated.

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ELENA YATES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Established by St. Vincent de Paul Society in 2018 a \$1,000 scholarship is awarded each year to deserving student(s) at graduation. Gifts made to the Elena Yates Memorial Scholarship fund will allow the school to continue to award this annual scholarship.

ENDOWMENTS

Endowments are intended to provide stable, long-term funding to an institution while balancing the present and future needs of the school. Almost any area of school life can be endowed. The minimum to establish a separated named endowment is \$25,000 and gifts at any level are appreciated.

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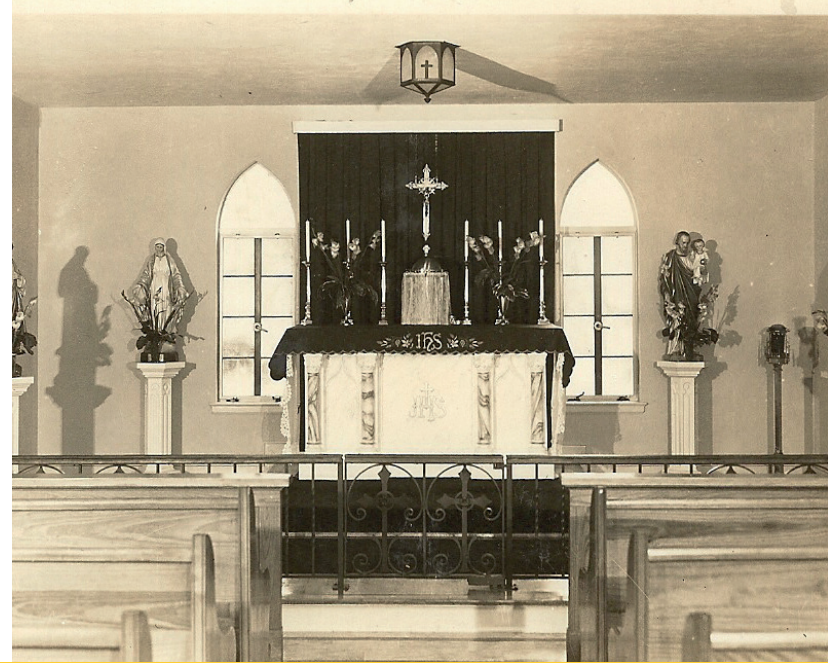
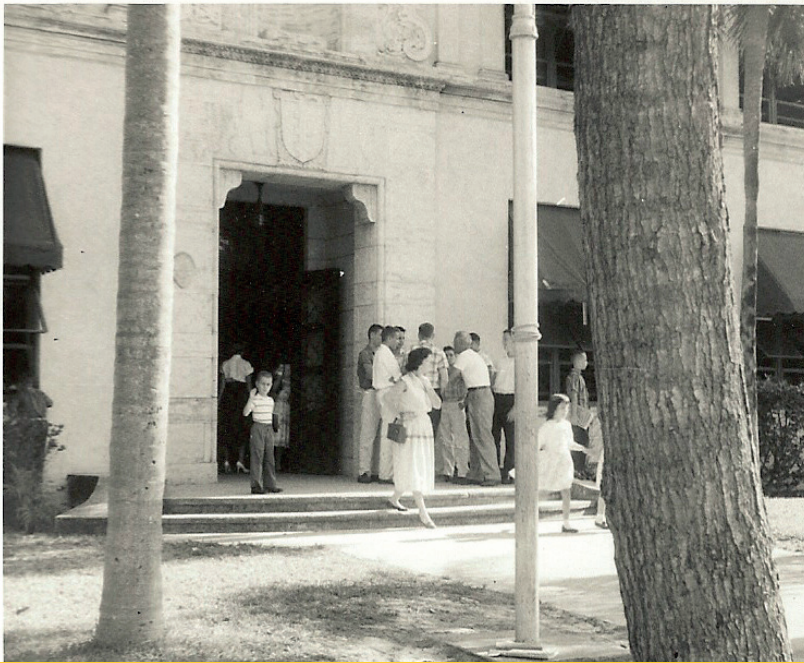
Scholarship and Memorial Scholarships are an important way to honor a loved one, teacher, or area of student life that is important to you. Scholarships are distributed annually based on the criteria established by the donor. Scholarships are an important way of assisting today's students while honoring those that have come before them.

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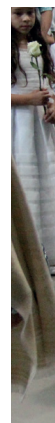
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CLASS OF 2018



St. James congratulates the St. James Cathedral School Class of 2018 with a school-wide annual tradition. Our Graduation and Candlelight Ceremony celebrates the graduates' journey into the next phase of life and passes the light of leadership to incoming 8th grade class.

CLASS OF 2018: Katerina Victoria A., Victoria Elizabeth B., Gabrielle Giana B., Nicholas Peter B., Carlisle Merritt B., Grace Claire B., Patricia Marie B., Jeremy Daniel C., Gabriella Luna C., Tristen Roberto C., Sofia Elena C., Evelyn Grace C., Calla Churchill C., Jonathan Ray Ewing-A., Ally Lauren F., Norah Maureen F., Charlene S. G., Sofia Victoria G., Benjamin Daniel G., Carlie Elizabeth G., Sophia Dorothy G., Michelle Rose H., Dylan Anthony H., Grace Elizabeth H., Samantha H., Pierce Alexander J., Samuel Andre J., Kenneth Lagrosa K., Gabrielle Rae K., Oscar David Londoño R., Peter Robert Laney L., Sean Kheeno Apas L., Brandon Anthony M., William Gerrard M., Darius O'Neil M., Sydney Alice M., Ryan Patrick M., Kaley Ann M., Litza Sophia Perez-F., Luke Wolfe P., Lauren Victoria P., Marcello Aurelius R., Jackson Conrad R., Amelia Faith S., Mallory Itasca S., Sophia Adelle S., Serina Donna S., Zoë Sophia T., Joseph William T., Ava Grace W., Jacob Allen Y., Colton Alan Z.



8TH GRADE GIVES A GIFT

On April 24, 2018 the Class of 2018 was able to celebrate as they presented their 8th grade gift to the school. When the class was made aware of the playground resurfacing project they knew just what it needed to make it complete – Panther logo!

The students collected funds over the past two years by hosting middle school dances and coordinating fundraisers with the Winter Park Ice Skating rink. The playground also received a new swing set and canvas cover to complete the updates. Thank you to the Class of 2018 for their generous gift to their fellow students and families.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES FOR 2017-2018

Belmont Abbey	Rollins College
Clemson University	Santa Clara University – Army ROTC
College of Charleston	Santa Fe College - Gainesville
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	Stetson University
Emerson College	Tallahassee Community College
Florida Atlantic University	University of Central Florida
Florida Gulf Coast	University of Florida
Florida State University	University of Maryland
Fordham University	University of North Florida
Loyola University	University of South Florida
Mississippi State University	Valencia College

AWARDS, HONORS, AND SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES CLASS OF 2018

Honor Societies

AP Scholar
BETA
Latin Honor Society
Mu Alpha Theta
National English Honor Society
National Honor Society
Rho Kappa Honor Society
Spanish Honor Society

Award/Scholarship Recipients

Appointment to West Point
Disney Dreamer & Doer Award Recipient
Recipient of the English Scholar Award
Gold Circle Award
Bishop Moore Catholic Honor Roll

Athletic Achievements, Clubs, School Office Holders & Others

Chess Club President
Copy Editor for the Yearbook
Hudl Club President
Student Body Treasurer
2 Time All Metro Honorable Mention Football Player
Cheer State Champion
Football State Champion
Cross Country Varsity Captain
SWAT Club President



CLASS OF 2014 REUNION

On Thursday, May 17 the Class of 2014 reunited on campus for their 1st reunion. Mrs. Helwig was overjoyed to "welcome home" many of her former students. The evening allowed for fellowship, dinner, tours of the school and lots of time for fellowship. Thank you to the Mark, Liz, and William Zeitler and Mrs. Gloria Arango-Mejia for providing dinner, desserts, and drinks for this event. We were blessed to have Fr. Miguel Gonzalez, Pastor of St. James Cathedral and School, along with Brother John McCabe, of the Brotherhood of Hope, the Campus Minister at University of Central Florida's Catholic Campus Ministry Center join us.

SAVE THE DATE

WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US!

OCTOBER 26, 2018

30th Annual St. James Golf Tournament - visit stjcs.com/golf to sponsor, play, donate, or volunteer. Email golf@stjcs.com for more information.

NOVEMBER 13, 2018

Giving Tuesday Fun Run - visit stjcsfuture.com or contact Ana Crowe, Director of Advancement at ana.crowe@stjcs.com.

FEBRUARY 2, 2019

Grandparents Celebration - visit stjcs.com/events

MARCH 2, 2019

Dinner & Auction - visit stjcs.com/gala

MAY 16, 2019

Class of 2015 Reunion - visit stjcs.com/events

MAY 24, 2019

Graduation

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT:

MARK DANNER

WHAT YEAR DID YOU GRADUATE FROM ST. JAMES? WERE YOU HERE KINDERGARTEN – 8TH GRADE?

I graduated from St. James in 1998. I attended St. James from Kindergarten through 8th grade

HOW MANY YEARS HAVE YOU BEEN TEACHING? I have been teaching for 6 years.

WHO WAS YOUR FAVORITE TEACHER WHEN YOU WERE HERE AS A STUDENT? WHAT SUBJECT AND WHY?

My favorite teacher at St. James was Ann Busby. She was our middle school science teacher. She was my homeroom teacher for 3 straight years and was an awesome teacher that always inspired me as a student. My favorite subject though was math. I think the reason why is that it always came easy to me and made sense.

WHAT WAS A FOND MEMORY YOU HAD OF YOUR TIME HERE AS A STUDENT?

I have many fond memories of being a student at St. James, but if I had to pick one it would have to be winning the "Panther Pride" award for volleyball at our awards banquet as a fifth grader. I felt very proud to know that my classmates chose me as a positive example and role model for the team.

IS THERE SOMETHING YOU WERE ABLE TO DO, A SUBJECT, OR PROJECT THAT YOU WISHED WE STILL DID TODAY? One project that my mom still keeps to this day was a project that Mrs. Busby did with her sixth grade religion class. As part of our study of old testament stories in the Bible, Mrs. Busby would have us create our own "old Testament" book where we illustrated each story and then at the end we learned the process of book binding and calligraphy to complete the book and bind it together. It was an awesome project that was a lot of fun and I still remember to this day.

HOW DID ST. JAMES IMPACT YOUR LIFE AS A STUDENT, ADULT, TEACHER? As a student, St. James allowed me to explore and discover not just who I am as a person but who I am spiritually. At St. James, I met some of my closest friends I still talk to and are very close with to this day. As an adult, St. James helped me to learn how to be a good person and to value morals and treat others the way I would want to be treated. As a teacher, St. James has not only given me an opportunity to embark on a fulfilling career, but it has allowed me to grow further spiritually and impact the lives of my students the same way that my teachers impacted my life as a student. St. James has given me so much and I am happy that I am able to pass that along to the St. James community today.

WHY DID YOU CHOSE TO COME BACK TO ST. JAMES TO TEACH? I chose to come back to St. James to teach because it felt like home. I have always felt a connection to this place, more so than my high school or university. This has always felt like the place I needed to be.

IF YOU COULD IMPART ONE THING ON YOUR STUDENTS WHAT WOULD BE? One thing that I would want my students to take advantage of is the friendships and relationships that they form here at St. James. I met some of my closest friends here at St. James and the people that I was surrounded with growing up at St. James are what I remember the most.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE QUOTE OR VERSE? My favorite quote/verse, which I think about a lot as a teacher, is the golden rule. Treat others the way you would like to be treated.

AS AN ALUM OF ST. JAMES WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO STAY CONNECTED AND GIVE BACK? As an alum is important for me to stay connected to St. James because I want my students to share in the same positive experiences and influences that helped shape me as a person growing up here at St. James



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT:

ELIZABETH SAYERS-O'NEIL

WHAT YEAR DID YOU GRADUATE FROM ST. JAMES? WERE YOU HERE KINDERGARTEN – 8TH GRADE? I graduated in 1972. My family moved to Orlando from Liverpool, England, in September, 1965, and I started second grade.

HOW MANY YEARS HAVE YOU BEEN TEACHING? I started teaching in August, 1981.

WHO WAS YOUR FAVORITE TEACHER WHEN YOU WERE HERE AS A STUDENT? WHAT SUBJECT AND WHY?

My favorite person when I came to this school was the principal, Sr. Moira. I had a thick Liverpool accent and was very homesick. I would stand on the steps of the school in the morning and cry for my mother to come back for me. Sr. Moira would comfort me. She was from Ireland, as were most of the Sisters of St. Joseph, and knew what it was like to be a stranger in a strange land. My favorite teacher in middle school was my English teacher Mrs. Krehl. I enjoyed her class whether we were diagramming sentences to learn grammar, analyzing literature, or developing our creative writing skills.

WHAT WAS A FOND MEMORY YOU HAD OF YOUR TIME HERE AS A STUDENT? Every so often a group of 8th graders would walk down to the cathedral and help with some clerical duties. I mainly remember stuffing and licking lots of envelopes. After working for a couple of hours, we would then be treated to lunch at a small diner directly across the street from the church.

IS THERE SOMETHING YOU WERE ABLE TO DO, A SUBJECT, OR PROJECT THAT YOU WISHED WE STILL DID TODAY?

We used to hold an Oratorical Contest; I believe it was affiliated with a state or national organization. Students would memorize poems or famous speeches; some students would deliver their own poem or prose. I was one of the people who ran the bookstore in the morning. We sold basic supplies to students.

HOW DID ST. JAMES IMPACT YOUR LIFE AS A STUDENT, ADULT, AND TEACHER? I definitely think this school has had a positive impact of my life. My own teachers, whether religious or laypeople, were wonderful role models. This school provided a fine education for my own daughter.

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO COME BACK TO ST. JAMES TO TEACH? Although I had been a member of Future Teachers of America in high school for three years, I had no intention of being a teacher. A year after I graduated from college, my former math teacher, Mrs. Blanka Roberts, then principal of the school, asked me if I wanted to work at the school. She gave me the choice of Kindergarten or middle school science and math. I chose science and math!

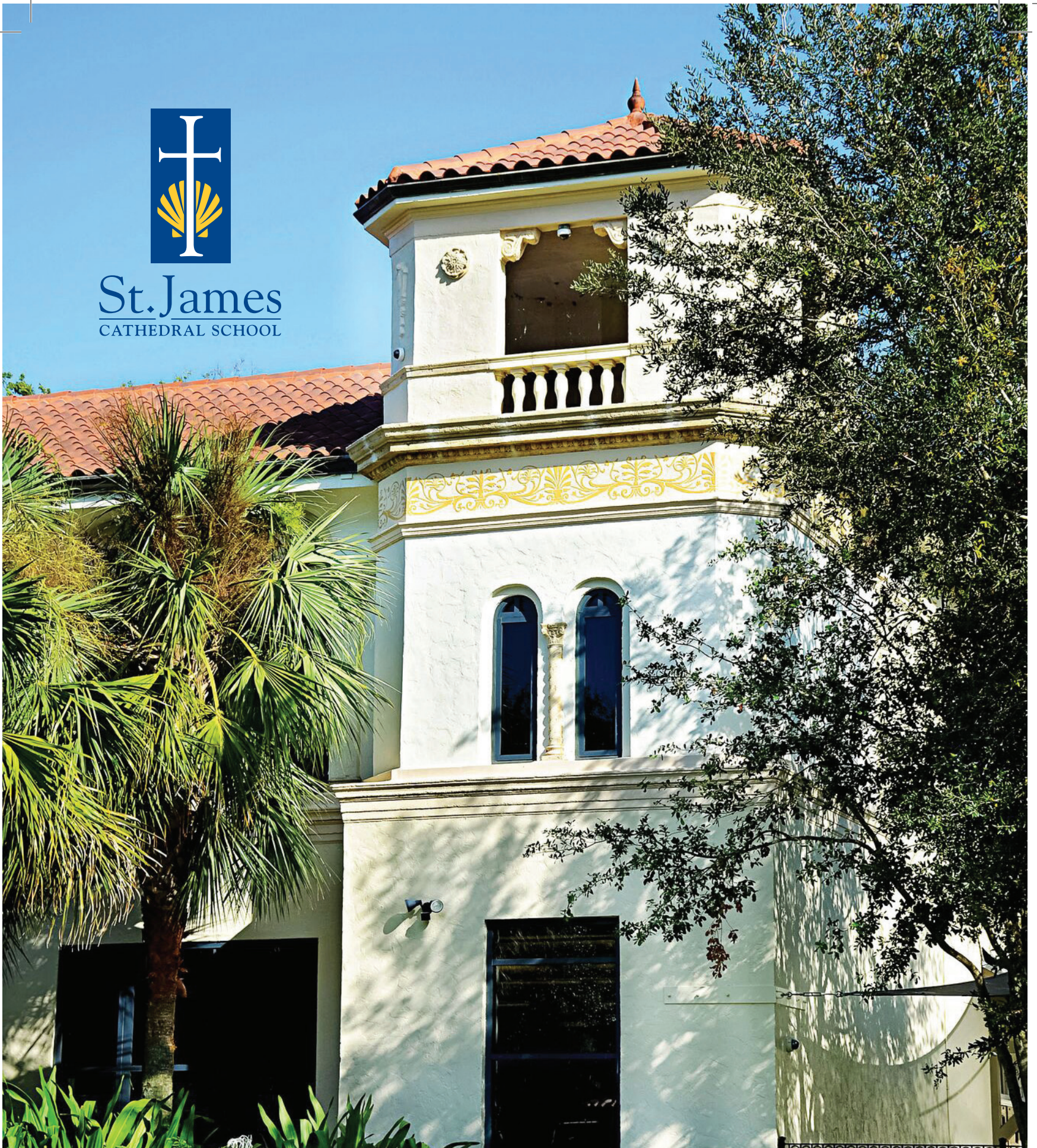
IF YOU COULD IMPART ONE THING ON YOUR STUDENTS WHAT WOULD IT BE? Some of my students struggle in math and at times fail to master the concepts or skills. I explain to them that my definition of a successful student does not depend on their average in my math class. A successful student is one who approaches their studies with a positive attitude. The student perseveres when the going gets tough. The student is willing to try different strategies to overcome obstacles. A successful student takes responsibility for her own actions and decisions. Many of us will never use the Pythagorean Theorem or the quadratic formula after we leave school, but we will definitely benefit from a positive attitude as we journey through life.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE QUOTE OR VERSE? I really do not have a favorite quote or verse. As a Trekkie, I do like Spock's "Live long and prosper."

AS AN ALUM OF ST. JAMES WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO STAY CONNECTED AND GIVE BACK? St. James School is a community rich in tradition and history. Parents don't just give their money when they send their children to our school. They give their time, their energy, and their talents. I remember my father being on the Home and School Board. I remember my mother in the kitchen cooking and cleaning for the annual school carnivals. All of us are enriched by the efforts of so many. I love it when a former student returns as a teacher. I definitely am not the only one! It's great when a former student enrolls their own child in our school. Members of our community may leave for high school, college, and adulthood, but they are still members of our community.



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