

#### Dear Friends in Christ,

We are pleased to present to you the first annual report for St. Patrick Catholic School. This report reflects some of the many accomplishments along with important financial and statistical data from the 2016-17 academic year. We hope that through this report you will see the vital role our school plays in spreading our parish's mission.

The results are undeniable, St. Patrick students and alumni are living examples of the strong spiritual and academic programs at the school and the continued support from our parishioners and the community.

Please know we are eternally grateful for the sacrifices of all parishioners, donors, and alumni who graciously give of their time, talent, and treasure in ensuring that St. Patrick School has the resources available to educate the next generation of Catholics.

Thank you for your continued support of this valuable and important mission of St. Patrick Catholic Parish.

## God Bless!

For Joney King Routy Holge Sarah J. Townsend

"I don't feel we sacrifice to send our kids to a faithbased school. Yes we pay for an education and we may do without certain things, but most importantly we are investing in our children's

foundation, a solid foundation of religion and academics that they will carry with them for the rest of their lives. This investment is discussed in Mathew 7:24-27"

- Mandy Teachworth

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# We Pray!

The first line of our mission statement says it all. St. Patrick Catholic School is committed to developing confident disciples for Christ; Catholics who are willing to stand up for their faith and follow their chosen vocation. Throughout all grade levels, preschool-12, students are nurtured in their faith through 35+hours a week of religious instruction. The teachings of our Catholic faith are intertwined in everything we do; from the classroom, to the playground, and on the athletic field.

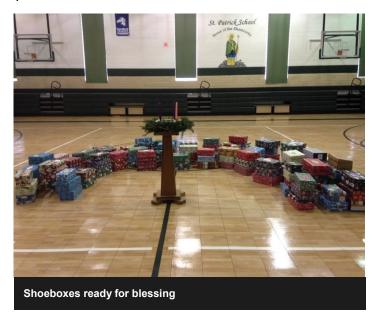
The following are a few of the highlights:

- 27 students receiving reconciliation for the first time
- 27 students receiving their first Communion
- Shoebox Service Project
- STIC (Spiritual Teens in Christ) Campus Ministry Team
- 28 students confirmed
- Seniors volunteering with Father Larry at the Soup Kitchen

## Shoebox Service Project

As part of the Christmas Giving program through the Portland Community Fund, St. Patrick Catholic School Families provided donations for families in need. The goal of donating 80 shoeboxes was far exceeded when our families put together 148 shoeboxes. These shoeboxes were blessed by Father Larry in a ceremony before they were provided to the families in need.





## We Learn!

St. Patrick Catholic School prides itself on a tradition of excellence. For more than 110 years the school has provided a personalized learning experience known to boost academic performance.

Research shows that Catholic school graduates have higher test scores, are more likely to graduate high school, earn scholarships, and attend college. Our local data affirms that research.

- Implemented a 1:1 Chromebook pilot program with the freshman class
- Received a donation of Kindles for the 2nd/3rd grade class
- Dual-enrollment classes
- Multiple world languages (Spanish and German)
- Students in the German class traveled to Germany to practice their skills
- Hosted our first school play in recent history
- Quiz Bowl team took 1st place in the M.M.A.L. League during the season and 3rd place in the tournament
- Quiz Bowl team competed on Quizbusters on PBS for the first time ever







Freshman Class showing off their new Chromebooks for the 1:1 Program

## We Achieve!

Within the Shamrock Athletic program, our student athletes learn the values associated with discipline, teamwork, sportsmanship and many other characteristics important in life.

### **Shamrock Athletic Accomplishments**

- \* First ever Division IV Baseball State Championship in school history
- First ever Volleyball Regional Title in school history
- Central Michigan 8-Man League Champions and Play-Off Regional Finalist in football
- Girls Basketball District Champions and Boys Basketball Academic All-State Basketball Team
- Girls and Boys Bowling finished 4th at Regionals
- 6 individual Track and Field competitors made it to the State Finals
- 42 Athletes across all sports were nominated as All-Conference Players
- ♣ 17 Athletes across all sports were nominated as All-Area Players
- 15 out of 20 Seniors qualified as 2017 CMAC Senior Scholar Athletes

#### **Coaching Honors**

- Coach Bryan Scheurer nominated as the District, Regional and State Baseball Coach of the Year, and the LSJ Dream Team Coach of the Year
- Coach Heidi Wenzel nominated as the LSJ High School Sports Award Volleyball Coach of the Year
- Coach Patrick Russman nominated as the Class D All-Area 8-Man Football Coach of the Year
- Coach Al Schrauben reached 600+ wins for Girls Varsity Basketball



#### **Individual All State Honors:**

#### 8-Man Football

- Greg Doll
- Samuel Hodge

#### Boys Basketball

Graham Smith

#### Track & Field

- Annie Gunderman (400 dash, 4x400, 4x200)
- ♣ Leah Cook (4x400, 4x200)
- Emma Gunderman (4x400, 4x200)
- Brittany Thelen (4x400, 4x200)
- ♣ Ashton Walker (1600, 3200)

#### Baseball

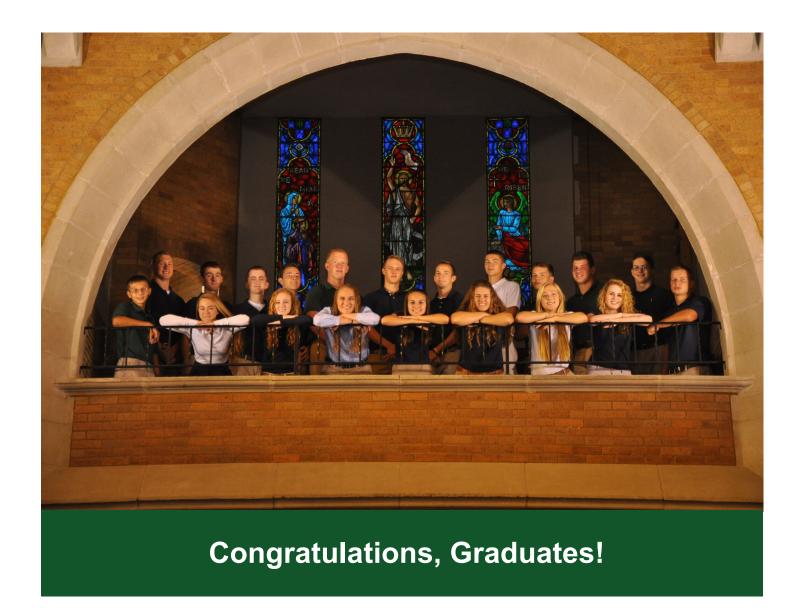
- Brandon Scheurer
- Brendan Schrauben
- Noah Goodman
- Coach Bryan Scheurer

#### **School Record:**

- The 4x200 relay team of Emma Gunderman, Leah Cook, Brittany Thelen and Annie Gunderman finished in 7th place, earning All-State Honors, while running a 1:50.07. The team broke the school record originally set by Shelley Brown, Jenny Fox, Becky Lansdell and Rachel Weller in 1991.
- Annie Gunderman broke her own school record in the 400 dash for the third time this season, running a 1:00.04.

#### **Special Nominations:**

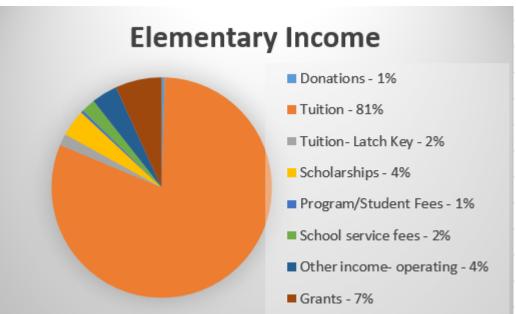
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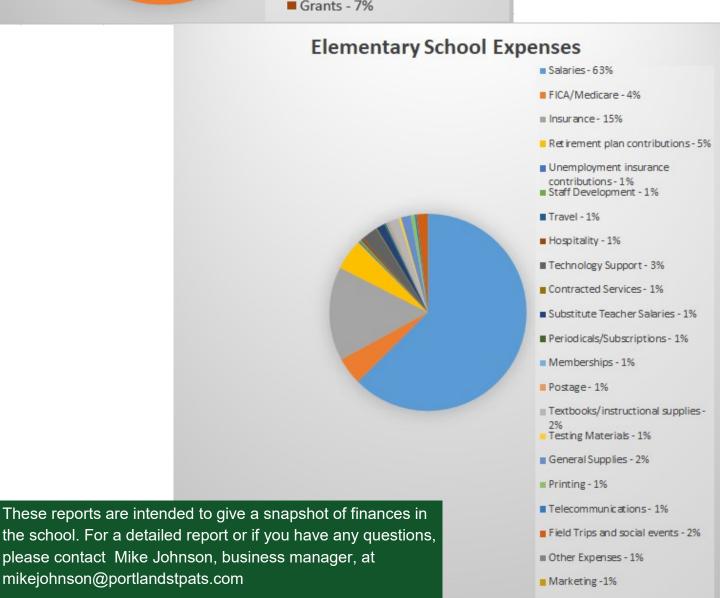


Ethan Ackerson, Lansing Community College
Karlie Bartlett, Saginaw Valley State University
Adam Brown, Grand Valley State University
Greg Doll, Ferris State University
Noah Goodman, Grand Valley State University
Hannah Greenwood, Aquinas College
Blake Hodge, Ferris State University
Samuel Hodge, Army
Matthew Jandernoa, Michigan State University
William Kwicinski, Aquinas College

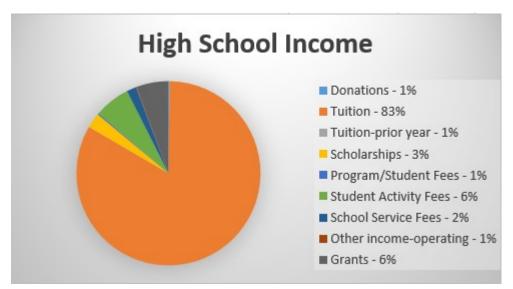
Samantha Leonard, Protégé Academy
Abrielle Mason, Michigan State University
Jerrid Pline, Saginaw Valley State University
Aaron Pratt, Michigan Technical Institute
Kelsey Schneider, Western Michigan University
Brenden Schrauben, Alma College
Graham Smith, Lansing Community College
Emma Trierweiler, Saginaw Valley State
University
Brittany Thelen, Central Michigan University
Blake Wohlscheid, Lansing Community College

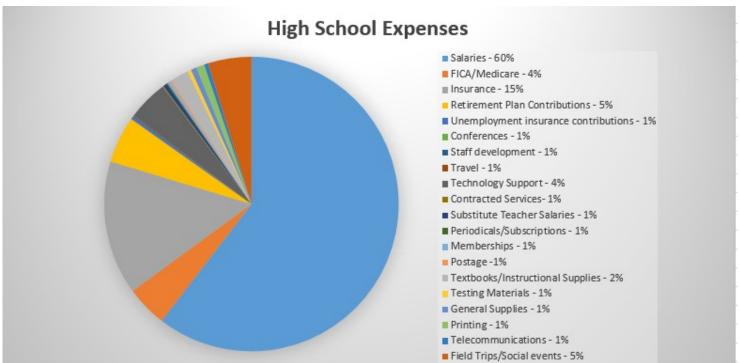
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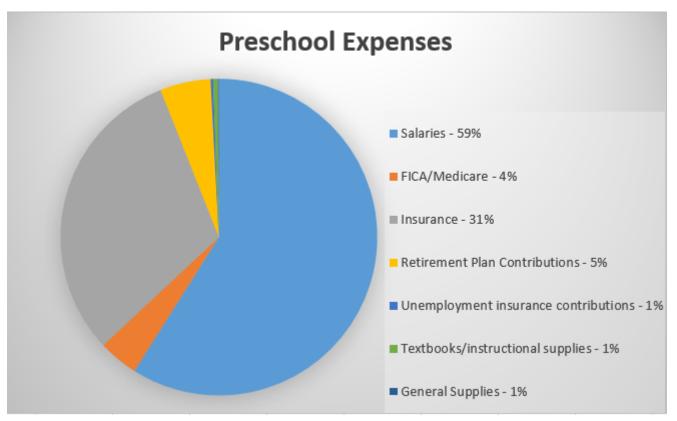


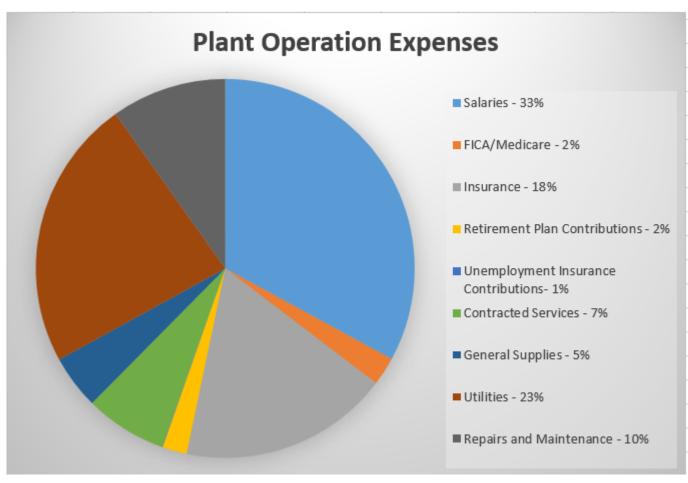
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St. Patrick Catholic School students with Father Larry

## **Father Flohe Foundation**

The Father Flohe Foundation was founded in 1989 with a mission to ensure the stability of St. Patrick as a DK-12 school for future generations. Since it's founding, the Foundation has provided nearly \$1,400,000 to assist with offsetting the cost of tuition of St Patrick. With nearly \$600,000 of support in the last seven years alone! The Foundation's support of St Patrick is entirely due to the financial support of St Patrick's generous alumni, friends, and community. The Foundation is a 501(c) 3 organization, which means contributions are tax deductible.

In addition to addition to direct contributions to the school, the Foundation also:

- Awards the Fr. Flohe Education Bell Award, which is awarded annually to an alumnus of St. Patrick School who in their life has exemplified the high goals and accomplishments that a graduate of St. Patrick can achieve.
- Funds three scholarships for seniors graduating from St Patrick
- Provides funding for the Shamrock Newsletter
- Coordinates a celebration for each graduating high school classes' 50th Reunion
- Piloting a St Patrick's teacher grant program for the 2017 2018 school year

# Thank you to our Donors!

St. Patrick Catholic School would not be where it is today without the generous support of our families and donors. This year we received generous anonymous donations of kindles and cafeteria tables for the school.

This is just a small way to say

# THANK YOU

to everyone that has volunteered, donated or prayed for St. Patrick Catholic Schools and our families.

# THANK YOU, Shamrock donors!

- Harv & Diana Burgoyne
- Gladys Fisher
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# **Shamrock Mentoring Program**

Big Rocks Little Rocks is a very successful mentoring program which involves nearly every student in the school. Each student in DK through 5th grade is a "Little Rock" who is paired with a "Big Rock", an older student in grades 6-12.

Big Rocks sit with their Little Rocks in church; they help them with various projects throughout the school year; and they serve as role models to the younger students.

Little Rocks enjoy going to games and cheering on their Big Rocks; they love seeing them in the hallways; and they are always warmly greeted and recognized when they cross paths outside of school.

Big Rocks Little Rocks is only possible because of our unique situation---all of our students from preschool through 12th grade are housed in one building---just like a family!



## **Contact Us**

Give us a call for more information about our outstanding PK-12 Catholic education.

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