

ANNUNCIATION

CATHOLIC SCHOOL





Dear Family and Friends of Annunciation,

Annunciation continues to thrive in so many areas- our students are happy and getting holy. The priests here at St. Gabriel continue to offer confessions monthly, God is still forgiving, and by God's grace, hopefully the students aren't sinning as often or as severely. And indeed, hopefully that is the case for all of us.

With Dr. Pristash's direction, our faculty continue to be such good teachers and lead our students with such dedication and joy. Our teachers enjoy teaching and love our students at ACS, even the more difficult behaviors or days. Our Catholic Identity Committee (CIC) continues to increase with involved parents wanting to help the children grow in their faith. As Pastor, I continue to give thanks to God, to Dr. Pristash, our administration, faculty, students, and parents who continue to make ACS who we are- one of the best Catholic Elementary Schools in the Diocese.

Many have heard of the possible Senior Living Facility that could be built on our parish and school campus, which the parish's Pastoral and Finance Councils, and ACS Advisory Council has given approval for upon verification the possible expansion of Annunciation would not be compromised. Therefore, Dr Pristash, Bill- St Gabriel's Parish Manager, and I have met with an architect who has given us preliminary drawings/plans for phase 1- a Gymnasium, and phase 2- a new building to house the 4th-8th grade when/if we expand the school to 2 classes per grade. So, now we know we have the land to add a gymnasium and school expansion, along with the possible Senior Living facility. Now we will start to assess the sustainability and feasibility of expanding Annunciation. As of writing this letter, many have asked for an update on the possible Senior Living facility, and I still have not received an update from the planners/builders on the approval from City or HOA for Construction.

May the peace of Christ be with you always.

Fr. Chad King

Pastor- St. Gabriel Catholic Church/Annunciation School



Dear Family, Friends, and Generous Supporters,

It is hard to believe that we are in the midst of our sixteenth year of operation. Each year passes more quickly, and each year brings something new. During the 2023-24 school year we launched the first Gardening Angels Club at ACS. We also added Track and Field to our athletic program. We brought our library out of storage where it has waited for four years until the campus project was complete. You will find information about both of those projects in this report.

This year, again, we are at capacity enrollment with waiting lists for all but one grade. Our tenth class of 8th graders are busy preparing for the high school application process. We expect another year of 100% acceptance into the Catholic high schools. If you are wondering how our graduates do when they leave ACS, check out the alumni section in this report.

Our many accomplishments would not be possible without the time, talent, and treasure of many people. Each one of you has had a part in bringing our school from its humble beginnings to the success it is today and has provided the foundation for a bright and hopeful future. I am grateful for all you have done -- your faith, your service, your financial support, and your prayers. May the peace of Christ be with you always.

Blessings,

Dr. Sharon H. Pristash

The Mission of Annunciation Catholic School





Within our strong Catholic community, we develop children to their fullest God-given potential – spiritually, intellectually, morally, socially, and physically.

Congratulations to the Class of 2024



On May 17, we celebrated the 9th graduating class of Annunciation Catholic School. The class of 2024 is an amazing group of students. All who applied were accepted to Catholic high schools. Many with honors, highest honors, and scholarships. This class is recognized in our school’s history as the third class that has students who attended since kindergarten. ACS added kindergarten in the fall of 2013. Fourteen students in this class of twenty nine attended all nine years of elementary school at ACS.

High School Acceptance Results 2024

School	Accepted	Honors
 BROPHY COLLEGE PREPARATORY	7	1 with highest honors 1 with distinction
 NOTRE DAME Preparatory High School	23	7 with honors
 SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL	3	3, 2 with honors
 <i>women of faith pursuing excellence</i> Xavier College Preparatory Roman Catholic High School	7	1 with honors 1 eligible to take placement test for honors

High School Placement Test Results

STANDARD SCORE	National Standard Score Avg	Diocesan 2019 SS Avg	Diocesan 2023 SS Avg	ACS 2020 SS Avg	ACS 2021 SS Avg	ACS 2022 SS Avg	ACS 2023 SS Avg	ACS 2024 SS Avg
Verbal Skills	500	532		582	584	581	564	544
Quantitative Skills	500	547		604	579	572	582	571
Cognitive Total	500	539		591	581	576	567	554
Reading	500	517		571	582	544	542	557
Math	500	524		543	535	495	501	497
Language	500	511		555	543	529	541	519
Basic Skills Total	500	516		555	553	522	526	523
Composite	500	525	521	568	563	542	541	534

Christian Service Award - Lucia Garcia

Congratulations to ACS 8th grader, Lucia Garcia, who received the Christian Service Award from the Catholic Community Foundation. Since 1998, the mission of the Christian Service Award (CSA) Scholarship is to acknowledge students who demonstrate exemplary Christ-centered behavior through volunteer service to their parish, school, and community. Recipients display a love and understanding of their Catholic faith and articulate a commitment, not only to perform acts of service but to live a serviced-focused life. They recognize their God-given gifts and provide persuasive evidence of their maturity, humility, and leadership. Lucia was awarded the scholarship of a \$2,000 payment during each year at a Catholic high school for a total of \$8,000.



Roaina Asaari

Roaina Asaari was Annunciation's first international student. She graduated in 2016 as a member of the inaugural 8th grade. We recently received the news of Roaina's amazing accomplishments from her aunt, Mina. Her email appears below. Congratulations, Roaina! We are so proud of you!

Hi! I know it's out of the blue but I just want to share to you about Roaina achievement. She is one of the pioneer student of Grade 8 and graduated in 2016 in your school. She recently graduated from Ateneo de Zamboanga University, College of Nursing and received a Cum Laude honor.

I'm forever grateful for accepting Roaina and for the help you did for us.

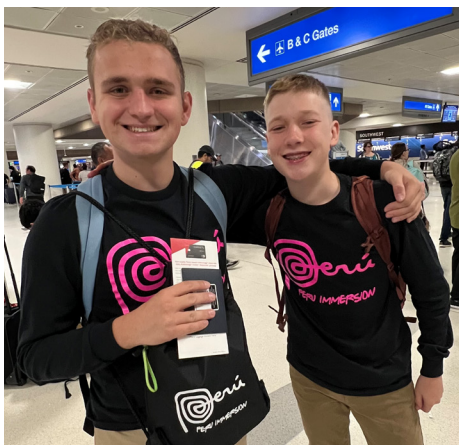
Much appreciated.

Mina Robetorye



Mache Baasten

Mache Baasten, class of 2023, after completing his freshman year at Brophy College Prep, left for his Peru Immersion trip with 23 students from Brophy. They were in Peru for 27 days doing community service. Immersion experiences at Brophy offer students the opportunity to come to know families and communities directly affected by injustice. Through this learning experience and the development of relationships and friendships, students come to understand and respect life different from one's own, and to enter into solidarity with the marginalized. The aim is for students to come to a deeper awareness of issues impacting those who live on the margins of society, and to become a voice for the voiceless as they commit to a faith that does justice.



Lara Velasquez

Lara Velasquez graduated from Annunciaton Catholic School in 2020. After graduating from Annunciation, Lara was accepted with highest honors to Notre Dame Preparatory High School. While she attended Notre Dame Preparatory High School, Lara's many accomplishments included Notre Dame Preparatory Class of 2024 Valedictorian of 206 students (cumulative 4.46 GPA weighted), AP Capstone Diploma, AP Scholar with Distinction (2023, 2024) for passing 10 AP exams, Principal's List Award (2021-2024) for 4.0+ weighted GPA every semester, St. Thomas Aquinas Scholars Honors Program (15 students per grade level selected as incoming freshmen), Honors Societies: President of English; Member of Science, Math, & Social Studies (2022-2024,) St. Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Church Choir member (2022-2024), National Honors Society member & Notre Dame Prep Ambassador (2022-2024), and House St. Patrick Senior Prefect & Servant Leader (2020-2024).

Lara is currently attending Chapman University in the Honors Program, majoring in Dance and Biological



Ambassadors



Back Row: Tommy C., Drake B., Alex R., Ashley K., Cali V., Lucia G.

Front Row: Lily H., Leah M., Athena C., Elenor S.

Annunciation Catholic School Student Ambassadors selected to be the official student representatives of ACS during their 8th grade year. The Student Ambassadors greet and converse with prospective students, families, and donors through educational and social events. This group of students showcase the quality and diversity of the student body, promote pride, and communicate the remarkability of the school itself. Ambassadors attend developmental workshops to develop their skills. ACS Ambassadors are present at special events including serving as ushers at the ACS All School Masses at St. Gabriel, distributing Catholic Education Arizona brochures at several parishes and serving as greeters at our annual Evening Under the Stars Gala.

National Junior Honor Society Inductees 2023-2024



Back Row: Ms. O'keeffe, Alex R., Tommy C., Drake B., Cameron G., Liam C., Monte S., Amelia W., Gabby Z., Leili F., Ashley K., Lilly B., Nola W., Ava Y., mDr. Pristash, Front Row: Kayla B., Antonio M., Athena C., Evagrace S., Shaan I., Benette R., Harris R., Nick H., Elena S., Leray N., Elenor S., Lucia G.

On January 10, 2024, twenty five students were inducted into the James Rapisarda Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. The Chapter aims to develop leadership, scholarship, citizenship, service, and character traits among the students at Annunciation Catholic School. The faculty bestows the honor of membership in this chapter to deserving students based on their scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship.

To be eligible for selection, candidates must be in the seventh or eighth-grade class and have a minimum cumulative grade average of 96% in all subject areas. Candidates are also evaluated based on their service, leadership, character, and citizenship.

STREAM (Science, Technology, Research, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics)

STREAM steamrolled into 2024. From building tables to a ping pong ball challenge to Noah's Ark, the students have been immersed in STREAM. The Back-to-School STREAM event featured a buddy challenge in designing and creating a table out of recyclables to hold a certain weight while the elementary grades had to design a device to pick up a ping pong ball. For Catholic Schools Week, it was a "collective" effort among all the grades. Middle School designed an Ark out of the cans collected for the canned food drive while the elementary grades truly thought outside of the box designing animals out of recyclables. It was amazing to see how imaginative the students were in creating their animals, from large giraffes and elephants to birds, serpents, and penguins.

Our 7th grade students showed off months of hard work and preparation at the Annunciation Science Fair that was held on February 9. These enthusiastic and talented students showcased their individual or group projects to their fellow classmates, teachers, and judges. The students' projects, which were completed over many months, were well done, and the range of the ideas surpassed our expectations. The science fair is an opportunity for students to apply the scientific method while conducting independent research on a subject of their choice. We could not be more impressed by all of their hard work! Congratulations to James O. for his 1st place winning entry titled "What plane will produce the most drag".



Catholic Identity - Catholic Schools Week

The students had a great time during Catholic Schools Week. We honored our nation and First Responders with a flag ceremony. Catholic musical group Floriani came to sing with our student choir at school Mass and performed for the students afterwards. Sr. Esther Pilar from Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary came to visit and speak on vocations day with our students. Dr. Pristash delivered the Lord's message and interacted with the students at community prayer. Thank you to Sarah Cupo and Chelsea Cordell for inspirational ideas and hard work.



Garden Angels Club Blooms at Annunciation

Thanks to a special grant, ACS broke ground on the Food Forest Garden in January 2023. For the past 10 months the garden has been planted in phases and has reached the stage where many helpers are needed to maintain it. Our school garden club launched on November 27 with thirteen inaugural members and two magnificent leaders, Terri Cole and Tracy Marvel. The club will teach students about horticulture, plant growth, and provide hands-on experience in community service. Members of our parish community are also welcome to participate in the club.

Pictured are members of the Garden Angels Club with the leaders, Terri and Tracy, both are members of St. Gabriel Parish and are trained catechists in the parish faith formation program. They both love gardening and passing on their faith to our young people. The club consists of two 8 week sessions that meet on Mondays after school.

If you are wondering what's growing in the food forest garden, here is a sample of what you will find there: Deciduous trees such as apple, peach, fig, plum, jujube, and apricot; tropical plants and herbs include mango, ice cream bean, bare-root bananas, dragon fruit, thyme, and rosemary; a variety of citrus trees including lemon, lime, and grapefruit, and Mary's Rose Garden with benches and gently bubbling fountain.



8th Grade Boys Win C.Y.A.A. Basketball Tournament



On January 24, 2024, Annunciation history was made when our 8th grade boys basketball team won the championship game against St. Timothy's of Mesa in the Catholic Youth Athletics Association annual small schools tournament. The game was held at S.S. Simon & Jude Catholic School. Coaches Shane Warner and Doug Brown couldn't be more proud of their team.

Coach Warner was thrilled with his team's performance and said, "Coaching the 8th grade boys basketball team to Annunciation's first-ever CYAA Championship was an absolute blast! Coach Doug Brown and I coached this squad for the last several years, and it was bittersweet to have met our ultimate goal of 1st place in the tournament. "

Pictured left to right: Dean of Middle School - Ms. O'Keeffe, Coach Brown, Yeshua, Grant, Monte, Liam, Cameron, Jackson, Alex, DJ, Drake, and Coach Warner. Principal Pristash and Benjamin in front!

ACS Track & Field Team Wraps Up Inaugural Season

The ACS Track and Field Team concluded their inaugural season last spring at the Great Hearts League Championship Meet. Our team was "small but mighty" with all of the athletes learning new events and progressing through the season to personal records. The team capped off the season with a strong showing in the girl Sprint Medley Relay and the girls 4x400 Meter Relay 5th place finalists. Grant continued his incredible season by qualifying for individual events in the 100 meter, 200 meter, Long Jump and Shot Put. He qualified for finals and placed 6th in the Shot Put and 7th in the 200 meter. Leah won the girls 800 meter run and finished 4th in the Shot Put and 7th in the 100 meter. Anna finished in a photo finish in the 100 meter hurdles, taking second place by .007 seconds.! She capped off the day finishing in 2nd place in the 800 meter run.



Vibrant Vinnies Makes a Postive Impact on Community

Vibrant Vinnies have been working hard. They visited and played games with the Veterans and physically disabled at Ozanam Manor at the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and had a blast! The Vinnies used their own conference funds to purchase a computer and bean bags and various games for the revised Teen Zone at the Dream Center. The recipients were overjoyed!

They helped Our Lady of Joy with a successful SVdP food drive! Vinnies have also been busy collecting blessing supplies and passing those out downtown at the shelter for those in need! We dropped off backpacks, 100 bags of toiletry items, and boxes of toothbrushes and toothpaste! Finally, the Vinnies helping out at St. Bernadette for a Christmas party for children in need. They made cookies, helped in the bouncy house, and with face painting.



American Heritage Girls (AHG)



The American Heritage Girls program at Annunciation Catholic School provides an excellent foundation for young girls, fostering their growth as leaders while staying rooted in Christian values. By promoting qualities like compassion, honesty, and perseverance, the program ensures that girls develop a well-rounded character. Through the AHG Oath, participants are inspired to love God, cherish their families, honor their country, and serve their communities, all of which help shape them into responsible and compassionate individuals. The focus on integrity, faith, and respect equips these young women to positively impact the world with confidence and purpose.

Polynesian Paradise Evening Under the Stars Dinner and Silent Auction

The annual Evening Under the Stars Dinner and Silent Auction was held on April 13, 2024. It has become a highly anticipated event for friends and families of ACS. The event has been growing steadily for the past eight years. The dinner was catered by Citron Catering, and the event featured a silent and live auction, music and a fire-eating polynesian dancer.



The highlight of the evening was a paddle raise, which generated an electric atmosphere as a large number of generous donors contributed. Thanks to their generosity, we were able to fund 2 new resource teachers, technology education and equipment, and safety and security. We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Heather Dyer, and the ACS Room Angels for their efforts in bringing in some spectacular class baskets and projects to the auction. We also thank our FunD Angels for procuring additional items and experiences, and all the volunteers who graciously assisted with the tiniest details. Thank you Keli McCann, our past Director of Development, for her work on this event and facilitating our volunteers.

The Rossbach's, Khoury's, and Schwartz' enjoyed the evening. Each family has had 2 students graduate ACS and the Khoury's have a current 5th grader. Sandy and Eddie Khoury and David and Lynn Schwartz are founding families of ACS.

Fun Run 2023 Hit the Goal

Every year, we organize a Fun Run event that encourages our students to seek sponsorship from their family and friends. September of 2023 had the theme of a water run called the World Changers Splash' n Dash. We worked with the Boosterthon team members who provided a user friendly platform, challenges, and character building videos. Once students met their challenge, they were rewarded with incentives like extra recess, tasty treats, and more. With the help of many, this event raised a remarkable **\$60,000** for ACS. We would like to thank Tasha Aronson and her team of volunteers whose effort and dedication made this event fun for students, families, and the staff. We would also like to thank all our donors and sponsors for their support and gracious generosity.



Thank You to Last Year's Donors and Community Partners!

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Annual Appeal

The Annual Appeal fund helps support Annunciation cover the day-to-day operation of the school, which includes utilities, rent, and maintenance.

Cash Gifts

Your financial gift to Annunciation Catholic School provides operational support for the school's mission, including academic programs, athletics, fine arts and technology.

Matching Gifts

Many corporations offer as a benefit to their employees a matching gift program. Please ask your human resources department for a matching gift to support Catholic education.

Gifts-In-Kind

The parents and parishioners of Annunciation continue their generous donations of their time and talent. Please consider donating your experience or services to help Annunciation Catholic School. Some gifts that have already been received include printing, food and beverage donations, office and classroom supplies, and equipment for the school.

Tuition Assistance

St. Gabriel Catholic Parish has created a fund to help families at Annunciation who experience an unforeseen financial need during the year. Designated donations to Annunciation Tuition Assistance program through the parish St. Gabriel Tuition Assistance Fund can be given directly to the parish or school office.

Appreciated Securities

Gifts of securities, mutual funds and stocks are an excellent way to support Catholic education in your estate planning.

Planned Giving

Leave a legacy that reflects your ideals and values by supporting Catholic education in your estate planning.

Endowments

An endowment fund is known as "forever money." It is a special account that is established in order to generate revenue. One of the distinguishing characteristics of an endowment fund is that the principal amount contained in the account is not disbursed for any reason. This principal amount is invested in a manner that creates a steady return.



Kiwanis Club of Carefree Awards 4 Grants for the 2023-2024 ACS School Year!

ACS has received four grants from Kiwanis Club of Carefree for our 2023 - 2024 school year. The first grant for \$3,257 was used to purchase ten ScreenBeam Wireless Display Receivers. Having a wireless receiver allows for teachers to walk around and monitor the classroom while teaching on the interactive newline boards. This particular device is also very reliable and works at a faster rate than the wireless receivers we are currently using.

The second grant for \$6,512 helped us purchase three more 3-D printers for the science lab. Students in middle school enjoy using computer assisted design to create 3-D models. The addition of 3 more printers will increase the number of students who can produce 3-D models at the same time.

The third grant was for \$24,671 which will be used to replace the Chromebooks in 2nd and 3rd grade and the fourth grant helped support our Food Forest and Mary's Rose Garden. The funds purchased garden tools, mulch, plants and picnic tables for the Garden Club hands-on education, and for school families and parishioners to picnic, meditate, and pray.

The Kiwanis Club of Carefree has been very generous to Annunciation Catholic School for the past 8 years, with grants totaling over \$125,000 to support technology, special needs, and athletics. Thank you Kiwanis of Carefree!

Kiwanis of Carefree Supports Our Teachers!

Last summer the Kiwanis Club of Carefree sent every teacher a \$200 gift card to purchase classroom supplies. This was an unsolicited donation, and one that the teachers appreciated.

Please support Kiwanis Club of Carefree by donating to and shopping at their thrift store, the Kiwanis Marketplace. It is located in Cave Creek across from Dairy Queen. The Kiwanis Marketplace is also in need of volunteers. It's a great place for all to contribute to our community. Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time. Learn more at <https://kiwaniscarefree.org/>.

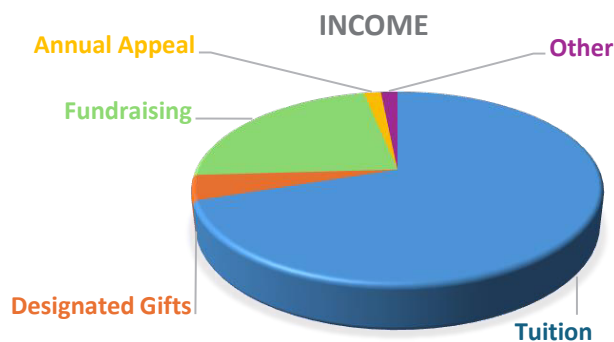


Financial Summary

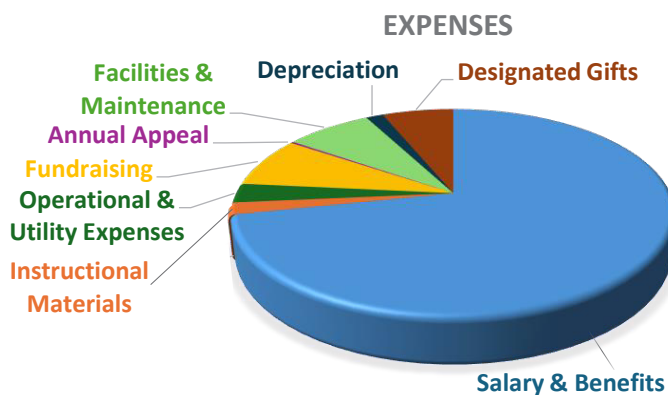
Annunciation is pleased to announce that we have successfully ended another financial year with zero debt, thanks to the generous support of our parents, parishioners, and donors. Our operational budget is funded by three sources: tuition, fundraising, and donations to the annual appeal, as well as grants and personal gifts. We were able to use designated funds from the previous fiscal year to cover expenses that occurred during the 2023-2024 academic year.

Each year, the cost of Catholic education increases. For the 2023-2024 academic year, it cost \$8,220 to educate a student. Tuition for kindergarten to 5th-grade students was \$6,300, while middle school students paid \$6,600. The difference between the cost of education and tuition fees is known as the "Gap," which is filled through fundraising and donations.

INCOME		
Tuition	\$1,853,784.29	70%
Designated Gifts	\$111,348.45	4%
Fundraising	\$602,599.75	23%
Annual Appeal	\$42,986.71	2%
Other	\$41,796.84	2%
Total Income	\$2,652,516.04	100%



EXPENSES		
Salary & Benefits	\$1,705,921.44	71.7%
Instructional Materials	\$44,406.96	1.9%
Operational & Utility Expenses	\$70,800.00	3.0%
Fundraising	\$186,945.51	7.9%
Annual Appeal	\$6,273.16	0.3%
Facilities & Maintenance	\$180,121.79	7.6%
Depreciation	\$35,913.53	1.5%
Designated Gifts	\$149,081.71	6.3%
Total Expenses	\$2,379,464.10	100%
Change in Net Assets	\$273,051.94	



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