HALES CORNERS WISCONSIN

ST. MARY

19 X 54

PARISH SCHOOL

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2020 ANNUAL APPEAL

Dear Friends of St. Mary Parish School,

It has been another amazing year at St. Mary Parish School thanks to you, our generous parents, grandparents, parishioners, alumni and friends! With support from our previous annual appeal we were able to implement enhanced educational opportunities including accelerated math programming providing advanced curriculum to our high-performing students and individualized learning support services for students in need of extra help.

It is important for us to stay ahead of educational trends, providing integrated technology in classrooms, offering STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) curriculum and hands-on engineering opportunities related to our Project Lead the Way program, all of which we offer, to expand critical thinking and problem solving. In just three short years we have become a Project Lead the Way Distinguished School. It is also important to stay true to some of the traditional hallmarks of education that oftentimes are overlooked in schools today. We emphasize the importance of grammar, a skill that never goes out of style and always sets our students apart. In addition, we remain committed to the fundamentals of high-level writing which will be increasingly important as students advance in their educational career.

We are proud to instill the Catholic faith, grounding our students with values and virtues, ever needed in our 21st century society of social challenges facing our young people. Our Faith in Our Families program encourages faith formation at home and regular Mass attendance for our school families to nurture and enhance each family's faith journey. Our fine arts programming develops creative expression, allowing students to see the world from different perspectives and enriches academic learning.

This blend of educational opportunities ensures that students graduating from St. Mary Parish School are well prepared for their high school careers and beyond. Our goal is always to be among the highest performing Catholic schools in the area. With your steadfast commitment we will continue to lead the way among Catholic schools.

Our Annual Appeal is an opportunity for you to invest in our students to ensure that a dynamic Catholic education is within everyone's reach. The cost to educate a child at St. Mary Parish School is $6,516 and the cost of tuition is $4.163. Your contribution will help keep tuition costs down and sustain our exceptional teaching staff.

I am humbled by your generosity and passion for our school, our students and our families. I ask you to consider a gift to our annual appeal to continue the strong tradition of Catholic education at St. Mary where we *Belong. Believe. Achieve.* May God continue to bless you and your families for the gift of quality Catholic education that you provide to our students and families.

With gratitude,

Maria V. Schram
Principal

What is the Annual Appeal?

The Annual Appeal supports the school operating budget. Generous gifts contributed to the appeal enhance educational opportunities for our students beyond tuition. It costs an additional $2,300 per student beyond tuition to educate each student.

What is the money used for?

- Retaining outstanding teaching staff through competitive salaries and incentives
- Enhancing curriculum through technology and enrichment opportunities
- Supporting ongoing operating expenses which sustains our mission

How much should I contribute?

Every gift makes a difference. Your gift, whether $5 or $5,000, is a testament to your belief in St. Mary Parish School.

Giving Levels

School Spirit	$1 - $99
White	$100 - $249
Blue	$250 - $499
Gold	$500 - $999
Roary	$1,000 – $4,999
Royals	$5,000+

How can I give?

1. Make a secure online donation through our online giving site, *stmaryhc.org/give.*
2. Use the enclosed envelope and make checks payable to St. Mary Parish School, noting "Annual Appeal" on the memo line.

   All gifts are tax deductible.

Celebrating spiritual growth while providing academic excellence in a Christ-centered environment.

With a steadfast commitment from parents, parishioners and the community, St. Mary Parish School provides a faith-based education in an academic rich environment to develop well-rounded students who are disciples of Jesus.

Reasons why families choose St. Mary:

- **Principal Maria Schram** 2019 Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Leadership Award Recipient
- **Full-time Director of Curriculum** focused on continuous rigorous academic opportunities
- **Faith formation:** developing a deep personal spirituality within each student through daily prayer, weekly Mass, participation in the sacraments and the infusion of Catholic social teaching into all subjects and activities
- **Faith in our Families:** Connecting our community through Mass
- **Community impact:** service learning at all grade levels in collaboration with parish ministry partners
- **Innovative learning** with technology integrated in classrooms and special projects based in STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) and Project Lead the Way (PLTW) beginning in K4
- **Chromebooks and iPads** in classrooms
- **Ongoing professional development** for staff ensuring an ongoing commitment to academic growth for students
- **Specialists:** reading and math specialists, guidance, Spanish, library/technology, STEM, music, art, physical education
- **Student leadership opportunities:** student council, student ambassadors, student inclusion committee
- **Fine Arts programming:** music, band, art and jazz ensemble
- **Athletics:** soccer, futsal, volleyball, track, basketball and dance team
- **Extra curriculars:** forensics, Positive Press writing club, science club, math club, chess club, Scouts and choir
- **Family engagement:** a community of parents that are invested in their child's school

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