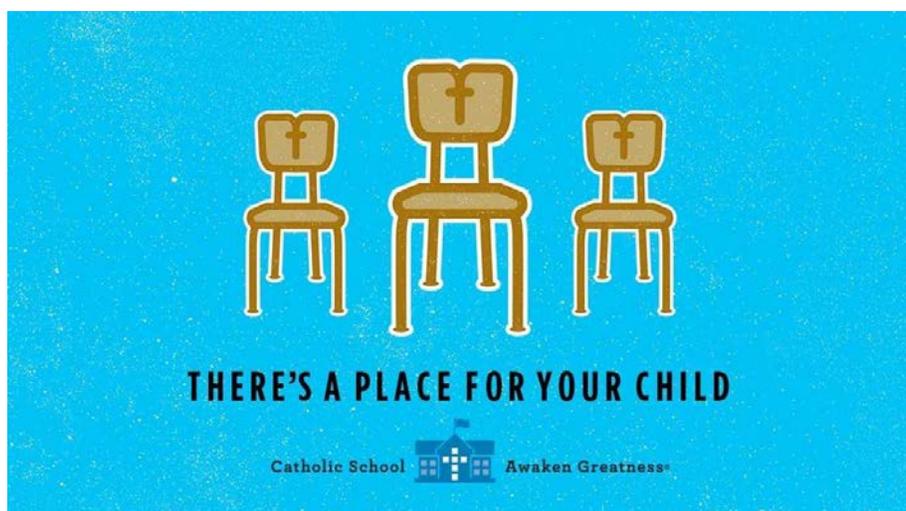


MAKING THE GRADE

NEWS FROM THE OMAHA CATHOLIC SCHOOL CONSORTIUM

APRIL 2018

Greatness is within reach: Welcome Tuition Grant Dollars Now Available



'Tis the season – for Welcome Tuition Grants! The upcoming school year will be the fourth year this program is offered by the Archdiocese of Omaha Catholic Schools Office. Grants are given to any public school, home school or private (non-Catholic) school student who transfers into any of the participating Archdiocese of Omaha Catholic schools, including all five Consortium schools. The grants are specifically offered to students in first through seventh grades. Although the archdiocese has many scholarships and programs to help families in need of financial assistance, this program is different. Welcome Tuition Grants give new families that have never experienced the value of a Catholic school, an opportunity to join our

family. Holy Cross has one of the highest number of students who have taken advantage of the Welcome Tuition Grants. Across the Consortium, we have numerous students who have enrolled in and succeeded at our schools because of this program.

We believe all families who want to provide their children with a Catholic education should have the opportunity. **If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about these grant offerings**, contact Katie at 402-557-5600, or visit lovemyschool.com/welcomegrants for more information and to schedule a tour at the school of your choice.

Together in Christ Annual Fund

Did you know?

- Tuition covers less than half of the cost to educate a child. The remaining amount is covered by parish support and development efforts. It is through generous support from individuals, alumni and area businesses that we are able to bring quality, Catholic education to nearly 1,800 students.
- We have an approximate \$3,000 annual “tuition gap” per student. Your donation can help close that gap.
- Our goal is to raise \$200,000 by June 30 to support not only tuition assistance, but technology upgrades, professional development opportunities for our staff and enhanced instructional materials for our classrooms, including supplies for our new Dual Language Academy.

To make your gift today, contact the Development Office at 402-590-2815 or visit www.omahacsc.org to make a secure online donation. Thank you for your support!



**ANNUAL
FUND GOAL
\$200,000**



Your gift will make a difference by:

- Enhancing the use of technology and individualized instruction
- Increasing tuition assistance opportunities
- Maintaining affordable tuition rates
- Offering industry-leading curriculum to prepare our students for future academic success in high school and beyond
- Purchasing materials for the Dual Language Academy
- Providing staff development opportunities to encourage professional growth and staff retention
- Providing additional resources to meet the needs of our growing schools and diverse student population
- Giving families a choice in their child's education
- Reducing the financial contributions required from our supporting parishes so they can invest in additional ministries that benefit their parish and the community

COOL NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOLS



Left: Dozens of families enjoyed a Dual Language Academy Parent Information Session and Easter Egg Hunt on March 31. Enrollment for our new Dual Language classrooms is going well. Registrations for pre-school, pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students are still being accepted to begin this fall at St. Stanislaus.

Right: Raúl Contreras, Yelena Tamayo and Elena Ruiz, eighth graders from Saints Peter and Paul Catholic School, were awarded the Charles Schroer Memorial Scholarship - a \$ 2,500 scholarship awarded to only 10 eighth-grade students in the archdiocese. The award allows them an opportunity to continue studying at a Catholic high school. Students applying for this scholarship must demonstrate a desire to grow academically and spiritually and are asked to write a letter to express their interest in attending a Catholic high school. Raul will attend Creighton Prep, Yelena will attend Mercy High School, and Elena will attend Gross Catholic. Congratulations to all!



Sts. Peter and Paul



St. Thomas More

Above: St. Thomas More eighth grader Henry Davis participated in the 32nd Annual Blair Middle School Honor Band Festival this month. More than 250 students from 50 different schools qualified to play music in the event. Guest conductors from University of Nebraska Omaha and the University of North Carolina led the students in two separate orchestras that played their last piece together as one super orchestra. Congratulations, Henry!



Our Lady of Lourdes

Left: On April 20, Our Lady of Lourdes second and third graders spent a day experiencing what it was like to live in the times of Jesus. Parents led "the 12 tribes of Israel" where students participated in crafts, cooking and building activities throughout the day. We are grateful to parents and alumni who helped make this very special tradition possible.



Sts. Peter and Paul

Above: Congratulations to those children who are receiving sacraments this spring! Here, Fr. Frank Jindra is pictured with Marien Arana, one of 53 children who celebrated First Holy Communion at Saints Peter and Paul this month.



St. Bernadette

Above: Several (many more beyond this photo!) St. Bernadette students received awards at the Duchesne Academy Art Show. This is the first school year that St. Bernadette has had a dedicated art program.

Get to Know: Augie Palzer, Holy Cross Seventh Grader

In a continuing effort to get to know more about the students who attend our five Consortium schools, we ask students to tell us more about themselves and share what they love about their school.



Augie Palzer is in 7th grade at Holy Cross. He enjoys being challenged in his classes, especially English, and learning more about his faith.

Q: How does learning and talking about your faith every day feel?

A: I feel content and proud about expressing my faith.

Q: What are some ways you express your faith in your life at school and at home?

A: I like contributing to discussions during religion class. At night, I read “Jesus Calling”, and I really enjoy listening to Matthew Kelly, especially watching his Decision Point videos.

Q: What do you like most about Holy Cross and why?

A: I like how it’s an accepting environment because most of the staff is very kind and generous.

Q: What is your favorite class? Why?

A: Social studies because it’s important to learn about our history and where we come from.

Q: Can you tell us a unique fact about yourself?

A: I’m a book/screenplay writer and an illustrator. Some of my drawings are going to be published in a children’s book soon, which is being written by an acquaintance of mine, Larry Dwyer.

Thank you for sharing, Augie!

UPCOMING EVENTS



SPRING KERMES AT STS. PETER AND PAUL

Sat., April 28 - Event is open to the public

Come support the school by attending the Kermes at Sts. Peter and Paul School! Experience games with prizes, music, dance, and of course delicious food! Enjoy special performances by the Latino Museo (along with some of our students) and the SPP Dance Team. The event begins at 5 p.m. and food may sell out, so get your favorite items early – enchiladas, flautas, carne asadas, pupusas and much more!

Omaha Gives!

SAVE THE DATE - May 23

Last year, Omaha Gives! raised nearly \$8 million for metro-area nonprofits, from donations large and small. On May 23 our community will come together again, and we need YOU to join us and support the Omaha Catholic School Consortium. This 24 hours of charitable giving is your chance to make a real difference. Donations can be scheduled as soon as May 1. And the minimum donation is only \$10.

[Learn more or donate here.](#) We appreciate your support!



Alumni, we want to hear from you!

Attention alumni of Assumption, Holy Cross, Holy Ghost, Immaculate Conception, Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Agnes, St. Bernadette, St. Bridget, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Mary, St. Peter, St. Stanislaus, St. Thomas More, and Sts. Peter and Paul – we want to hear from you! Let us know where you are today, and we'll keep you in the loop about what's happening at the Consortium schools. Please contact Blair at 402-590-2815 or BBonczynski@archomaha.org with your exciting updates and to subscribe to future newsletter issues.

Support Our Schools

It is through generous support from individuals, alumni, and area businesses that we are able to bring quality Catholic education to nearly 1,800 students. To discover how you can help strengthen our schools by giving the gift of your time, talent or treasure, please contact Blair Bonczynski, Marketing & Communications coordinator at bbonczynski@archomaha.org or 402.590.2815.

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Mission

The Omaha Catholic School Consortium provides academic, administrative and financial support to its member schools to ensure students have access to an exceptional education in a nurturing and culturally unique environment, where they are encouraged to explore their Catholic faith and become Disciples of Christ. We are committed to Catholic education that will thrive in our community for generations to come.

Vision

We will be recognized as a sustainable model for Catholic education with schools that challenge students of all abilities to excel and become faith-filled leaders in service to God and others.

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