

# 2024-2025 IMPACT REPORT

Dual Language Academy

Holy Cross

Our Lady of Lourdes

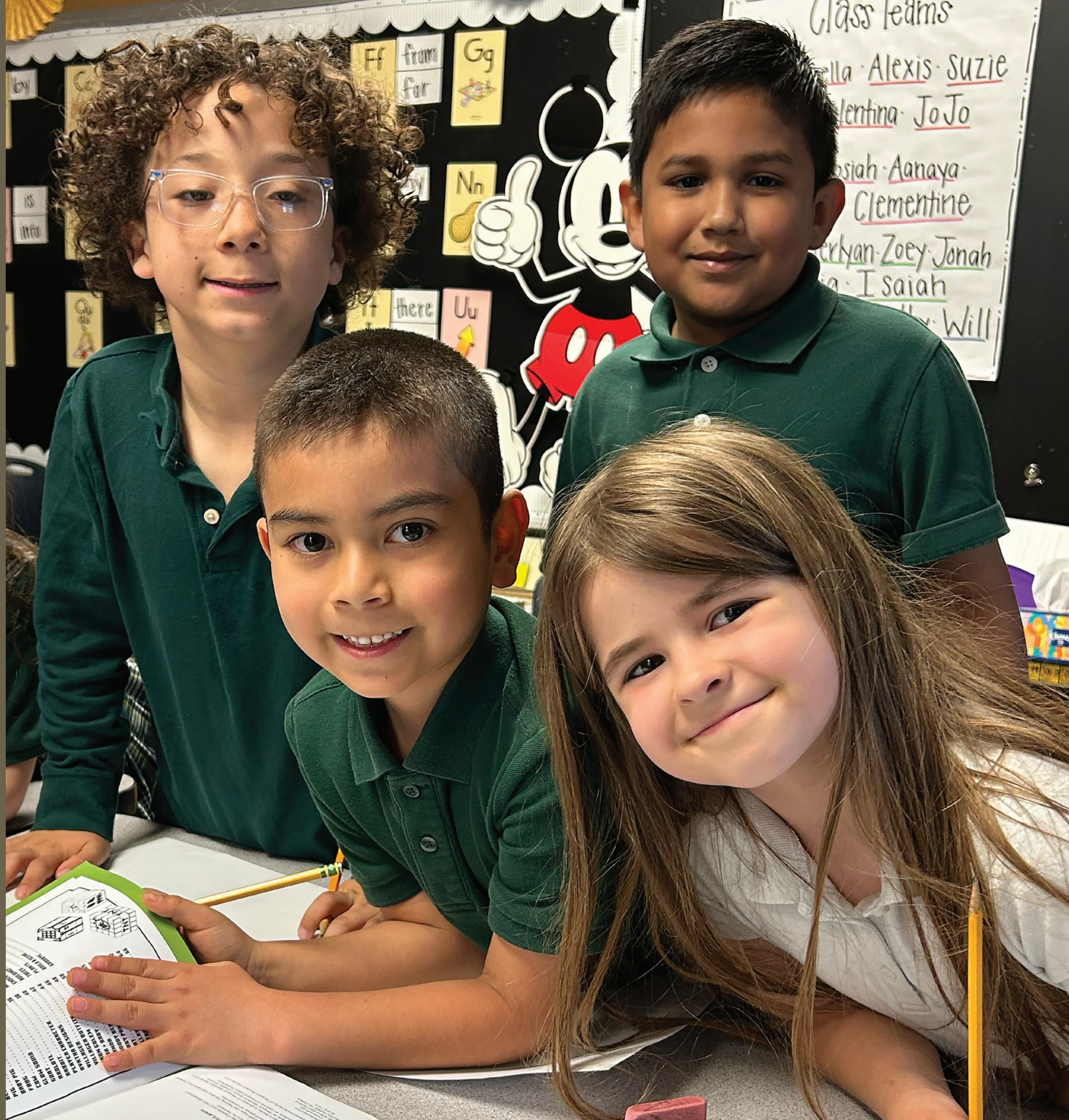
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Sts. Peter and Paul

St. Thomas More



OMAHA CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
CONSORTIUM



**Six** Schools. **Sixteen** Parishes. **One** Amazing Community.





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- Angie Gonzales-Smith, Dual Language Academy
- Mary Jenkins, Sts. Peter and Paul
- James Laville, Holy Cross
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- Meg Searl, Our Lady of Lourdes
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## **OUR MISSION**

We are a collaborative of Catholic schools, parishes and families that provides a well-rounded education promoting the spiritual, intellectual, social and emotional growth of all students to nurture their God-given potential.





## A MESSAGE FROM SHANNAN BROMMER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends of the Consortium,

I am grateful for the opportunity to experience the vibrant and collaborative spirit that defines the Consortium community. Together, we've made meaningful strides in fulfilling our new mission: to develop students who live up to their God-given potential. I am reminded of an example from Our Lady of Lourdes last spring when kindergarten students showed up at eighth grade graduation in support of their eighth grade buddies, skipping soccer practice to do so. A great example of our students understanding what it means to be a friend, like Jesus was to His friends.

In the 2024-2025 school year, significant progress was made toward our new strategic plan. You can read about two of our three pillars on pages 10-13. I was fortunate to present this plan and the Consortium story to many community leaders and parish groups.

Indeed, students across our schools achieved measurable growth in core subjects, embraced new curriculum and engaged in experiences

that prepared them for success in their future. Something I am especially proud to report is that all eighth grade classes had students earn academic scholarships to Catholic high schools, 12 in total.

Also, in the area of faith formation, students participated in 29 service projects over the course of the school year. Teachers got involved, too, with their own day of service and had the chance to deepen their prayer life, gathering together monthly to reflect with the Examen prayer.

None of this progress is possible without YOU. Parents, educators, parish leaders and community supporters—all of us play a role in shaping the lives of these extraordinary young people. Your commitment to Catholic education ensures our schools remain spaces of joy, faith and achievement.

With gratitude for your partnership,

A handwritten signature of Shannan Brommer in black ink.

**Shannan Brommer**  
**Executive Director**

*"As we build a team of staff in the Central Office, we can better serve families. We are proud to report improved enrollment management and tuition assistance processes and continued investment in staff and faculty development." - Shannan Brommer*



# A MESSAGE FROM

## TAMMY BLOSSOM, CHAIR, BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Dear Consortium supporters,

As we close another transformative year, my heart is filled with deep gratitude and even more hope. The Consortium is more than a network of schools; it is a living testament to what happens when a community comes together with faith, purpose and generosity.

This past year has been marked by substantial progress in academic excellence. I have heard stories from school administrators about their new and varied instructional efforts to help students grow. It shows up in standardized test scores and in other student outcomes. In academics and beyond, it is the spirit of unity that fuels our work.

We've built bridges across zip codes and life experiences. And in doing so, we've affirmed something we've long known: Catholic education has the power to shape hearts, minds and communities. The foundation that these six schools have built positions us to dream even bigger. As we look ahead, our vision remains clear:

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**"We will be recognized for our strong Catholic identity, faith-based community and academic excellence. We empower students to excel and impact society positively, embracing diversity and innovation for an ever-changing world."**

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What that vision means day-to-day is that our schools work hard to embrace inclusivity, nurture each child's God-given potential and encourage a relationship with Christ.

We're committed to welcoming more families, supporting our educators and ensuring every student feels seen, supported and inspired.

The challenges are real—but so is the joy. The momentum. The promise. And none of it would be possible without you. Thank you for sharing your gifts, your prayers and your belief in our mission.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tammy Blossom".

**Chair, Board of Directors**

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*Incoming Board Member*
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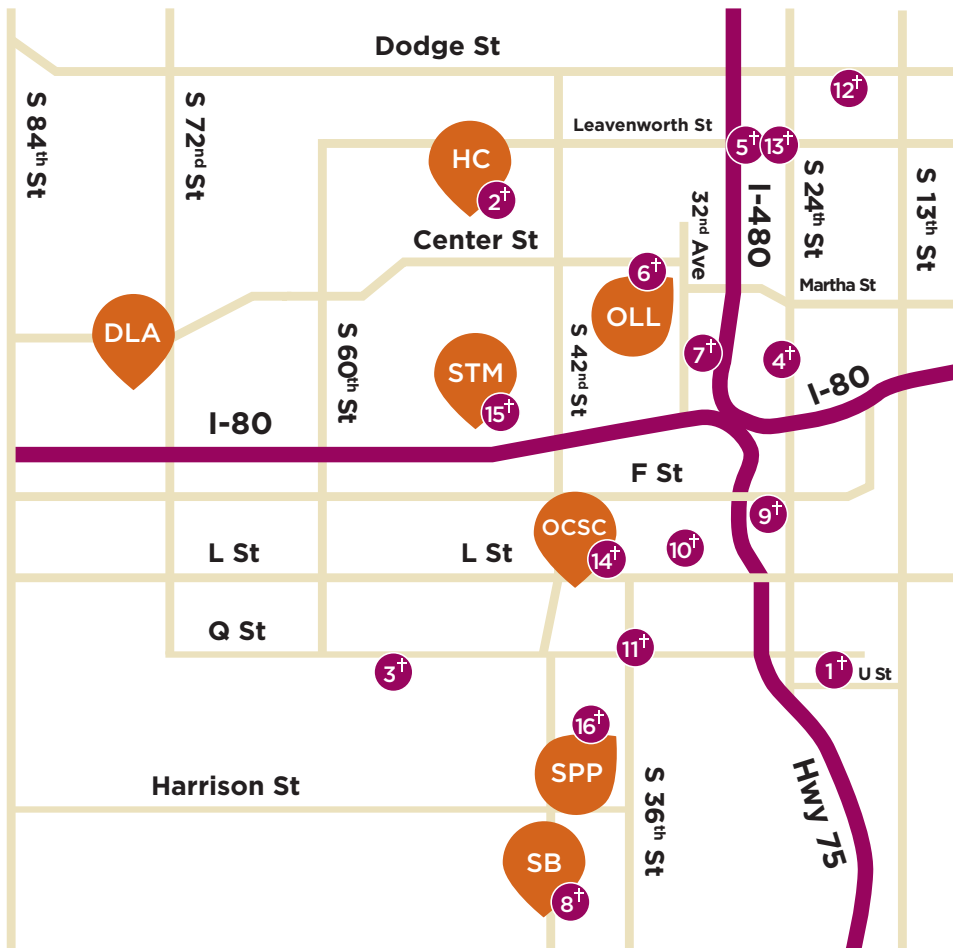






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## Six Schools. Sixteen Parishes. One Amazing Community.



### OUR SCHOOLS

- HC Holy Cross**  
holycrossomaha.com  
1502 So. 48th Street  
402-551-3773  
*Hospitality. Inclusiveness.  
Faith in Action.*
- OLL Our Lady of Lourdes**  
ollomaha.org  
2124 S 32nd Avenue  
402-341-5604  
*Committed to Faith.  
Dedicated to Academics.  
Connected to Community.*
- SB St. Bernadette**  
stbernadetteschool.net  
7600 South 42nd Street  
402-731-3033  
*Encouraging Disciples to  
Serve, Learn and Pray.*
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sppomaha.com  
3619 X Street  
402-731-4713  
*Prayer. Service. Love.*
- STM St. Thomas More**  
stmbengals.org  
3515 S. 48th Avenue  
402-551-9504  
*St. Thomas More, A Man  
For All Seasons, a School  
For All Children.*
- DLA Dual Language Academy**  
OmahaDLA.org  
7430 Hascall Street  
402-393-2314  
*Somos Familia.  
We Are Family.*

### PARTNER PARISHES

- 1. Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Our Lady of Guadalupe Church**  
5438 S 22nd St. • 402-731-2196
- 2. Holy Cross Parish**  
4810 Woolworth Ave. • 402-553-7500
- 3. Holy Ghost Parish**  
5219 S 53rd St • 402-731-3176
- 4. Immaculate Conception Parish**  
2708 S 24th Street • 402-342-1074
- 5. Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Community**  
2706 Leavenworth St • 402-341-4560 x103
- 6. Our Lady of Lourdes**  
St. Adalbert Catholic Church  
2110 S 32nd Ave. • 402-346-0900
- 7. St. Andrew Kim Taegon Catholic Community**  
2617 S 31st Street • 402-345-1621
- 8. St. Bernadette Parish**  
7600 S 42nd Street • 402-731-4694
- 9. St. Bridget - St. Rose Parish**  
4112 S 26th Street • 402-733-8811
- 10. St. Francis of Assisi Parish**  
4513 S 32nd Street • 402-733-8811
- 11. St. Mary Parish**  
3529 Q Street • 402-731-4578
- 12. St. Mary Magdalene Parish**  
109 S 19th Street • 402-342-4807
- 13. St. Peter Parish**  
2706 Leavenworth Street • 402-341-4560
- 14. St. Stanislaus Parish**  
4002 J Street • 402-731-4152
- 15. St. Thomas More Parish**  
4804 Grover Street • 402-556-1456
- 16. Sts. Peter and Paul Parish**  
5912 S 36th Street • 402-731-4578



# SIX SCHOOLS



## Dual Language Academy

**Principal:** Angie Gonzales-Smith

**Number of Students:** 267

*Established 2018*

- All students, starting in preschool, participated in Eucharistic Adoration, fostering a personal relationship with Jesus.
- Fourth grade participated in the University of Notre Dame Spanish Spelling Bee for the first time, earning 6th place!
- New bright and beautiful artwork graced the hallways, including murals of Jesus with children, Our Lady of Guadalupe and the seven themes of Catholic Social Teaching, all created in a unique Hispanic style to connect with staff and students.



## Holy Cross

**Principal:** James Laville

**Number of Students:** 271

*Established 1936*

- Holy Cross continued its annual "Operation Giving" tradition, which raised money for holiday meals, Christmas trees, decorations and gifts for HC families in need.
- More than 16 students participated in the growing Robotics program, and this year 3 of 4 teams qualified for and placed at the State VEX Robotics Competition!
- Every HC classroom participated in the Prayer Partner initiative led by the parish, and students also prayed for Omaha Police Officers throughout the year.



## Our Lady of Lourdes

**Principal:** Meg Searl

**Number of Students:** 222

*Established 1924*

- OLL is now home to its first-ever playground! This was a special project thanks to many supporters of the school, and students sure enjoyed their new space to play at recess!
- Second and third graders loved participating in Marketplace, a 30+ year tradition of dressing in attire from Jesus' time and running a market with activities like basket weaving and selling eggs.
- Seventh and eighth graders were paired with pre-K and kindergarten buddies to attend Mass together and build relationships across grade levels.



# AT-A-GLANCE



## **St. Bernadette**

**Principal:** Lynn Schultz

**Number of Students:** 235

*Established 1965*

- SBS students and staff in all grades attended Adoration monthly for 50 minutes; they prayed, sang, journaled and quietly spent time with Jesus.
- SBS celebrated its second year of Las Posadas, a meaningful Hispanic musical and religious tradition honoring St. Joseph and Mary's journey to find shelter before Christ was born.
- Four students were selected for the Duchesne Art Show this year, with art and music remaining a large part of the school culture.



## **Sts. Peter and Paul**

**Principal:** Mary Jenkins (New 2025-2026)

**Number of Students:** 256

*Established 1926*

- The SPP Dance Team practiced their unique spiritual-lyrical routines twice a week and performed at school and Consortium events, which included holiday programs and the Consortium Crawl.
- Extracurricular offerings continued to grow, now including Knitting Club, Drone Club, Comic Club, Golden Sower and more.
- SPP students produced a biweekly newscast, learning skills around planning, recording, editing and broadcasting in their Media Center.



## **St. Thomas More**

**Principal:** Gary Davis

**Number of Students:** 384

*Established 1959*

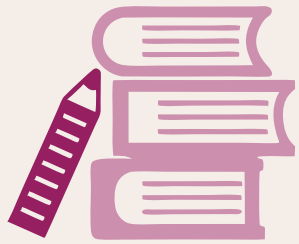
- Each month, classrooms nominated a "Bengel of the Month" for living out the school charisms, and each trimester one outstanding student was honored as "Bengel of the Trimester."
- Students at STM prayed the Rosary regularly, with weekly devotion in October, the Month of the Rosary, as well as other special devotions throughout the year.
- STM added a greenhouse to its Outdoor Learning Garden, giving teachers a hands-on way to enhance lessons and teach students how to care for God's creation.



# STUDENT BODY SNAPSHOT

(BASED ON 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR DATA)

The majority—**68%**—of Consortium students come from South Omaha. Almost half—**48%**—of Consortium students live in the following zip codes: **68105, 68106, 68107**. Our schools are proud to serve their surrounding neighborhoods, as we also grow to welcome students from all across the Greater Omaha area.



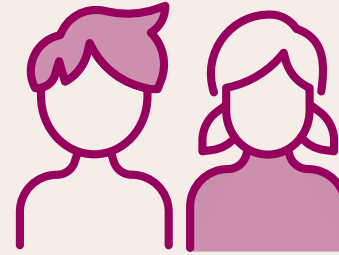
**1,635**

Students



**88%**

Catholic



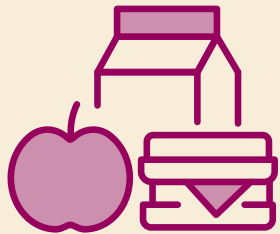
**64%**

Diversity rate



**30%**

of households report Spanish  
as their primary home language



**47%**

of students qualify for free  
or reduced lunch



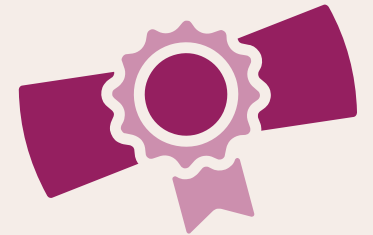
**53%**

Of students receive  
tuition assistance



**71%**

of the 8th grade graduating  
class of 2025 matriculated to a  
Catholic high school

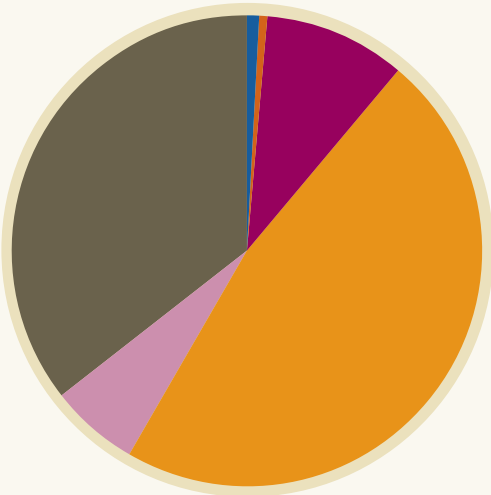


**12**

8th graders earned high  
school academic scholarships



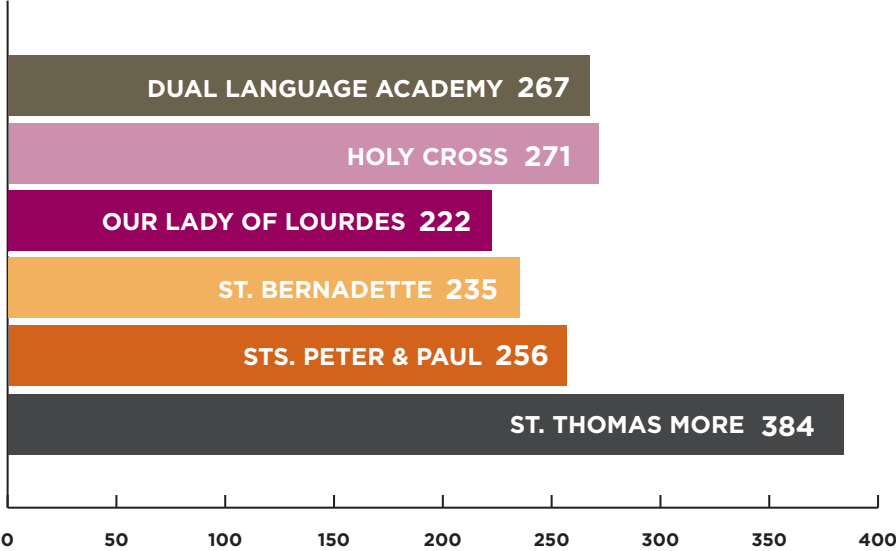
# ENROLLMENT TRENDS



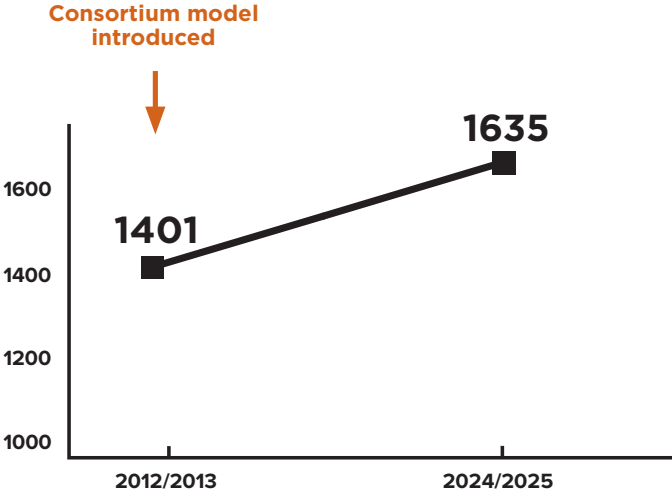
## ETHNICITY BREAKDOWN

- Hispanic Latino 47.2%
- Caucasian (Non-Hispanic) 35.5%
- Multi-Racial 9.7%
- Black/African American 6%
- Asian 1%
- Native American Indian .6%

## ENROLLMENT BY SCHOOL (BASED ON 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR DATA)



## ENROLLMENT TOTALS ALL CONSORTIUM SCHOOLS (PRE-SCHOOL THROUGH 8TH GRADE)





# EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

## A FOCUS ON STUDENT GROWTH

Academic excellence is a shared priority across all Consortium schools. Last year, schools continued to build on strong STAR test performance, with students showing growth in both Reading and Math.

In last year's annual report, we proudly listed the fact that Consortium students had achieved their highest ever reading scores. In the 2024-2025 school year, it happened again! **Students grew 8.9% from Spring 2024 to Spring 2025, as measured on the STAR reading assessments.**

At **Holy Cross** last year, teachers started using STAR data combined with new weekly diagnostic reporting from its IXL curriculum to experiment with new teaching approaches. Using this combined dataset, Principal James Laville worked alongside teachers to form "Skills Groups" to meet every student where they are academically.

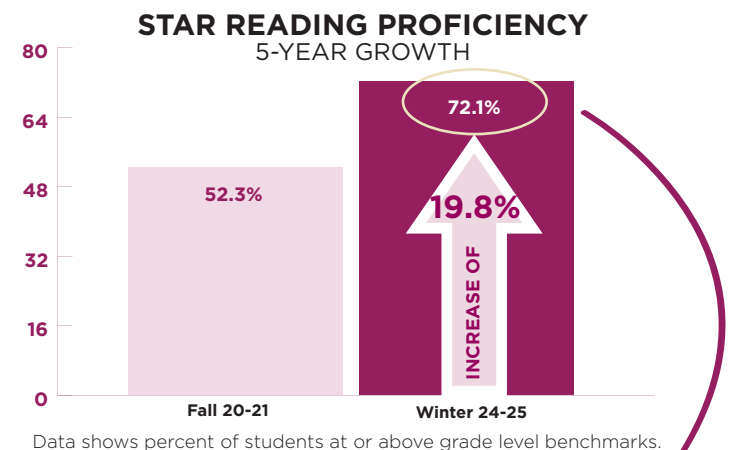
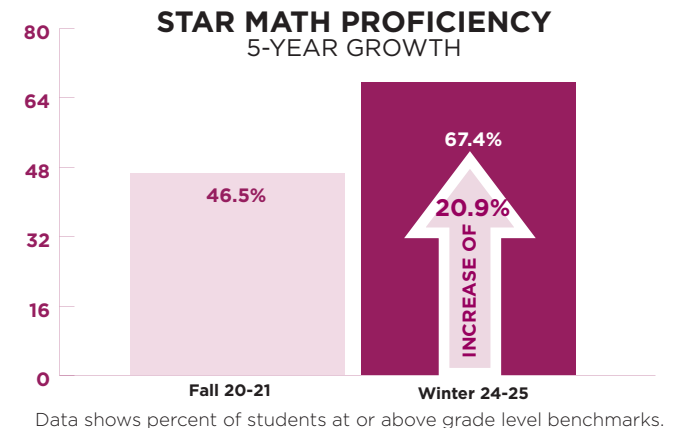
Students in grades K-5 were grouped by skill level (not grade or ability) and met daily for focused instruction. The result? Every student advanced, and no one moved backward.

This approach will expand to grades K-8 in the coming year at **Holy Cross**.

Across all Consortium schools, similar data-informed strategies are being used to support growth and achievement. Whether through small group instruction, new curriculum tools or other instructional methods, educators are working together to ensure that all students, regardless of starting point, have the opportunity to thrive. This is one of the many ways that our schools use data to drive student achievement.

### 2024-2025 MEMORABLE CLASSROOM MOMENTS

- At least one 8th grader from each of our schools (except DLA, who will have their first 8th grade class next school year) received an academic scholarship for Catholic high school! It was the first time for this special achievement!
- Robotics Clubs from **St. Bernadette** and **Holy Cross** qualified for and competed at the State VEX Competition, reflecting the growing interest in this extracurricular activity.
- Did you know **Sts. Peter and Paul** is also home to a Drone Club?!



**HIGHEST-EVER  
READING SCORES-AGAIN!**

**72.1%**



# COLLABORATION IS KEY

One of the factors that contributed to student success is the collaboration between Consortium teachers and staff. These monthly collaboration days follow a proven framework called Professional Learning Communities (PLCs), which help educators focus on what matters most: student learning.

**Together with grade or subject bands, teachers ask and answer four key questions:**

- What should students learn?
- How will we know they've learned it?
- What if they haven't?
- What if they already have?

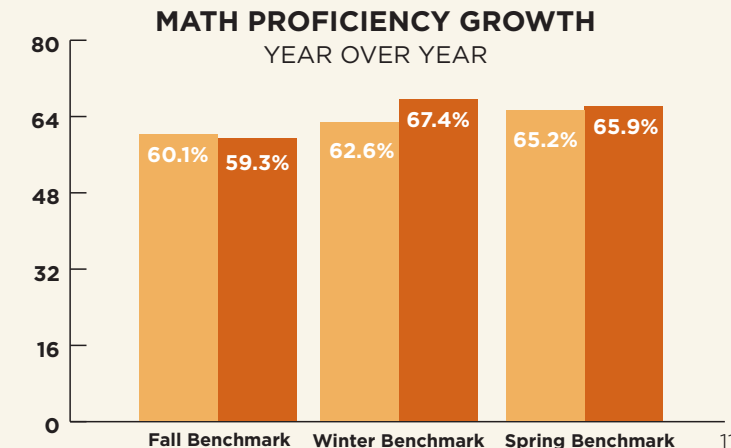
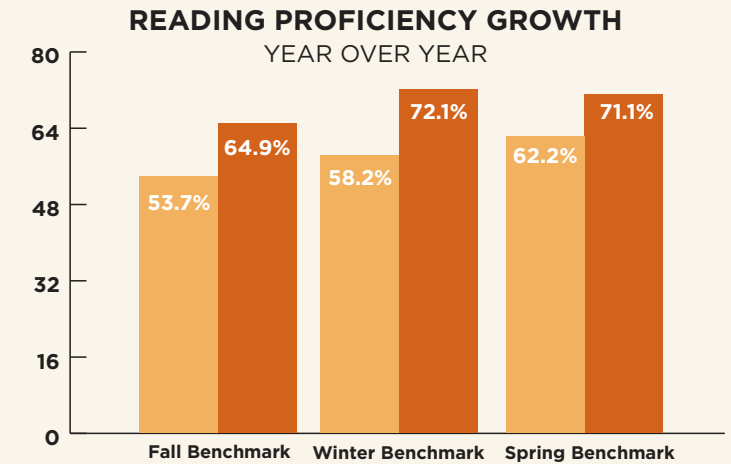
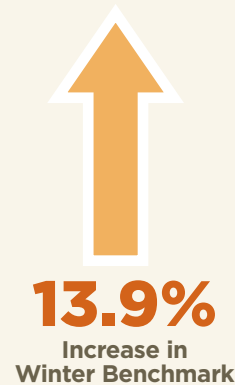
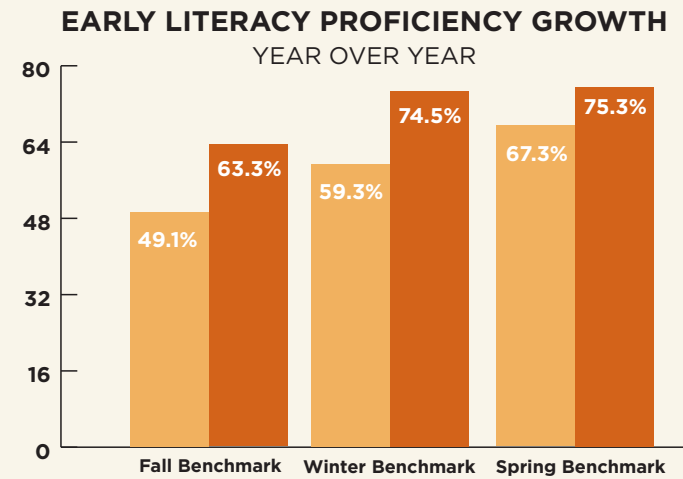
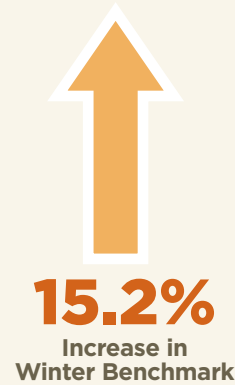
In 2024–2025, teachers focused on unpacking Nebraska and Archdiocesan standards to identify the most essential learning goals. This work lays the foundation for creating shared assessments in the coming year—ensuring every student is supported, challenged and set up to succeed.

## OUR EXPERIENCED, FAITH-FILLED TEACHING STAFF

78% CATHOLIC

19% MASTER'S DEGREE

16.5 AVG YEARS OF EXPERIENCE



# EXCELLENCE IN FAITH FORMATION

## HELPING TEENS DISCOVER THEIR WORTH

**St. Bernadette Catholic School** partnered with The Culture Project, a national initiative that brings young Catholic missionaries into schools to speak with students about human dignity, virtue and authentic love. Throughout the school year, the missionaries helped 7th and 8th grade students navigate the pressures of modern culture with clarity, confidence and faith.

Over several Religion class sessions, students explored four key topics: Human Dignity, Sexual Integrity, Social Media and Catholic Apologetics.

The missionaries also joined students for lunch, creating space for casual conversation and deeper connection. One visit coincided with the announcement of Pope Leo, adding to the joy and sense of the Catholic community that defined the experience.

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**The Culture Project's mission—to affirm the God-given worth of every person—aligned beautifully with the Consortium's mission to form students in faith.**

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Principal Lynn Schultz shared that while she was initially unsure how students and parents would respond, the program was warmly received. "The missionaries were personable, strong in their faith and bold in sharing their experiences," she said.

Parents expressed gratitude that their children could explore complex topics like identity and integrity through a Catholic lens.

The Culture Project's mission—to affirm the God-given worth of every person—aligned beautifully with the Consortium's mission of forming students in faith. Thanks to support from the Archdiocese of Omaha and generous donors, schools like **St. Bernadette** can

offer students meaningful opportunities to reflect on who they are and who they're becoming.

In a world full of noise and pressure, this program gave students space to ask questions, build virtue and grow in their understanding of themselves and their faith. The Culture Project will return in the 2025–2026 school year.



## OTHER 2024-2025 HIGHLIGHTS

- **Our Lady of Lourdes** hosted its first bilingual Christmas program, featuring a reenactment of the Nativity.
- The Evangelium Institute guided faith formation for teachers throughout the year.
- Schools worked jointly with parishes to prepare 149 second graders for First Reconciliation and First Communion and 132 eighth graders for Confirmation.
- Fourteen students from **St. Thomas More** were baptized last year! Fun fact: a teacher from **St. Bernadette** was also baptized at this past Easter Vigil!
- **St. Bernadette** continued its tradition of praying for and writing to seminarians from the Archdiocese of Omaha.
- **Dual Language Academy** and **Sts. Peter and Paul** hosted many cultural celebrations and events, including Día de los Reyes, which commemorates the Epiphany.

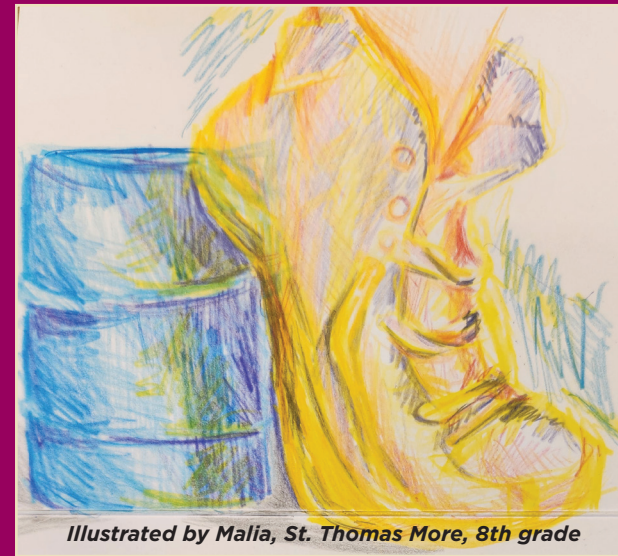




**St. Thomas More (STM)** is one of a small number of Catholic schools in the Omaha area to offer Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) during the school day. Pre-K through fifth grade students get to experience the space, called an atrium, to learn about and experience Jesus' life in a more tactile and meaningful way. CGS is often compared to a Montessori-inspired approach to faith, and STM students love it!



A particularly fun religion element for students at a few of our schools was discovering "tiny Jesus" statuettes hidden around the school and receiving one to take home.



*Illustrated by Malia, St. Thomas More, 8th grade*

Thanks to our incredible school families, we collected 2,986 pairs of shoes during the first-ever collaborative service project across all six Consortium schools! And a special thank you to the **Our Lady of Lourdes** community members who inspired the idea of making this year a Consortium-wide effort. The shoe collection was in partnership with the Stephen Center.

## CATHOLIC IDENTITY IN ALL WE DO

Across our schools, students see Catholic artwork, classroom prayer corners, bible verses and other symbols of our faith to reinforce the message that God loves us and wants what is best for us. **Students are also able to enjoy celebrating Mass and attending Adoration on a regular basis.**





# EVENT RECAP

ONE AMAZING COMMUNITY- IN ACTION!



For the third year, we hosted the Consortium Crawl—a delightful bus tour visiting all six schools. Last year, over 30 attendees had the opportunity to visit and meet students and staff from each of the six schools to see what makes each one unique.



We hosted the first annual Popsicles in the Park in July 2024, with about 150 Consortium family members in attendance. For our July 2025 event, over 300 family members from across our six schools gathered to get to know each other and enjoy a sweet treat.



In September 2024, we started a new Consortium tradition: All Consortium Community Mass with Archbishop Lucas. Last Fall's event, held at **Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church**, was a beautiful display of our shared faith and the power of community. Many of the Consortium's supporting parish priests helped celebrate the Mass, with a reception afterward. The 2025 Mass with Archbishop McGovern was held at **Holy Cross** and has become one of our favorite days of the year!

As you can see here, the 2024-2025 school year was filled with moments that brought our Consortium family together. We hope you enjoy the photos as much as we do, as they highlight the joy, connection and shared purpose that define our schools.





Teachers from all six Consortium schools met monthly to share expertise, analyze data and work together to refine their teaching practices. All in the name of improving student achievement. These collaboration days also had a component of prayer, bringing all staff together focused on both academic excellence and faith formation. Did you know the Consortium is home to 110 certified teachers with a combined 1,785 years of experience?! All school staff completed more than 1,200 hours of professional development throughout the school year.



With the help of incredible supporters, we partnered to host three events in support of the Creating Bright Futures campaign. These gatherings allowed us to share our mission and celebrate the generosity of our amazing community. Fun fact: Monsignor Gilg, pictured above with Lynn Schultz, SBS principal, and Gary Davis, STM principal, was the first executive director of the Consortium when it formed in 2012!



Executive Director Shannan Brommer visited and spoke at most of the supporting parishes to spread the Consortium story throughout South Omaha.



**Our Lady of Lourdes (OLL)** students joined 8th graders from other Consortium schools and all Metro Area Catholic schools at the annual 8th Grade Mass at St. Cecilia Cathedral during Catholic Schools Week 2025. The OLL community also celebrated a special milestone this year: its 100th anniversary!



MANY THANKS TO THE INDIVIDUALS WHO SUPPORTED US AS PART OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK AND NEBRASKA CATHOLIC DAY OF GIVING.

This was the second annual year of a statewide Day of Giving to highlight the numerous Catholic organizations and ministries that impact the lives of Nebraskans. The Omaha Catholic School Consortium was proud to be one of the participating organizations in this effort sponsored by the Archdiocese of Omaha, Diocese of Lincoln and the Diocese of Grand Island. The Consortium placed 7th out of 100 organizations in the Archdiocese of Omaha for dollars raised.

### NEBRASKA CATHOLIC DAY OF GIVING

106

Total Donors

40

New Donors

\$31,363

Raised, including a \$10,000 match

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

\$20,061

Raised, including a \$10,000 match and 37 donors.



## ROOTED IN FAITH, GROWING THROUGH GENEROSITY

MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO SUPPORT THE CONSORTIUM THROUGH VARIOUS EFFORTS.

### TOGETHER IN CHRIST ANNUAL FUND

*The Together in Christ Annual Fund (TIC)* is the foundation of the Consortium's fundraising efforts, key to helping each student reach his or her full potential.

When you invest in TIC, you join a community with the goal to build stronger schools and a stronger South Omaha community. Gifts to the annual fund are used to cover operating expenses, including curriculum enhancements, teacher development, faith formation opportunities and more. Contributions to *Together in Christ* can be made as a one-time gift or through monthly giving.

*The supporter list on the following pages, represent gifts between July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025. Every effort was made to ensure accuracy. Please contact our office at 402-590-2810 if you notice an error.*

2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR

\$549,709

Total Donors: 344

New Donors: 97

68%

Year-Over-Year  
Donation Growth



MAKE A LASTING IMPACT

Scan QR code to support  
our six schools





# SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR TOGETHER IN CHRIST SUPPORTERS

Anchor Alliance (Alumni **Bold** and *Parents & Grandparents Italicized*)

## Crown (\$25,000+)

Anonymous (3)  
Joanne and Tom Kerins  
Suzie and Mike Lawler

**Teri and Ron Quinn**

## Cross (\$24,999-15,000)

Tammy and Drew Blossom  
**Mary and Jim Czyz**

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## Silver (\$9,999-\$7,500)

Diane and Bob McGill  
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Molly and Casey Beran  
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Kathy and Joe O'Connor  
Sue *†* and Barry Scheinost  
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Vera and Roman Uhing  
Pauline and Ron Wilwerding

## Copper (\$4,999-\$2,500)

Doreen and John Griffith  
**Jane Huerter**  
Karrie and John Lingo  
Sigrid and Mike Moylan  
*Katie and Cole Naughton*  
*Michaela and Shane Smith*

**Joanne Stewart**

Sherry and Bill Wachtler  
Laura and Thomas Walker  
Molly and Gary Witt

## Bronze (\$2,499-\$1,000)

Anonymous (2)

Jean and Jim Ambrose  
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Margaret Beran  
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The Bright Futures campaign builds on the legacy of Catholic education in southeast Omaha to ensure our schools continue to thrive well into the future. We launched this campaign with a \$7 million goal, and we are proud to say that last year, we surpassed the \$4 million mark thanks to the generosity of the supporters listed below. Campaign funds have been used to raise teacher salaries, increase the amount of tuition assistance we provide to families and to make important updates to the school buildings.

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You can help us shape the future of Consortium students for future generations to come. By including the Consortium in your financial or estate plans, you provide lasting support for student success. Planned gifts are simple to set up and cost nothing during your lifetime, yet they make a lasting impact.

This kind of impact is close to the hearts of **Amy and Jay Vankat**. As legacy supporters, their connection to the Consortium stretches back to 1918, when Jay's grandmother graduated from the former Assumption Grade School. After spending decades attending South Omaha Catholic schools, he now serves on the Consortium Board of Directors.

He and his wife Amy recently chose to name the Consortium in their estate plans by creating a named fund held in the Catholic Future Foundation to help with tuition assistance.



Scan QR code to learn more about their story



**"Including the Consortium in our estate plan was a small way to repay all of those whose sacrifices have benefited us."**

**- Amy and Jay Vankat**



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A meaningful way to support the mission of the Consortium is through Memorial and Honorary Gifts. Thank you to those who remembered those, both living and deceased, who made an impact on their life with a gift to the Consortium.

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## MAKING AN IMPACT

The Consortium is deeply grateful to those who have created named funds that benefit our mission annually. All are making an impact on our students, families and school communities. If you are interested in creating a named fund to benefit the Consortium, please contact Shannan Brommer at sbrommer@archomaha.org or 402-590-2810.

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# OPERATING STATEMENT

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING 6/30/2025 | OMAHA CATHOLIC SCHOOL CONSORTIUM

## OPERATING REVENUE

Tuition and Fees	\$3,660,605
Parish Support	\$2,391,015
Auxiliary Programs and Other	\$1,916,174
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<b>\$7,967,794</b>

## CONTRIBUTED AND FUNDRAISING REVENUE

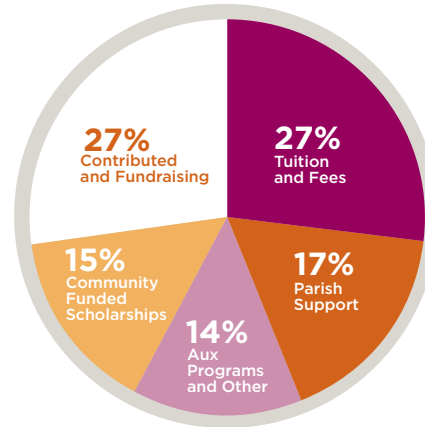
Community Funded Scholarships	\$2,102,964
Annual Operating Support	\$1,717,943
Creating Bright Futures Campaign	\$2,350,539
Other Fundraising Revenue	\$1,130,909
<b>Total Contributed and Fundraising Revenue</b>	<b>\$7,302,355</b>

## OPERATING EXPENSE

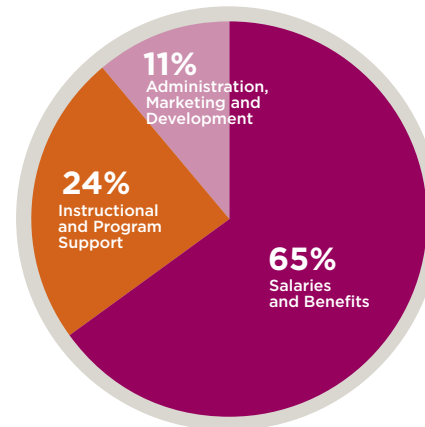
Salaries and Benefits	\$8,754,168
Instructional and Program Support	\$3,255,737
Administration, Marketing, Development	\$1,473,076
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	<b>\$13,482,981</b>

**Total Surplus** **\$1,787,168**

Thanks to your generosity, this surplus will help sustain and strengthen our mission in the years ahead.



REVENUE BY %



EXPENSE BY %





# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Stephanie Hernandez graduated from **Sts. Peter and Paul (SPP)** in 2017. She went on to graduate from Mercy High School and Creighton University, where she was recognized as a Creighton Grit Scholar. Today, she serves as a legal assistant for the Center for Immigrant and Refugee Advancement, using her bilingual skills to bridge divides and open doors for others.

Stephanie shared that her Catholic education helped her grow in faith, knowledge and understanding of others. Enjoy learning more about Stephanie and her experience at SPP in the Q&A below.

## **Q: What did you like best about your school?**

**A:** I think what I liked most was being able to celebrate cultural traditions at SPP. I was able to celebrate them and many other students and teachers learned about these traditions. I felt like it created appreciation and hospitality.

## **Q: What do you remember about your teachers?**

**A:** A lot of the teachers used unique methods and were willing to learn about the students. They always tried to find new ways to keep students engaged and motivated to break out of our comfort zones. My language arts teacher used different creative methods that allowed me to get more creative with my writing. My technology teacher always had something up her sleeve that kept students engaged from the newscast and newspaper to coding and robots. I could say this about many other teachers, too.

## **Q: How do you feel SPP prepared you for high school?**

**A:** It almost felt like a holistic experience. I learned to be responsible and well-prepared for new change, and I also learned how to build a welcoming community to all people.

## **Q: What has been your experience since graduating from SPP?**

**A:** At Mercy High School, I was involved in Abriendo Puertas, which brought cultural awareness and traditions to the campus. While at Creighton, I learned about the Jesuit values, which reinforced the meaning of being welcome to all. My Catholic education helped me grow in many different ways and prepared me to contribute meaningfully to the community.

## **STEPHANIE HERNANDEZ**

**Sts. Peter and Paul Graduate, Class of 2017**

**Mercy High Alum  
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-Elizabeth Roynesdal, Current Holy Cross Parent

