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# SAINT MARY MESSENGER

The Newsletter for Alumni, Parents and Friends of  
Saint Mary Interparochial School

## CELEBRATING THE CONTINUAL GROWTH OF OUR ST. MARY COMMUNITY



## HIGH PERFORMANCE EXEMPLARY NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL



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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



*Dear Parents, Guardians, Alum, and Supporters of St. Mary Interparochial School,*

*Happy 2024!* As we step into a new year together, I encourage you to reflect on all of the amazing things God continues to provide for us. A blessing I am always incredibly grateful

for is the students, faculty, staff, families, board members, community partners, and community members. This has been a special and historic year for our school, with much to celebrate!

In early September, Saint Mary Interparochial School received recognition as a School of Distinguished Instruction for Growth and Exceeding Potential by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Only a few short weeks later, we were informed by the United States Department of Education that Saint Mary Interparochial School would be receiving recognition as a 2023 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence as an Exemplary High Performing School. We were the only school in the City of Philadelphia to receive this honor! Together, we have had many beautiful celebrations, from our special Blue Ribbon announcement on our school's rooftop to our Blue Ribbon Pep Rally and Water Ice Day; we continue celebrating this incredible achievement all year long! This is Saint Mary Interparochial School's second National Blue Ribbon recognition, receiving the honor first in 2016 under former principal Ms. Jeanne Meredith.

In October, we were very blessed to continue many valued Saint Mary Interparochial School traditions, such as the annual Harvest Hoedown; "Black Sweater" Mass; All Saints Day pageant and luncheon; and the National Junior Honor Society Induction as well as some new traditions such as the School-Wide Holy Rosary Day and the 8th Grade Maker Fair.

In November, we hosted our 55th Anniversary Gala honoring the Foundation of Catholic Education as our Partner in Academic Excellence and Mrs. Judy Crossan-Sanicky '75 as our Legacy Leader. Personally, I was ecstatic to celebrate and honor my former teacher and now colleague, Mrs. Crossan-Sanicky! An educator in Catholic Schools for 40 years, Mrs. Sanicky helped me learn how to shine my Saint Mary light. I had to overcome many obstacles throughout my time as a student here, being diagnosed with profound hearing loss and needing bilateral hearing aids in middle school. Academically, I struggled and, at times, felt like I could not keep up due to my disability. However, I finally received high success in all areas of my academics as a student in 8th Grade. Mrs. Sanicky taught me confidence and how to advocate for myself, and she reminded me that every flower blooms in its own time. Her support solidified my path to becoming a Passionate, Confident, Christ-centered leader. The day after the Gala, Ms. Christina Ruskey Haciski, Executive Director of Advancement and Strategic Initiatives, and I took a train to Washington, DC, to officially receive the 2023 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Award.

In December, we were able to reinstate our annual school-wide field trip to the Arden Theater, a trip we have not been able to hold since December 2019. Mrs. Denise Pimpinella, Assistant Principal, and I attended the SAS Institute and Conference to receive a Keystone Award, a special recognition award from the State of Pennsylvania, which recognized Saint Mary Interparochial School's excellence at the state level. We held a beautiful La Virgen de Guadalupe Mass on the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe and put our minds and hearts in the spirit of Christmas with the Annual Las Posadas and Christmas pageant.

Saint Mary always strives to provide the best while moving forward as an innovator and trailblazer in education. Just as my heart, mind, and future were nurtured here many years ago, Saint Mary remains committed to doing the same for our students and the many students to follow. We have accomplished so much and continue to do so with your support. It is our sincere hope that you will continue to share your time, talent, and treasure with our children. My most sincere thanks to you for your investment in Saint Mary Interparochial School and the Christ-centered leaders you are helping to shape for today, and tomorrow!

Many blessings,

Jayda Pugliese

## SINGING SAINTS CHOIR LED BY JENNIFER RIZZIO

Saint Mary "Singing Saints" choral program is composed of second through eighth-grade students. Throughout the school year, students learn a variety of vocal and choral styles and perform at school events and other Archdiocesan and religious events.

*"Mrs. Rizzio gives people chances to show off their talent" - Mikaela W.*





## FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT AND CHAIR



The 55th Anniversary Gala held on November 16, 2023, was a joyous occasion on so many levels, but the word that most comes to mind when thinking of this wonderful evening is “community.”

One definition of community is “a feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests, and goals.” What better word to describe the feeling generated by those of you who were in attendance at the gala? And for that matter, what better word to describe the spirit and feeling of fellowship and service that arises from all of you who support Saint Mary Interparochial School each and every day.

The evening of the Gala was the perfect embodiment of the Saint Mary Community: individuals and organizations from varied professions and backgrounds all working in their own way to promote and support Saint Mary Interparochial School and its goal of promoting Christ-centered leaders in the 21st century. We honored partners of the school, namely the Foundation for Catholic Education (FCE) and its founder, Jerry Parsons. We honored one of our most treasured teachers, Judy Crossan-Sanicky, who has inspired and motivated our students for many years. And, of course, the night was made possible by our many sponsors, especially our friends at City Plumbing. The evening commemorated the efforts of the many — those who provide support from within the school and those who support the school from afar—who make the Saint Mary mission possible.

One of the vehicles that provides support for the school, of course, is the Board of Limited Jurisdiction (BLJ) and the committees (Academic, Catholic Identity, Finance, Governance, Buildings and Grounds, and Advancement) that comprise the BLJ. In many ways, the BLJ and its committees embody this idea of community, in that they draw individuals from varied backgrounds and

careers. Attorneys, educators, business leaders, tradespersons, and numerous other professions comprise our BLJ. The one common denominator is that those who serve on the BLJ and/or its committees are individuals who are willing to volunteer their time, effort, and skill-set to the service of Saint Mary Interparochial School. And perhaps there is no better example of “community” than that.

Recently, we were proud to introduce our newest Board member, Matthew Morano. Matthew is a successful business leader who is also a parent of students at the school, and he has supported our school immeasurably over the years. We are very fortunate to have him on our Board. We have also welcomed several new members to our various committees. Again we are fortunate, not only for their service and skill-sets, but to ensure that our BLJ and committees hear new voices—an essential component of keeping our BLJ vibrant and effective.

On behalf of the Board, we thank those of you that have joined or applied to join the Board's committees. For those of you that have interest in serving the school in this way, we invite you to apply for committee membership, as well. Our school is special in that we draw from many corners for the common purpose of creating Christ-centered leaders, and we cannot do that without your service. Again, on behalf of the Board, we thank you.

Best regards,  
*Michael Detweiler, Esquire*  
*President and Chairman of the Board*

*Michael L. Detweiler is a member of the Professional Liability Department at Marshall Dennehey where he has defended clients in numerous professional liability and casualty matters. Prior to joining Marshall Dennehey, Michael was Assistant City Solicitor with the City of Philadelphia Law Department for two years. Michael graduated from Dickinson College in 1998 and from Boston College Law School in 2002. He is licensed to practice in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Massachusetts. Michael and his wife Alexandra are parents of two children, Charles and Gisele.*

## MEMBERS OF BOARD OF LIMITED JURISDICTION

Michael L. Detweiler, ESQ  
*Board Chair and President*

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*Parent '18 and '19*

Rev. Paul W. Galetto, O.S.A., PhD  
*Pastor Delegate*

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*Parent '25*  
*Board Secretary*

Alana Lee

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*Parent '28 and '29*

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*Parent '26*

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*Parent '08 and '12*

Jayda Pugliese  
*Alumna '01*  
*Parent '27*

Christina Haciski



# MIDDLE SCHOOL ENTREPRENEURIAL SERVICE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM



In early October, the Saint Mary Entrepreneurship 8th grade project kicked-off with a visit to the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Philadelphia, our designated partner for this year! Students began

the design thinking process to create uniquely tailored welcome kits for families staying at the RMHC of the Philadelphia Region ! This program is in partnership with 901 Education and led by Ms.Lauren Huot, our wonderful STREAM teacher. The tour allowed them to connect with their “client”, experience the house for themselves and participate in a service activity to create fleece blankets for families.

In the following week, the first St. Mary Maker Fair was held to introduce students to creative ways to use technology when creating their welcome kits for families at RMHC of the Philadelphia Region. Students met with experts in the areas of 3D printing, laser printing, graphic/production design and vinyl cutting. The event came to life because of the enthusiasm of our students’ engagement with our guest presenters.



In December, our mid project plan review was held providing students with an opportunity to collaborate with professional partners for their “Welcome Kit” entrepreneurship projects. Our keynote speaker from Holy Family University, His Royal Highness Prince Adnan El-Hashemite, shared wonderful words of wisdom with our students as they kicked off the workshop. Students and professionals had a chance to build low resolution prototypes together. It’s always so exciting to see the students feel empowered sharing the ideas they have!

In January, students learned about creating budgets, social media planning and communication strategies as well as the importance of intentional fundraising. Through this month, they developed commercials, wrote empathetic emails to solicit donations and social media posts to secure donations to support their projects. With their efforts, they surpassed their goal and have the funding to continue with their projects.

Students will continue to make improvements to their Welcome Kits while continuing to learn about the essential parts to a successful business. Students will present their Welcome Kits at the Final Showcase to be held on Wednesday, May 22. Stay tuned for more details!

*With a multi-faceted approach, 901’s curriculum intersects service leadership, core entrepreneurship competencies and design thinking creative problem solving methodologies. Students explore both theory and practical elements of entrepreneurship through this hands-on introductory course while giving back to the community. 901 Education has long-standing relationships with local non-profit organizations, businesses and universities to create real-world connections to content.*





# NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK RECAP

Catholic Schools Week was a week-long celebration of the school's Catholic identity, academic excellence, and community involvement. Students participated in various activities such as prayer services, Masses, and service projects. Some highlights included the Sixth Grade National Junior Honors Society Induction Ceremony, a special First Responders "Thank You" Breakfast, annual religion bee, an assembly for "We the People" by Muscopia and our famous Maroon and White school spirit day. Overall, Catholic Schools Week served as a reminder of the values and mission of the school, and provided an opportunity for students and staff to come together in celebration, reflection and appreciation for pastors and religious, teachers and staff, students and their families and all the wonderful community members and partners. Thank you to everyone who celebrated in person and spirit!





# 17TH ANNUAL HARVEST HOEDOWN



With the support of our Saint Mary Community, the 17th Annual Harvest Hoedown raised over \$39,000 in support of Saint Mary STREAM Education Programs!

A special thank you to our Presenting Sponsors: Ann B. Zekauskas Family Foundation; The Honorable Faith Angell and Mr. Kenneth Carobus, Esquire; Campo's Cheesesteaks; Cross Country Mortgage - The Canale Team; City Plumbing, LLC; Patrick Conway and the Conway Team; Greener Partners; Harman Deutsch Ohler Architecture; Ralph and Barbara Novotney; and Uncle Oogies, as well as all of our sponsors for supporting the Harvest Hoedown. This fall fundraiser, which kicks-off our Annual Giving Campaign each year, supports Saint Mary STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Art, and Math) Education Programs.

Thanks to our fantastic coordinators along with parent and alumni volunteers, we held another successful Hoedown on Locust Street! Guests enjoyed our traditional Hoedown activities, including the Spooky Boo-tique, Moon Bounces, and more, along with delicious food provided by Campo's Cheesesteaks, and Uncle Oogie's pizza, pasta, and hoagies. Thank you to our food donors for providing us with such great food!

Congratulations to our Harding Alumni Winner, Michael Nichols '16, who exemplifies excellence in service and to the community at large. Congratulations to our St. Joseph the Worker Award Winner, The Rayday Family, who has demonstrated exceptional service and dedication to Saint Mary Interparochial School.

Thank you to all of our sponsors, parent volunteers, donors, classroom captains, teachers, staff, students, and Harvest Hoedown Committee for helping to make this a very special and successful Harvest Hoedown. We look forward to seeing everyone on Locust Street this upcoming October 5!



## SAVE THE DATE

18th Annual Harvest Hoedown will be held on  
**Saturday, October 5, 2024**



# ALUMNI CIRCLE NEWS

## Are you a St. Mary Alum?

We'd love to hear from you and add you to our ever-growing Alumni Circle! This will give you the opportunity to connect with your own classmates as well as give you the opportunity to meet and learn about individuals from other classes. Becoming part of our alumni group is a great way to connect to alumni, old and new.

We would like to foster our alumni relationship and make it even stronger by featuring Saint Mary Alumni news on our social media platforms. As a new feature, we highlight Saint Mary Alumni once a month through our Alumni Spotlight! Submit your Alumni Spotlight News by visiting [www.saintmarys.us/about/alumni-circle](http://www.saintmarys.us/about/alumni-circle). We can't wait to hear from you!

Stay tuned for future alumni news and events! To be added to our email list and distribution list, please email [alumni@saintmarys.us](mailto:alumni@saintmarys.us).



## Join the Alumni Circle!

*The Alumni Circle is an informal alumni community connecting former classmates and school in a fun and easy way.*

Email [alumni@saintmarys.us](mailto:alumni@saintmarys.us) and provide your name and graduation year



Isabella Dicampoli, Saint Mary Class of 2016 and University of Pennsylvania, Class of 2025, starred as Elle Woods in her university's production of *Legally Blonde*. The show was performed at the Harold Prince Theatre in Penn Live Arts (Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts) at 3680 Walnut Street.



## Saint Mary Interparochial School had its annual Ask an Alum Q&A session October 17, 2023!

Our 7th and 8th graders were able to ask the student representatives about their high school experience and answering questions they had about their high school. Thank you to the High Schools that were able to send representatives. Thank you to the alumni and representatives for coming and talking to our 7th and 8th graders about your high school experience!





# STORM REPORT:

## STORM UPDATE 2023-2024

Saint Mary Interparochial School's Storm sports teams have shown success and growth, particularly in girls' volleyball, boys' and girls' basketball, and soccer. The soccer teams, specifically the Burgundy Bees and Bears in the 5/7, 7/8, and 9/10, had an impressive season.

The 7/8 Burgundy Bears finished with a notable 11-2 record, securing 2nd place out of 11 teams. The 9/10 soccer team demonstrated resilience and skill, winning the first round of playoffs in overtime with a score of 3-2. Although they faced a tough challenge against the first-ranked team and the game ended in a 2-2 tie, their effort was commendable, enduring through 7 penalty kicks. Despite the outcome, it's clear that the players put in tremendous effort and showcased excellent teamwork throughout the season.

Special recognition goes to the Girls Volleyball Team, which excelled by winning 2 CYO tournaments and ultimately securing the championship. This achievement adds to the overall success of Saint Mary Interparochial School's sports program. A heartfelt thank you was extended to the players and parents for their dedication, support, and hard work throughout the season. Congratulations to all involved on a memorable and triumphant sports season.





# 55TH ANNIVERSARY GALA: A CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Generously Presented by City Plumbing

On Thursday, November 16, 2023, Saint Mary Interparochial School danced the night away with more than 200 friends and supporters at the beautiful Down Town Club by Cescaphe. At this gala event celebrating Saint Mary's 55th anniversary, we joyously honored Judy Crossan-Sanicky '75 as our Legacy Leader and the Foundation for Catholic Education as our Partner in Academic Excellence.

Thanks to the generosity of our family, friends, and sponsors, Saint Mary Interparochial School was able to raise more than \$90,000 in support of upgrading our school facilities and physical plant so that we may continue to challenge our diverse student body to grow morally, academically, and socially into passionate, confident and Christ-centered leaders.

Thank you to all who helped make this year's event a success!



## A CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Thursday, November 21, 2024

Vie by Cescaphe

Honoring

**MARY ELLEN PENNA**

Alumni Parent '01 and '03

Legacy Leader

and

**901 EDUCATION**

Partner in Academic Excellence

## TEACHER SPOTLIGHT



Congratulations to Meghan Rakus, our incredible First Grade Teacher for receiving the FACTS Innovation Teacher Award. This national award is given to "five outstanding teachers for their innovation, creativity, and commitment to the students they serve" Ms. Rakus was selected for her annual science unit on egg hatching.

On January 29, to kick off Catholic Schools Week, Ms. Rakus was presented with the \$5000 award as well as a \$1000 stipend for Saint Mary Interparochial School. Additionally, Ms. Rakus has been awarded a complimentary trip to Elevate 2024 to present her innovative concept to the FACTS community (includes registration, travel to Atlanta, meals, and hotel); a profile on FACTS' site and newsletter; and a winner's badge in FACTS SPACE.

Congratulations, Ms. Rakus! Your Saint Mary family is so proud of you and grateful for your commitment to prepare our students as innovative Christ-centered leaders!



# ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE STUDENTS OF ST. MARY INTERPAROCHIAL SCHOOL!

It is with great honor, that we present the 2022-2023 Annual Report of Gifts. The following pages clearly demonstrate the overwhelming support from our greater school community in making a difference in the preparation of our Christ-centered leaders rooted in God's love. Thank you!

## SUMMARY OF GIFTS MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR 2022-2023

TOTAL  
**\$757,318**

Annual Giving:  
**\$49,000**

Hoedown:  
**\$32,490**

Walkathon:  
**\$57,000**

Home and School  
Association:  
**\$37,400**

Grants and Special  
Government Programs:  
**\$221,500**

In- Kind:  
**\$25,000**

Financial Aid Grants:  
**\$359,928**

2023 and 2016 National Blue Ribbon School  
- Exemplary High Performing School  
- Out of 40 non-public schools,  
- 1 of 13 in the state of Pennsylvania  
- Only school in Philadelphia

Fiscally independent of the Archdiocese  
of Philadelphia with maximum capacity  
for enrollment for over 15 years

**Saint Mary Interparochial School Home & School Summary 2022 – 2023 School Year**  
In the 2022-2023 calendar year, the Home & School Association raised approximately \$37,400 from membership dues, fundraising campaigns, and Home & School sponsored events. \$36,200 of those funds were spent on sponsorships, school support, and event related costs – netting a total Home & School profit of \$1,200 for the year. 117 of our St Mary families joined the Home & School association and their membership dues raised \$4,690. In addition to membership dues, the Boon Supply drive, Gertrude Hawk chocolates, cupcake sales and Designer Bag Bingo – our signature fundraising event – raised an additional \$10,000. This \$15,000 of fundraising income allows us to give back directly to the school through things like teacher classroom grants, teacher and student appreciation gifts, Catholic Schools Week and 8th grade graduation support. It also allows the Home & School board to keep the ticket costs as low as possible for all our valued community events – parent socials, family events, school dances, Trunk or Treat, and Dilworth Park skating.







## ST. MARY AT A GLANCE – 2023-2024

### Demographics

Current enrollment	257 Students
Curriculum	Kindergarten – 8th Grade: Co-ed
Gender	131 Girls, 126 Boys
Tuition	\$6,284 \$8,048 Kindergarten (includes iPad for each K student)
Governance	Principal, Pastor Delegate and BLJ
Faculty/Student Ratio	23:1

Competitive Saint Mary STORM athletic student offerings and “Singing Saints” choral program composed of second through eighth-grade students.

### About Our Students

Catholic Children:	88% of the student body <i>(Children enter from 29 parishes in Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Dioceses of Camden)</i>
Ethnicity:	6% African-American; 2% Hispanic; 3% Asian; 78% Caucasian; 11% Two or more races
Economics:	Title One School
After School Enrichment Programs:	50% of the student body <i>(participate in our afterschool programs)</i>
Financial Aid:	St. Mary students who qualify for tuition assistance will received over \$350,000 in EITC/OSTC funding through BLOCS, Foundation for Catholic Education, and the Children’s Scholarship Fund Philadelphia organizations; St. Mary Interparochial Tuition Assistance and Scholarship Program also awards students in need.
Achievements:	Class of 2024 received tuition assistance or scholarships to high school, totaling over \$1,255,000.

2023 Archdiocesan School of Distinction for Growth and Potential

## Strategic Goals for 2021-2025

### CATHOLIC IDENTITY

**GOAL:** To create an expansive faith formation program that will engage all members of the school community and empower students and graduates to live out their Baptismal promises and to serve one another.

### ADVANCEMENT

**GOAL:** To fully develop the St. Mary Advancement Office and implement a comprehensive advancement plan.

### BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

**GOAL:** Address the needs of our physical plant, such that it can support our outstanding educational program.

### FINANCE

**GOAL:** Mitigate income risk by increasing revenue through alternate forms of revenue generation.

### GOVERNANCE

**GOAL:** Create structures and ongoing processes to ensure that the St. Mary Board of Limited Jurisdiction (BLJ) operates as a high-performing governance Board.

### ACADEMIC

**GOAL:** To develop and implement an engaging, innovative, and rigorous curriculum that inspires faculty, staff, and students to attain exemplary outcomes that reflect global demands for the 21st century.



## ANNUAL REPORT OF GIFTS

Thank you to all the individuals and organizations who have generously invested in our students so that they may continue to receive an exceptional academic foundation and solid spiritual formation in the heart of historic Philadelphia.

Each year we strive to list each gift accurately, however, if there is a different way you would like to be acknowledged, please email Jessica Abbott at [jabbott@saintmarys.us](mailto:jabbott@saintmarys.us). Please provide the way in which you would like to be acknowledged.

### Annual Giving Campaign

Golden Giving Circle

#### Guadalupe Benefactors Circle

(Gifts of \$5,000 to \$9,999)

Ann B. Zekauskas Family Foundation  
James and Dr. Ellen Basile

#### 1782 Circle

(Gifts of \$1,000 to \$4,999)

John Bryan  
Suzy Davis  
Sean and Debby Grady  
William and Sandra Geddes  
Ralph and Barbara Novotney  
Mr. and Mrs. Michael and Renee Regan  
Theodore Robb  
Old St. Joseph's Church

#### Father John Harding, SJ Circle

(Gifts of \$700 to \$999)

William and Sandra Geddes  
Jeanne Meredith

#### Rev. Robert Molyneux, SJ Circle

(Gifts of \$500 to \$699)

Honorable Faith Angell and Mr. Kenneth Carobus, Esquire  
John Hilser  
Holy Family University  
Michael Detweiler  
Ken Kelly  
KDI Office of Technology  
Michael and Christine Mahoney  
Paul W. Ngai  
Catherine Sampere  
Luke Shenk

#### Sisters of Notre Dame Circle

(Gifts of \$250 to \$499)

Engler Family  
Mr. and Mrs. Allen Hoehn  
Frank and Rosemarie LaRosa  
Regina Griffin Kelly  
Vanguard  
Matthew Williams  
William Shen '87

#### Magnolia Garden Circle

(Gifts of \$150-\$249)

Mr. and Mrs. James Aros  
Sheila Brown  
Daily Family  
Eileen Etchells  
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kahl  
Kane Family  
Ernest and Donna Long  
Thomas and Catherine McCoy  
Rothwell Family  
Richard Scott  
Ruth Spengler

#### Rose Garden Circle

(Gifts of \$100-\$149)

Balchunas Family  
Donna Bridy  
John Chernesky  
Frank and Suzanne Ciabrano  
Frank and Kathleen Cipparone  
Richard and Susan Duffy  
Wayne and Dawn Frank  
Gallagher Family  
Mike Gehris  
Timothy Gordon

Crystal Kelly  
George and Francine Koenig  
Rev. John Large  
Massey Family  
Notarianni Family  
Alessandro and Michele Oliveto  
Pepper Family  
Alberta Proietta  
Tipping School Pictures

#### Friends of St. Mary Circle

(Gifts of \$50 to \$99)

Augustine Family  
Barbara Bennett  
Donna Bridy  
Nancy Bryson  
Sean Buchy  
Theresa Burke  
Cipparone Family  
Sharon Donohue  
Esposito Family  
Kathleen Heron  
Kane Family  
Brittani Kelly  
Roseann Kirlin  
Matthew Kropp  
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Koger  
Jessica Kulick  
Milligan Family  
Mirarchi Family  
A. F. Ottaviano  
Veronica O'Connor  
Teresa Pimpinella  
Lynnann E. Schrader  
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Mr. and Mrs. Donald Sommer  
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Patricia Williams  
Margherita Whitman

#### Annual Fund

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Russ Figueira and Jean Tierney  
Kathy Jackson  
Betty Montgomery-Kropp '14  
Ahmad Stovall '19  
Chris and Maria Walker  
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Grono

### 8th Grade Entrepreneurship

#### Fundraiser

Arasi Adkins  
Rich Autieri  
Stephen Blizard  
John Bloor  
Christianne Clymer  
Elizabeth Colussi  
Heather Ermilio  
Beth Grandizio  
Christina A. Haciski  
Theresa Maida  
Jeanne Meredith  
Jaya Moore  
Donna Ruskey  
Michael Ruskey  
Ann Scheving  
Kristine Small  
Jean Tierney and Russell Figueroa

### TuitionCare 2023/2024

Stephen Barnosky  
John Bloor  
Elizabeth Colussi  
Daniel Connelly  
Nicole Connor  
Kristin Daly  
Brian Daly  
Salvatore D'Amato  
Craig Eckstein  
Brad Flaughner  
Kenneth Grono  
Nicole Hofmann  
George Hummel  
Salon C. Kelly LLC  
Mark Kelly  
Derek Levesque  
Jennifer Marcks  
Philip Motley  
Kevin Nicolari  
James Notarianni  
Udai Puramsetti  
William Tobia  
Christopher Vassallo  
Anthony Vitullo  
Stephanie S. Vogel

### 22nd Annual Walkathon

#### Presenting Sponsor (\$1,000 Level)

Ann B. Zekauskas Family Foundation  
City Plumbing  
CrossCountry Mortgage  
Harman Deutsch Ohler Architecture  
Ralph and Barbara Novotney  
Josh Novotney, SBL Strategies

#### Cultural Champion (\$500 Level)

Atkinson Family  
Augustine Family  
Barnosky Family  
Bhullar Family  
Buckminster Green  
Cipparone Family  
Patrick Conway and The Conway Team  
Joan Esmonde  
Ferrara Law Group  
Koger Family  
Marie Lynch  
McCoy Family  
Tierney Family  
Tigano Family  
Triple Play Sports  
Woodton Family

#### Arts and Hearts Sponsor (\$250 Level)

Bryan Family  
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Carobus Family  
Richard Conway  
Kristin Daly  
Dangelo Family  
Joanne Fry  
Gorman Family  
Megan Dever Henry  
Hilser Family  
St. Mary Home and School  
Jamison Family  
Julian Family  
Luciano Family  
Jean Marshall  
Marrama Family  
McDuff Family  
Jeanne Meredith  
Madoka Nishimura Realtor  
Milano Family  
Morano Family  
Motley Family  
Nicolari Family  
Judy and Fred Pfeiffer  
Tricia Pompilio Photography  
Michael and Irene Regan  
Root Family  
Tiu Family  
Trotta Family  
Mark and Josephine Tustin  
Vitullo Family  
Wiley Family  
Zagacki Family

### Music to my Ears Sponsors (\$150 level)

Melchor and Ruby Aguilar  
Courtney Anderson  
Angelina Family  
M Faith Angell  
Balchunas Family  
Bloor Family  
Giuliana and Vincent Bonaccorso  
Daniel Capocci  
Kenneth Carobus  
Joe Carson  
James Conner  
Julia Connolly  
Janet Delvy  
Devlin Family  
Janet Duff-Pitcher  
Duffy Family  
Ermilio Family  
Fernando Family  
Amelia Fogarino  
Gallagher Family  
Landis Gallman  
Al and Barbara Gambone  
William Geddes  
Gehris Family  
Peter Paul Gentile  
Griffin Family  
Gromelski Family  
Gunning Family  
Christina Haciski  
Claire Hanson  
Michael and Mary Harkins  
Hendri Family  
Hofmann Family  
Juliano Family  
Klein Family  
Michele H. LeMay and Jean-Pierre Bacle  
Le Family  
Leshner Family  
Mary Jo and John Libertino  
Molly Marcus  
Steven Martin  
Medaglia Family  
Messina Family  
Murawski Family  
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