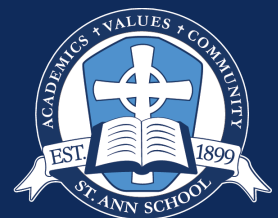


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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR



Dear Friends and Benefactors of St. Ann School,

St. Ann School has stood as a beacon of faith and hope since 1899 when the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia established a Catholic elementary school for the children of the Forty Acres and Highlands in St. Ann Parish. This bold effort was guided by the light of faith and the determination of the sisters to impart the Catholic faith to each and every child.

That same “holy boldness” has enabled St. Ann School to continue the mission of making disciples formed in the image of Jesus Christ.

For over 122 consecutive years, our school has been faithful to this mission. Our strong Catholic identity bears witness to the fact that the primary goal of St. Ann School is to preach the Gospel to our students and to enable them to witness to Christ in the world.

Our students are well positioned with a world-class education supported by stellar leadership, dedicated and professional teachers, faithful support staff, supportive parents and generous benefactors.

These intertwining partnerships provide 21st century resources to keep our students current and innovative. Their creativity, leadership skills, and service-oriented education prepares them well for high school and beyond.

That beacon of faith and hope still shines bright with both cherished memories of the past and endless possibilities for the future.

Ask any alumnus of St. Ann School and they will share their pearl of great price, the blessings and memories of a St. Ann School education.

Thank you for your support in helping us to continue to form disciples, good citizens, and leaders in our church and state.

Prayerfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rev. John J. Mink".

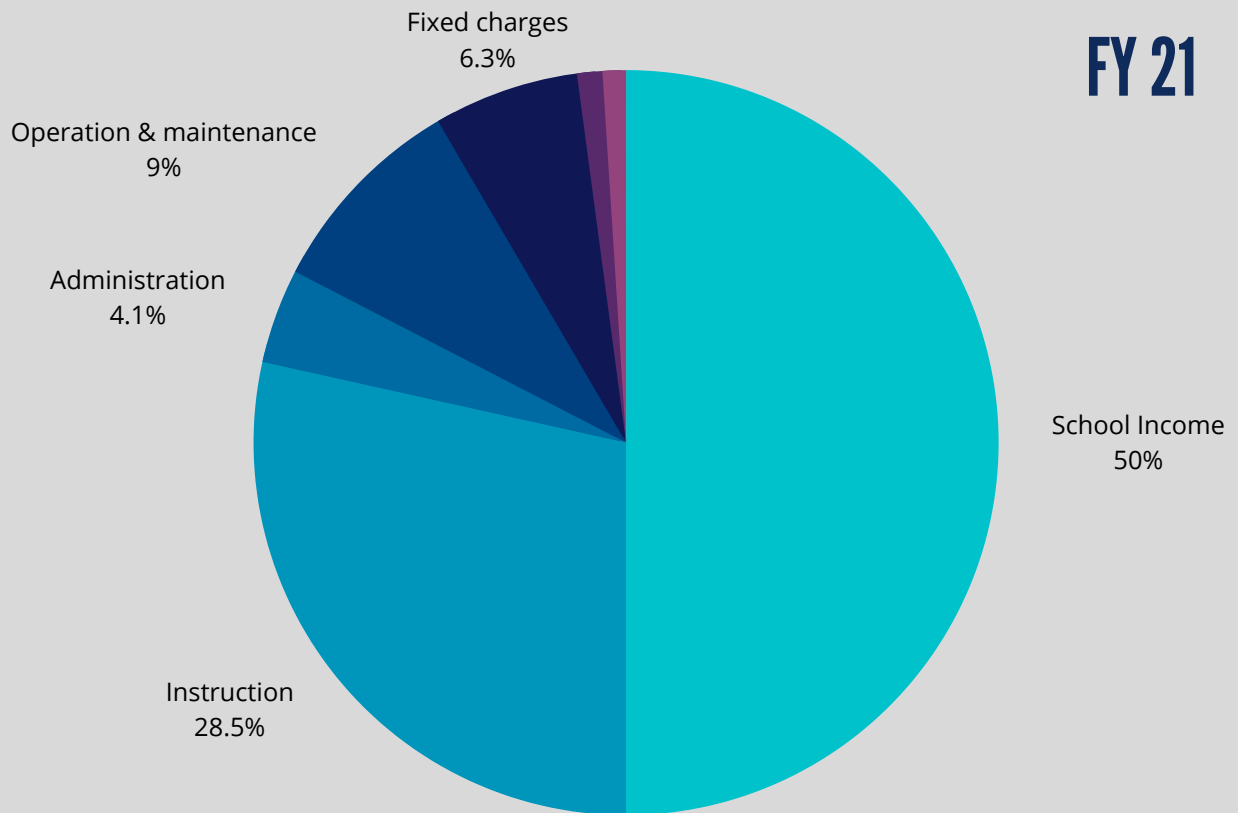
REVEREND JOHN J. MINK

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

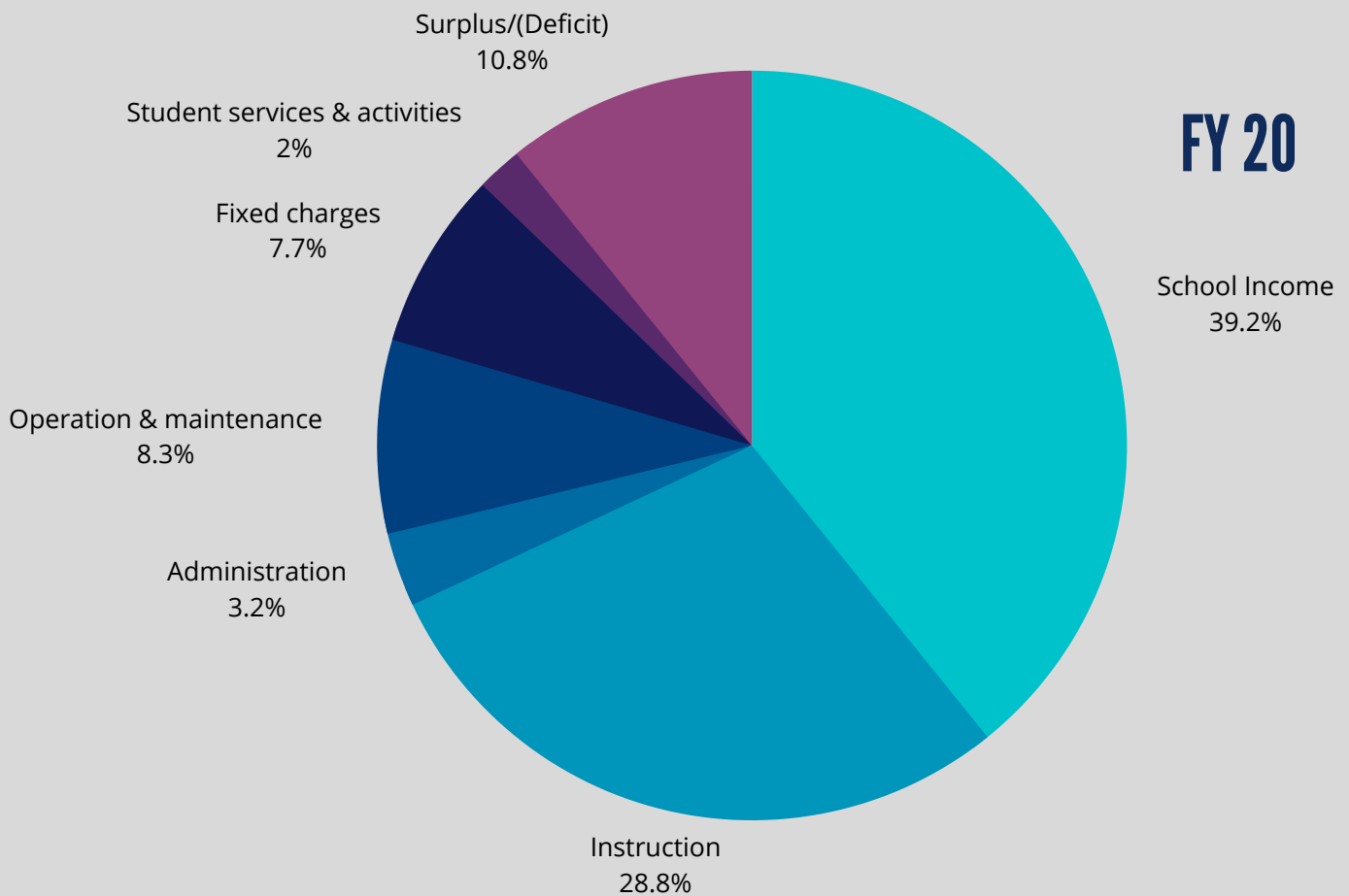
	FY 21	FY 20
School Income	1,859,035	1,573,377
Instruction	1,058,853	1,157,200
Administration	152,955	128,346
Operation & maintenance	333,995	335,244
Fixed charges	234,694	308,102
Student services & activities	40,825	78,558
Capital expenses	0	0
Surplus/(Deficit)	37,713	(434,073)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FY 21



FY 20



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Wednesday, June 16, marked the end of an extraordinary and challenging year. It was also a very satisfying and rewarding year. I want to give a big thanks to our dedicated faculty and staff, whose commitment and optimism this year were truly remarkable. I am also grateful to our parents for their dedication, cooperation and flexibility, and to all the members of St. Ann's Parish who prayed for us, supported us, and gave us the confidence and courage to prevail. Finally, thanks to Father Mink and Father Jasper for their unfailing support and guidance and to the parish staff for their extraordinary efforts.

St. Ann's students enjoyed a wonderful school year filled with as many "normal" experiences as we could safely allow. They experienced hands-on learning, participated in the intellectual life of the classroom, continued their faith formation, and benefited from numerous opportunities for social interaction.

Our protocols kept students and faculty safe; our teachers taught in person and simultaneously online for students who were quarantined at home.

Our students thrived; they worked hard and had fun learning. Our standardized test scores were outstanding, our math league team made the "elite eight" in the state, our Science Olympiad teams were laden with medals, and our middle school students won statewide and national scholastic writing awards.

As we said goodbye to our 8th graders, many of whom have been with us since PreK, we celebrated their final achievements. Two-thirds of the students were awarded scholarships to Catholic high schools totaling over \$400K. We will miss this class and wish them all the best as they head to high school.

This year has been a challenging one, however whatever lies on the road ahead I know that we are a community that will rise to meet the challenges. We will continue on this journey together, knowing we are stronger together.



Pat Butler Grant

PRINCIPAL PAT BUTLER GRANT

AN EXTRAORDINARY YEAR

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CAMPUS

- A replacement roof was installed for the Social Hall
- The stage floor was refurbished and the stage was made accessible by wheelchair
- A new sound system was installed in the Social Hall
- The church parking lot was fenced off to enable the space to be used for outdoor gym classes and recess
- New windows were installed in the Taggart wing

SCHOOL COVID RESPONSE IN COMPLIANCE WITH GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES

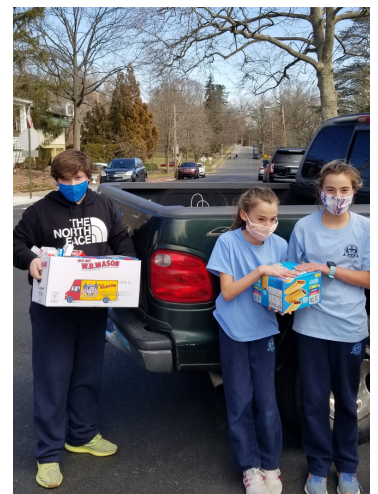
- Water bottle filling stations installed in both buildings
- Hand sanitizing stations installed at the school entrances
- Stand-alone infrared thermometer stations placed at entrances
- Magnus mobile health app utilized for daily health reporting
- Internet/WiFi was expanded
- Plexiglass shields were installed in key areas
- Two large outdoor tents were purchased and set up in the Celebration Garden
- State-of-the-art room air purifiers were installed in classrooms, social hall and gymnasium
- Bioprotect antimicrobial technology used on high touch surfaces
- Additional cleaning services and staff employed
- The school nurse's office was relocated to a larger location to include COVID isolation rooms



OUR MISSION



St. Ann School educates each student in the Catholic tradition of faith, academic excellence and service, while guiding them to lead as disciples of Jesus Christ.



In support of this Mission, students were awarded \$46,000 in financial assistance for the 2020-2021 school year.

FAITH ACADEMICS SERVICE

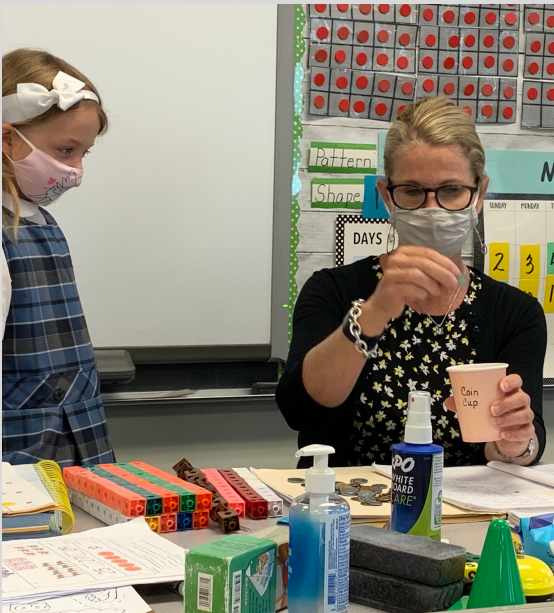


FAITH

- All 8th graders received Confirmation
- Second graders received First Holy Communion
- Stations of the Cross produced by 7th Grade
- In person Masses for individual classes and pre-recorded Mass for school

ACADEMICS

- Over \$400K scholarships to Catholic high schools
- 29 members inducted into the National Junior Honor Society - St Ann Chapter
- Virtual Science Olympiad
 - Grade 6-8 : Team earned top 10 with 54 medals
 - Grades 4 -5 : Every one of our students earned a medal in at least one event
 - 4th grade team ranked third among 16 teams with 11 medals
- National Scholastic Writing Competition
 - Rafferty H, 7th grade, won a Silver Medal , one of only 2,000 students out of 230,000 entries who achieved national recognition
 - Our school had 8 State award winners
- Middle States Accreditation favorable Mid -Term Review



SERVICE

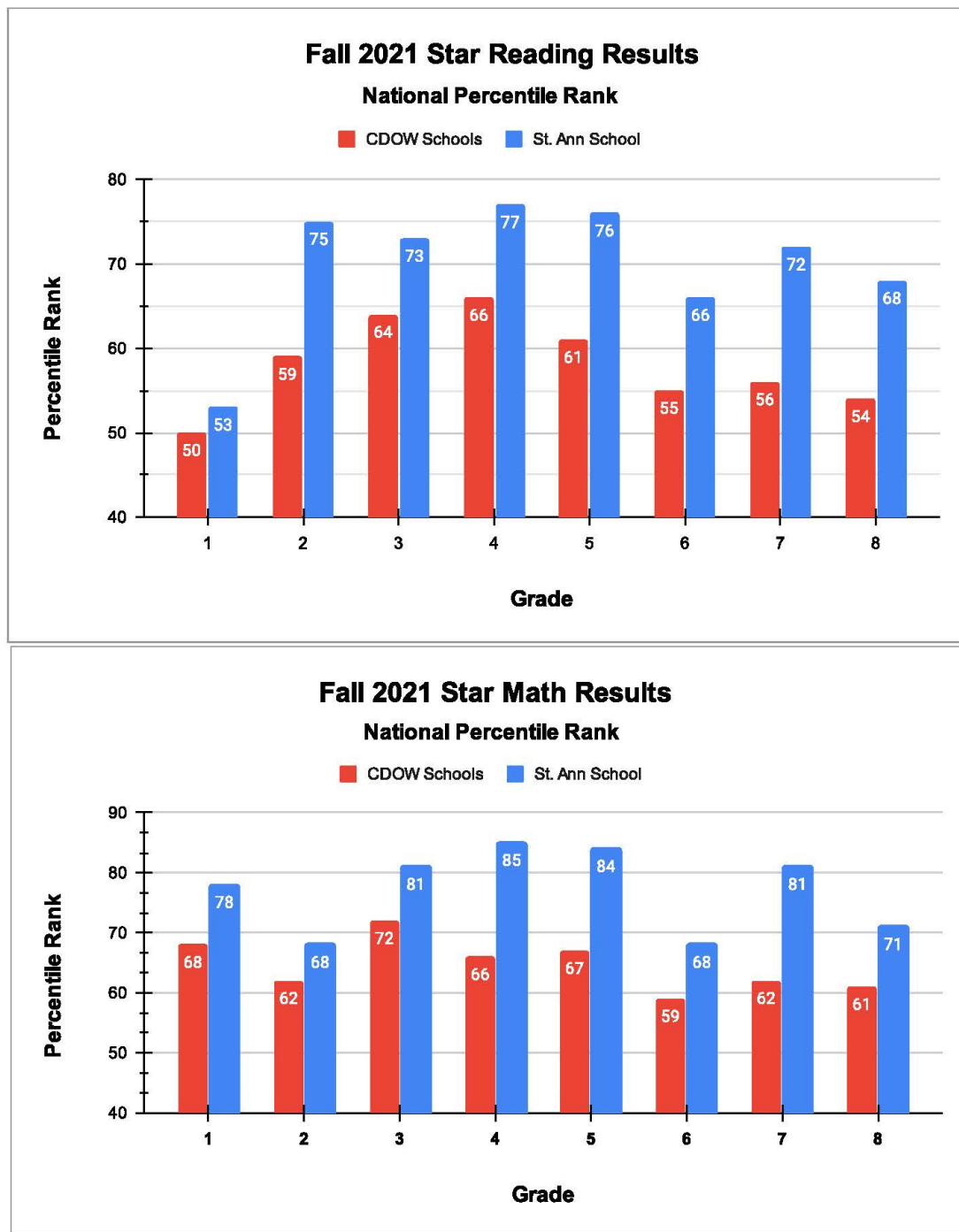
- 8th Grade Chairs for Charity project raised over \$2K for the Make a Wish Foundation
- Hundreds of items collected for Ronald McDonald House during Spirit Week
- Rock your Socks campaign - Raised \$648 to support the Down Syndrome Association of Delaware
- Thanksgiving Food Drive for the Sunday Breakfast Mission
- Food and toiletries collected for the homeless in support of the Friendship House Code Purple program
- Our school-wide Pencil Wars during Catholic Schools Week collected thousands of school supply items for a local Title I School
- Over \$2,000 raised for the American Heart Association



STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES 2021

Elementary schools in the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington administer Renaissance Star, a national standardized assessment tool used in public, private, and parochial schools across the nation.

This standardized assessment indicates that students at St. Ann School performed above the national mean score (50th percentile) and also out performed the diocese in math, reading and early literacy on the Fall 2021 administration.



PROGRAMS AND SERVICE PROJECTS

Programs offered through the year included Reading Assist, Advanced Math, Math League, Science Olympiad, Spelling Bee and Aftercare.



Second Grade supported the Down Syndrome Association of Delaware with their Rock Your Socks campaign.

The 8th Grade Chairs for Charity project raised over \$2,000 for the Make-a-Wish Foundation.



OUR GRADUATES

Scholarships from Catholic High Schools totaling over \$400K were awarded to two-thirds of the students.

Students graduated to high schools including Archmere Academy, St Mark's High School, Padua Academy, Ursuline Academy, Salesianum School and Wilmington Charter School.



One of the many highlights in the school year is the Faculty vs 8th grade volleyball match!



NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) is the largest and best-known recognition program for middle and high school students.

The St. Ann Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society is open to those students who meet the required standards in five areas of evaluation: scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship.

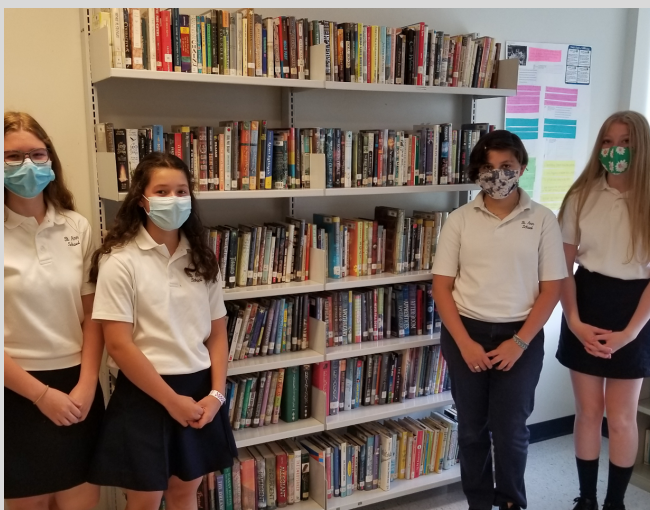
Students are selected for membership by a majority vote of the principal-appointed faculty council, which bestows this honor upon qualified students each spring. Students in grades six, seven, and eight are eligible for membership.



Welcome ceremony for new members of the NJHS

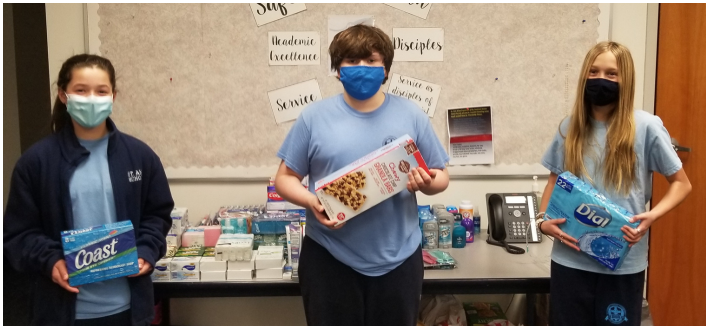


NJHS members planting flowers in front of the social hall



When the former school library was converted to a classroom, NJHS members took the initiative and dedicated many hours to transitioning the library from its old location to two new locations, one in each building. They sorted through and moved mountains of books to set up grade appropriate libraries for grades K-4 and 5-8. We are thankful for their service which will benefit SAS students in the years to come.

A YEAR IN PICTURES



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SUPPORT



St Ann Parish and School is a community of students, parents, alumni, parishioners, neighbors, family and friends that have supported the school and enabled us to achieve so much this year.

Many Blessings for your continued support.

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