



SAINT JOHN NEUMANN  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

# ANNUAL FUND REPORT 2019-2020



*"I would maintain that thanks are the highest form of thought; and that gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder." – G.K. Chesterton*

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*"We felt it is important to give to the Annual Fund because this school has given so much to us. Our children have received a top-notch education here, and our entire family has benefited from the incredible sense of community that SJNCS generates."*

**- Carol Anne and Jason Long**

*"I was blessed to spend 14 years serving in various capacities at St. John Neumann School, until I retired in 2018.*

*Throughout those years, I remained notably impressed with the academic programs and the high standards of educational expectations. I witnessed the dedication of the teachers, which was evidenced in the continual superior test scores and future endeavors of the graduating students.*

*More impressive, however, was the motivation and enthusiasm of the students as they participated in providing charitable service to our community. I observed the hearts of these children and their prayerful spirit as they reached out to others.*

*It was an honor for me to be a part of the countless ways the school family, including the administration and the parents, dedicated their faithfulness to prayer and fellowship to the Lord. God's work is surely evident in the hallways of this school.*

*I am honored to be able to contribute my time, talent, and treasure by supporting this wonderful school."*

**- Joanne Perkins Behnke**

# The SJNCS Annual Fund

## 2019-2020 Totals

Annual Fund Gifts:	\$56,000
Sponsorships and Restaurant "Give Back" nights:	\$10,750
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$66,750</b>



We took an enormous leap forward last year in total Annual Fund giving and, most importantly, in the number of SJNCS families who gave.

**Thank you!!**

### How Do I Give to the Annual Fund?

You may make your tax-deductible Annual Fund gift via mail in the enclosed return envelope or online at [sjnknox.org/annualfund](http://sjnknox.org/annualfund).

**Increase the impact of your gift! Please contact your employer to ask if they have a matching gifts program.**

### What exactly is the Annual Fund?

Annual Fund gifts are unrestricted funds directed where the need is greatest, creating opportunities for learning and discovery, providing scholarships for students who need them, and giving SJNCS flexibility to take advantage of emerging opportunities and respond to unanticipated needs and challenges.

Annual Fund support enables us to provide every student the highest quality education and faith development experience.

### Who benefits from the Annual Fund?

Every student benefits from the Annual Fund in the following two ways:

1. The quality of education we provide all students today has been made possible in part by all Annual Fund gifts made in the past.
2. **Tuition alone does not cover the actual cost of any SJNCS student's education** (which is the case at most Catholic schools). Therefore, Annual Fund gifts make the most significant difference in bridging the gap between tuition and the actual cost of an SJNCS education... for every student.

Additionally, thanks to the support of generous donors, **30% of SJNCS families receive some form of financial aid**, enabling us to fulfill our calling to provide a Catholic school education to those who could otherwise not afford it.

The 2019-2020 academic year demonstrated just how important Annual Fund giving is, since the pandemic forced us to cancel the school's largest annual fundraiser. Annual Fund resources helped minimize the impact of such a loss. **We appreciate our donors for making that possible!**

"We understand that tuition alone is not enough to fully cover the excellent education, programs, and resources that SJN provides. Donating to the Annual Fund directly benefits our children as well as all children at SJN."

**- Andy and Liz Hebert**

**We are grateful to Jenny Martinez Photography and Sarah Keenan Photography for providing the wonderful photos in this report.**

# Mustang Facts and Figures

- With a student body size of 345, SJNCS begins the 2020-2021 academic year with its 3rd consecutive year of increased enrollment.
- Average class size (K-8th) is 17.
- Pre-K student to teacher ratio is 9:1.
- 18% minority population
- 14% Hispanic population
- 30% of families receive financial assistance
- 92% Catholic / 8% Non-Catholic
- 94% of the SJNCS Class of 2020 attend KCHS.
- There are 31 certified educators on the teaching staff, 23 of whom have advanced degrees.



## SJNCS Mission Statement

The mission of St. John Neumann Catholic School is to:

**S**erve God with loving hearts  
**J**oyfully embrace our Catholic faith, and  
**N**urture individual and academic excellence.

“We love that our school not only welcomes and embraces diversity but also supports it... this is one of the reasons why we’re happy to give to SJNCS.”

“Nuestra escuela no solo promueve diversidad sino también se asegura de proveer asistencia económica a quien lo necesita... Esta es una de las razones por las que orgullosamente hacemos donaciones a SJNCS”

– Paola Martinez and Juan Urquiza

“We give to SJNCS because it is an amazing school and community. SJNCS has given and continues to give so much to our 5 children, that we want to help make sure that the care, quality education, and commitment they provide continues for all children, even after all 5 of ours have graduated from this wonderful school. SJNCS is family to us and it is important to help support the ones you love!”

– Amanda and Eric Perry



“We give to SJNCS because we know that at this outstanding school real learning and faith formation take place.”

– Vejas and Kathleen Liulevicius

“I give to SJNCS to help give other children an opportunity to attend the exceptional school that my children have been so blessed to be a part of.”

– Kristi Burkhardt

# Receive a \$10 Raffle Ticket for Every \$25 You Donate to the SJNCS Annual Fund!!

Gifts of \$25 increments to the SJNCS Annual Fund will have an even greater impact on the lives of others.

Your Annual Fund gift is an investment in the future of SJNCS, helping us provide our children the best education and faith development experience possible.

A portion of raffle ticket sales directly benefits SJNCS, and the other portion provides tuition assistance to help qualifying families attend Knoxville Catholic Schools (including SJNCS).

## Important Details

- Every raffle ticket provides you 16 chances to win a cash prize ranging from \$1,000-\$5,000, as administered by the Diocese of Knoxville Catholic Schools.
- For every \$25 you donate to the SJNCS Annual Fund, SJNCS will give you a Diocese of Knoxville Catholic Schools raffle ticket.
- There is no limit... every \$25 you donate to the SJNCS Annual Fund will earn you 1 raffle ticket.
- The raffle ticket promo only applies to SJNCS Annual Fund gift payments received by December 17th, 2020. While you can make a long-term pledge to the SJNCS Annual Fund (which we appreciate), we can only provide the raffle ticket(s) for actual payments received by December 17th.
- The value of each raffle ticket (\$10) is not tax-deductible but the remainder of your donation is.
- PLEASE CHECK THE BOX ON THE ENCLOSED DONATION REPLY ENVELOPE IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR RAFFLE TICKET(S). YOU MAY CHECK THE BOX ONLINE IF YOU MAKE YOUR GIFT ON THE ANNUAL FUND DONATION PAGE: [sjnknox.org/annualfund](https://sjnknox.org/annualfund)



"We have extremely high expectations in terms of our son's academic opportunities. The faculty, administration, and facilities of St. John Neumann have not only met this lofty standard, but have far exceeded it.

Our son, Grant, is thriving in the school's environment because of the student-to-teacher ratios, the dedicated attention that the kids receive, and the loving and supportive atmosphere where his interests and passions are fostered, encouraged, and developed.

We are truly grateful that we found such a wonderful, nurturing school where our son can grow academically, socially, culturally, and spiritually. We are proud to support SJNCS."  
**- Monica and Mike Odom**



"Our 3 children all graduated from St. John Neumann Catholic School and we continue to support the school even though our children are no longer there. SJNCS provided our children a Christ-centered place to learn and grow. Our children thrived at SJNCS (even the 2 who received academic support) and were prepared for high school. I also work as a substitute teacher and truly believe that it is a very special school."

**- Bob and Lisa Beldyk**



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## St. John Neumann Society

*Gifts of \$5,000 or more*

Fr. Joe Reed

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*Gifts of \$2,500-\$4,999*

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*Gifts of \$1,000-\$2,499*

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Patrick and Anna Wade

“We give to SJNCS because we have been blessed by the community that exists at our school. Not only do our children receive a challenging education, but they are able to explore their faith and grow their values with students, faculty, and staff members who encourage them to become the best version of themselves. Giving to the Annual Fund allows our school to continue to provide more opportunities for our students and helps other families experience this community as well.”

- Mary and Steve Marlowe

## Principal's Circle

*Gifts of \$500-\$999*

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*Gifts up to \$99*

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To learn about other ways to give to SJNCS, or to ask any questions about the SJNCS Annual Fund, please contact:

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!**