

January 31, 2017, Feast of St. John Bosco, Catholic Schools Week

Dear St. Jude families,

First and foremost, we would like to thank you for your choice and continued commitment to Catholic education. Your generous stewardship has made it possible for us to provide a quality Catholic education so that each student will grow to know, love, and serve God as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

St. Jude Catholic School Council developed a five year strategic plan in 2014 to help intentionally guide our school in fulfilling its mission. The council reviews the goals annually, updating priorities and goals, as necessary. The strategic plan focuses on six priorities: unity, faithfulness, stewardship, scholarship, facilities, and human capital. This stakeholders report will highlight some of the goals and objectives for each of these priorities.

Unity:

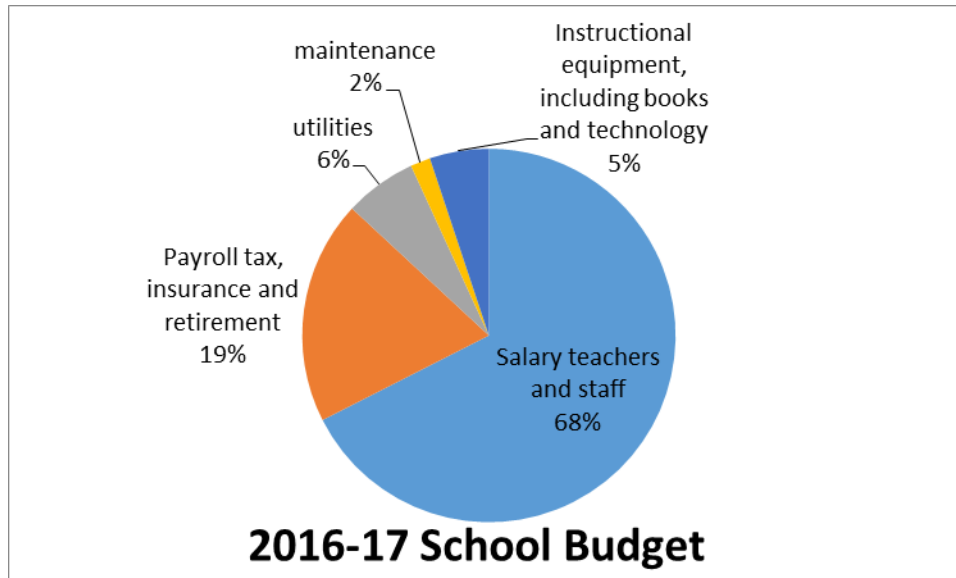
- To assist in accommodations for all students, especially those with learning needs and academically talented students, and to be a resource for teachers, St. Jude Catholic School hired a full time resource teacher. This teacher has decades of educational experience as well as advanced certification in instructional strategies. This resource teacher is available to all grade levels.
- During the 2016-2017 school year, 36 students were identified as English Language Learners. The principal holds an English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) endorsement, one teacher holds an ESOL endorsement, and two teachers are currently enrolled in classes to receive their ESOL endorsements.

Faithfulness

- Students continue to come to Mass twice a week, once with their grade level teams and another time for all school Mass. Eucharistic Adoration occurs once a month. Schoolwide rosaries are held during October and May. Students pray the Stations of the Cross during Lent and the Divine Mercy Chaplet during the Octave of Easter.
- Teachers infuse the faith into every subject.

Stewardship

- Students are taught the Young Stewards in Formation lessons and are accountable for completing a required number of hours.
- The 2015 Stewardship renewal netted 86% of school families.
- Thanks to the time and talent given by parishioners, we continue allocate the majority of our operating budget to salaries, taxes, and insurance.



Scholarship

- The 2015 state assessments showed 91% of students were on grade level in ELA and 89% on grade level in math. We continue to consistently score higher than local public schools.

Facilities

- In the spring of 2016 security access controls were put on exterior doors and doors leading to the academic hallways of the school building. This system ensures that only authorized persons are given access to areas where students are.
- During the 2015-2016 school year, St. Jude Catholic School upgraded much of its technology equipment. In addition to our computer lab, we now have six wireless access points throughout the building, sixty chromebooks for students to use in the classrooms, and ten out of thirteen classrooms have interactive whiteboards. We also purchased seven new laptops for teachers to use.

Human Capital

- St Jude Catholic School average class size is 20. Our student/teacher ratio is about 1 to 13. Our 16 teachers have over 250 years combined experience.

May God continue to bless St. Jude Catholic Parish and School!

Fr. Jim Mainzer, pastor

Mrs. Danelle Urban, principal