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St. James Cathedral School

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Parishioners, Alumni & Friends of St. James Cathedral School,

This year, St. James Cathedral School will be celebrating its 86th year of excellence in Catholic Education. Since 1928, St. James Cathedral School has provided a solid foundation of faith and learning that has afforded our students the opportunity to become the leaders of today as well as tomorrow.

Educating the "whole" child involves more than textbooks and great teachers. At St. James Cathedral School, students are given the opportunity to develop all of their God given talents in a spiritual, safe, stimulating, and technologically advanced environment. Their days of learning are infused with the best educational practices of the 21st century, which includes collaboration, critical thinking, creativity, and technology.

Special thanks to each and every one of you who believe in the value of a Catholic Education. It is because of your continued support of your time, talent, and treasure that St. James Cathedral School will remain a legacy in Catholic Education.

Sincerely in Christ,

Mrs. Gerri Gendall

Principal

St. James Cathedral School



SJCS At Glance:

Founded:	1928
Student Body:	472
Faculty & Staff	60
Diocese:	Orlando

FAITH



During the 2013 - 2014 school year, SJCS celebrated our Catholic Faith in a variety of ways. Monthly and on Holy Days of Obligation, we celebrated Mass. Most Reverent Bishop Noonan was able to join us on several occasions as a celebrant. Other



highlights included Fr. Nick leading the school in Eucharistic Adoration one Friday each month as well as praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary together. We collected food for the hungry at each Mass celebrated as a school community. The love and stewardship of Jesus is our inspiration. "We come to learn; we leave to serve".



ITBS

The Iowa Test of Basic Skills results have shown consistent improvement since the test changed its format to Form E with the 2012 testing season. On average, our students test results showed that they are performing at a grade level 2.5 grades higher than their actual grade. As we all know, the final product of our school is an essential representation of our school. Our 8th graders test results reflected a grade level equivalence of a freshman in college! We are very proud of our students' success.

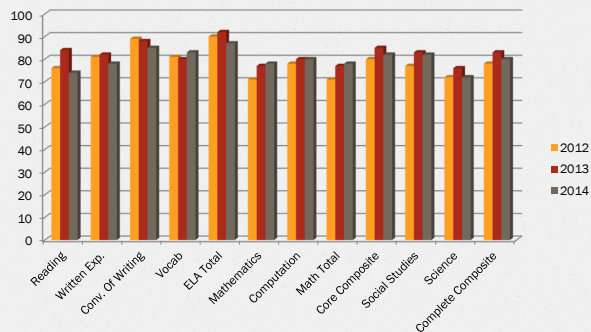
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2014 Grade Level Equivalency

Spring 2014				
Grade	ELA Total	ELA Extended	Math Total	Core Composite
2	4.1		4.0	3.7
3		5	4.1	4.6
4		6.4	5.3	5.8
5		8.5	6.5	7.4
6		9.0	7.1	7.9
7		11.6	9.4	10.3
8		13+	13+	13+

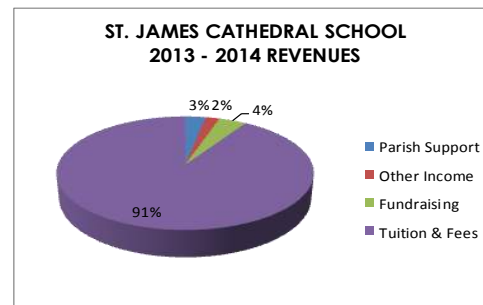
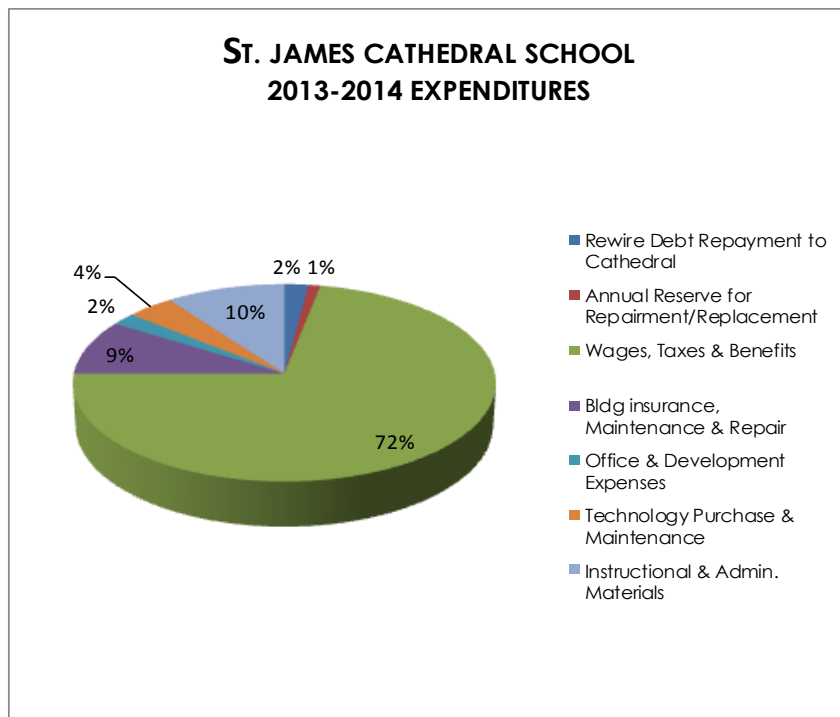
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8th Grade Results

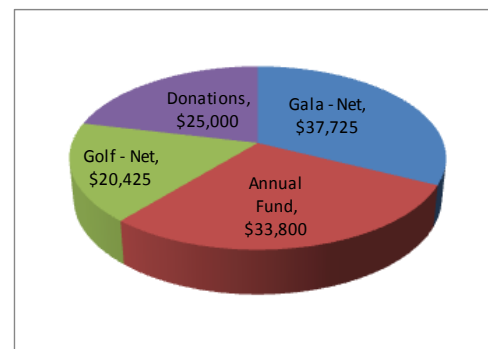


School Financial Report

As we ended our fiscal year on June 30, 2014, we are thankful for the continued stewardship of our wonderful families and staff who believe in Catholic education and make daily sacrifices to ensure our children receive a Christ-centered education. St. James Cathedral School was blessed to reach our budgeted enrollment numbers, and we approach the current fiscal year showing a healthy financial status. Our parents take to heart our motto of “Come to Learn and Leave to Serve”, committing their time, talents and treasure to help our school and the greater community.



2013-2014 DEVELOPMENT FUNDRAISING



School Advisory Board

The St. James Cathedral School Advisory Board is a consultative council formed to provide guidance and strategic decision making to the school administrative body. It is made up of a team of individuals— parents, administrators, clergy, business/industry people and other interested community members to support spiritual and academic excellence. Each board member brings unique experience and talents that best serve the needs of the school to insure a forward-thinking, successful environment. Board members also lead and participate in several sub-committees, offering their professional expertise in the areas of enrollment, finance, marketing, facilities management, technology, safety and human resources. Working hand-in-hand with the school administration and clergy, the board also assists in the leadership of strategic planning and plays an active role in annual budget analysis and recommendations.

Board members are typically chosen based on several criteria including needs of the school, individual experience and expertise. They serve as school ambassadors and actively participate in marketing and enrollment activities.

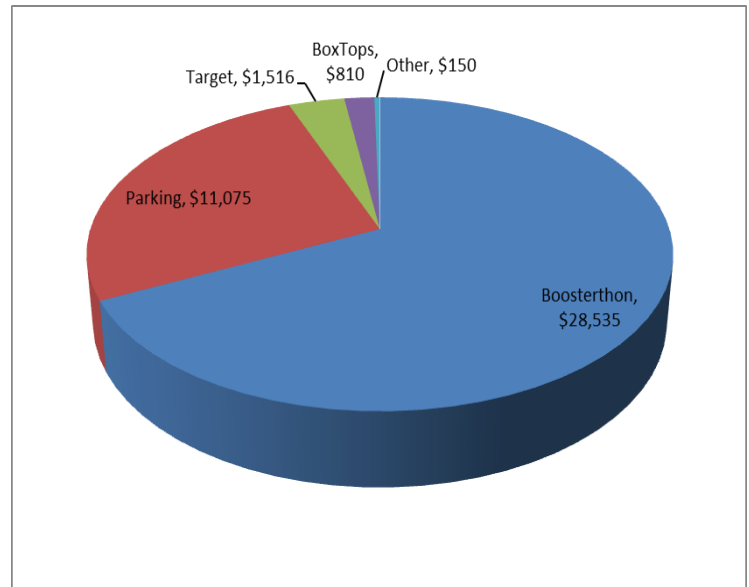


Parent Panther Association (PPA)

St. James Cathedral School PPA (formerly named Home & School Association) had another great year of successful events, fellowship and community building. We kicked off the 2013-2014 year with our Boosterthon Fun Run, which was a huge success, and resulted in the purchase of iPads for our lower grades as well as funds for events for the rest of the year. We had a huge turnout of grandparents and volunteers for our bi-annual Grandparents' Day celebration as well as a fun-filled Field Day, amazing Variety Show, beautiful Lenten Dinner and delicious Teacher Appreciation luncheons, just to name a few. We also had our first Food Truck Night in conjunction with our Young Adults' Club from the Cathedral. All of this was made possible through the hard work and dedication of time and effort of our great parent volunteers.

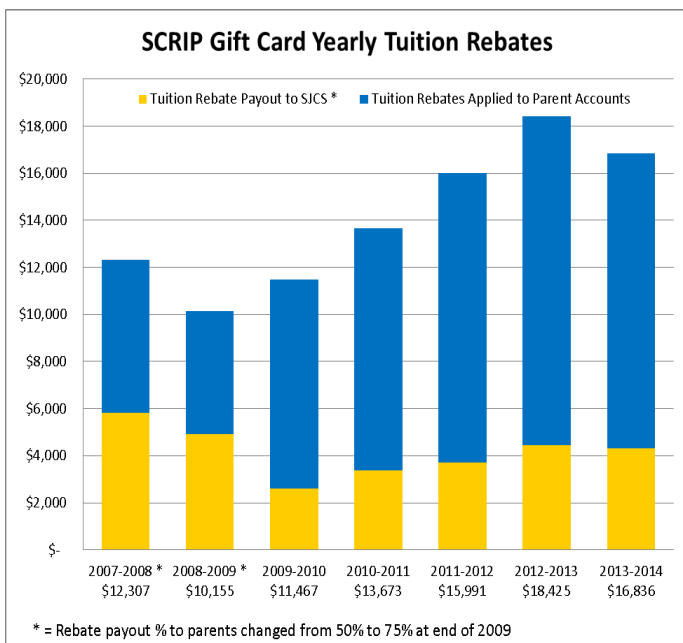


PPA Fundraising Net Revenues 2013 - 2014



T.R.I.P. (Tuition Reduction Incentive Program)

The St. James Scrip gift card program helped SJCS families apply over \$12,000 towards their school tuition last year. The program is easy to use and it does not ask families to spend any more money than they already spend at stores like Publix, Sports Authority, Target and Wal-Mart stores to name a few. The program has resulted in almost \$30,000 back to our school since its inception in 2007!



Year	Total	Tuition Rebate Payout to SJCS *	Tuition Rebates Applied to Parent Accounts
2007-2008 *	\$12,307	\$5,835	\$6,472
2008-2009 *	\$10,155	\$4,914	\$5,241
2009-2010	\$11,467	\$2,604	\$8,863
2010-2011	\$13,673	\$3,362	\$10,311
2011-2012	\$15,991	\$3,700	\$12,291
2012-2013	\$18,425	\$4,457	\$13,968
2013-2014	\$16,836	\$4,308	\$12,528