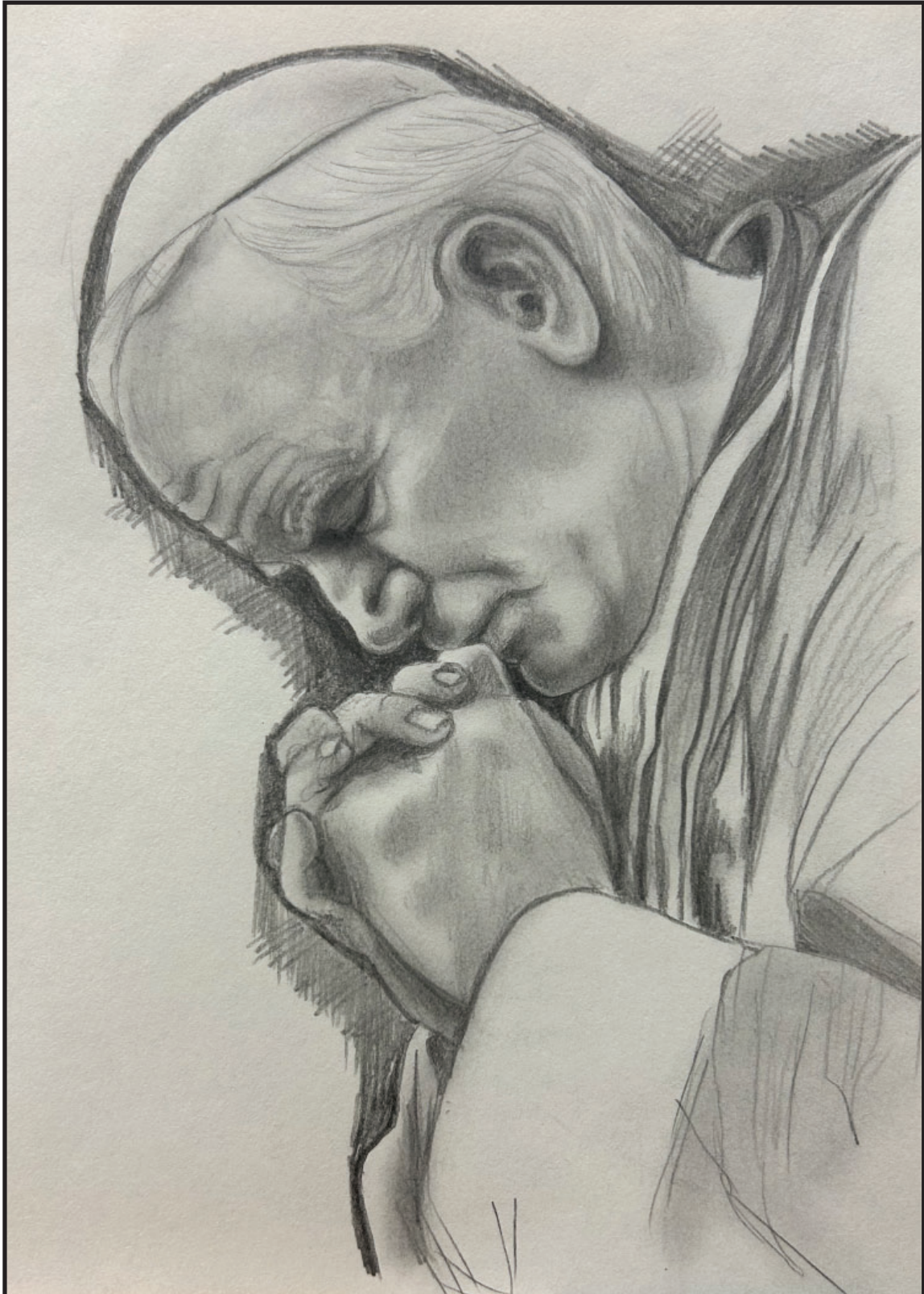




St. John Paul II Catholic High School

ANNUAL REPORT

2023-2024



The Mission of St. John Paul II Catholic High School

Inspired by our patron, St. John Paul II Catholic High School develops students in spirit, mind, and body through a Christ-centered, college preparatory education. As a welcoming community of faith, we encourage, challenge, and support our students to learn enthusiastically, lead honorably, and live responsibly so they will improve themselves and society through their faith and vocation.

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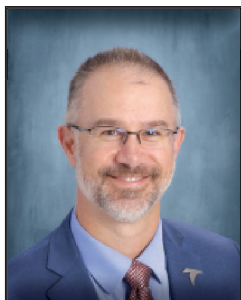
A Letter from our Headmaster

St. John Paul II Catholic High School continues to earn its recognition as the highest rated Catholic high school in the state of Alabama and among the highest rated private high schools. Our students are richly formed in our Catholic faith through our curriculum and vibrant campus ministry; our academic program continues to exceed state and national benchmarks; and our fine arts and athletic programs consistently excel in area and state competitions.

Our accolades and continued success are possible because of the charity and sacrifice of you and so many in our JPII family. This unwavering support has been our bedrock for over a quarter century. With your tremendous support, we continue to fulfill our mission of developing “young people in spirit, mind, and body.” Within the pages of this Annual Report, 2023-2024, you will see the great support of our benefactors and the stewardship of our school in using those funds to enhance the educational experience of our students in all four of our pillars—Spirituality, Academics, Arts, and Athletics.

On behalf of the Diocese of Birmingham, the Board of Trustees, our faculty and staff, and all of the students we serve, I want to thank our area priests and parishes, our partner schools, the Benefactors Society, the Parents Association, the Falcon Booster Club, our alumni, and others listed in this report who have supported our school this past academic year. I would also like to give a special acknowledgment to Sr. Tonette Sperando, who served our school during the period of this annual report.

I am confident that, through our Lord’s blessing, our patron’s intercession, and your continued support, we will ever continue to form the students whom God has entrusted to us in our Christ-given and Church-sanctioned mission of teaching students to “learn enthusiastically, lead honorably, and live responsibly.”



In Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeremiah Russell".

Jeremiah Russell, Ph.D.



Front of the JPII building



Winter Sports Awards - Varsity Girls Basketball

St. John Paul II Catholic High School

State of the School

2023-2024

INTRODUCTION

We are pleased to share highlights of the 2023-2024 school year with you. Our dedication to our Catholic faith is the foundation of St. John Paul II Catholic High School. It guides all of the work we do through the **Four Pillars of Spirituality, Academics, Arts, and Athletics.**

SPIRITUALITY

St. John Paul II Catholic High School encourages spiritual growth through the Gospel message, community, worship, and service. Through the Pillar of Spirituality, we invite students to deepen their faith, rooted in the way of Christ and the Catholic tradition.

Our Campus Ministry program, led by our full-time Campus Minister, provides opportunities for our students to **Pray, Grow, and Serve.**

PRAY

School-Wide Mass: We come together as a school every week for Mass.

Sports Masses: Every sports team at JPII has a special Mass once a season.

Confession: Students are given the opportunity to go to confession during our Advent and Lenten Penance Services. In addition, we offer confessions during lunchtime once a month.

Adoration: Monthly in the Theology classes, students spend time in the chapel praying and reflecting in the presence of The Blessed Sacrament. In addition, we offer adoration once a month during lunchtime.

GROW

Theology Classes: A four-year religion curriculum is a requirement for graduation.

Faith Clubs: JPII offers multiple Faith Clubs for our students to participate in. They include Pro-Life, Catholic Relief Services, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Retreat Team, Broken and Shared Mass Choir, Liturgy Alive, and Men's and Women's Groups.

Retreats: Every grade level has their own off-campus day-long retreat. The JPII Retreat Team, led by the Campus Minister, works diligently to plan and execute retreats that are fun and faith-filled while learning ways to be servant leaders.

SERVE

All JPII students are required to complete at least 100 hours of community service in order to graduate. The Class of 2024 provided 8,800 hours of service during their four years at JPII. We help all JPII students complete the service hours by sharing volunteer opportunities available in our community, as well as organized Service Days and Service Saturdays.

Service Days: JPII has two service days a year during the school day. Students are placed in service groups which go out to various non-profit organizations to serve for the day.

Service Saturdays: JPII offers six Service Saturdays a year where we organize a service opportunity for our students to participate.



The Knights of Columbus Silver Rose Procession at JPII



Mass with Bishop Raica

ACADEMICS

St. John Paul II Catholic High School distinguishes itself as a Christ-centered, college-preparatory high school. Designed to motivate and challenge all students, the academic program is driven by the highest possible learning expectations of students.

Some of our academic strengths include:

- 12:1 student-to-faculty ratio
- Nine Advanced Placement (AP) courses
- Ten Honors Courses
- 100% college acceptance, including military academies.
- More than \$10.3 million in merit scholarships awarded to the Class of 2024 (78 Students).
- One National Merit Commended Scholar
- Two College Board National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholars
- Class of 2024 composite ACT score of 24.5 (National Average is 19.8; State Average is 18)
- 50 Inductees to the Georg von Tiesenhausen National Honor Society
- Ranked #1 Catholic High School out of 8 in Alabama (Niche.com).
- Ranked #5 Private High School out of 126 in Alabama (Niche.com).



Top Ten - Class of 2024

ARTS

St. John Paul II Catholic High School has strong student participation in the arts program. Three major arts concerts are performed each year as well as multiple theatrical productions.

Participation in the Band fosters discipline, collaboration, teamwork, responsibility, and an appreciation for fine music. Band exposes students to a wide range of musical styles and performance platforms. Ensembles include the concert band, pep/marching bands, and jazz band.



JPII Falcon Marching Band

JPII Falcon Marching Band:

- Superior Rating in all categories: Drum Major, Dance Line, Color Guard, Percussion, and Band at the Bobcat Marching Invitational
- Superior Drum Major, Dance Line, Color Guard, and Excellent Percussion and Band at the Hoover Marching Band Invitational
- First Place Drum Major, Auxiliary Line, and Second Place Band at the Patricia Hailey Battle of the Bands Fight Against Cancer
- 11 JPII students were selected to participate in the North Alabama Private School Band Organization Honor Band.

- One student made the District Honor Band and All-State Red Band.
- Superior Rating for Concert Band at the Music Proficiency Assessment (MPA) for the year
- JPII Falcon Marching Band was invited and marched at Universal Studios in Orlando, Florida, receiving four Superior Ratings for Solo performances and one for a Duet.
- Two Collegiate Band Member Scholarships: Mississippi State University and University of Alabama at Birmingham

The **Choral Music** program affords each student the opportunity to realize the importance of music as an art form in our present world. The courses offered help students develop, their performance and listening skills, as well as their self-confidence and self-direction.

The award-winning **Falcon Theatre** program strives to give students a creative outlet in which to grow and showcase their God-given talents. There are multiple opportunities available each year to participate onstage, backstage, or both.

The department produces a fall play, spring musical, a Broadway revue, and the school talent show each year. Each year, Drama students participate in the Trumbauer Theatre Festival and the Alabama Thespian Festival.

State Trumbauer 2024 Results:

- Superior and First Place - Varsity Dramatic Classical Monologue
- Excellent - Intermediate Solo Musical Dramatic
- Superior - Varsity Solo Musical Dramatic
- Superior and Second Place - Varsity Solo Musical Dramatic
- Superior - Novice Makeup Design
- Superior and Second Place - Varsity Makeup Design
- Excellent - Soundscapes Studio Performance
- Two JPII students were named to the Studio Performance All-Star Cast



State Trumbauer

The **Visual Arts** program strives to inspire imagination and creativity in a God-centered atmosphere. The program provides a comprehensive curriculum that emphasizes mastery of the techniques, principles, and elements of art. Students explore a variety of mediums with a heavy focus on drawing, mixed media, and painting, allowing them to build strong foundational skills while encouraging personal expression and experimentation. Through hands-on projects, critiques, and portfolio development, students learn to communicate visually and think critically about their creative process. Advanced courses like AP Art challenge students to develop unique artistic voices, refine technical abilities, and create cohesive bodies of work that can be submitted for college applications or AP exams. The department is committed to cultivating an appreciation for the arts, celebrating diversity in expression, and preparing students for future success in artistic pursuit.

ATHLETICS

St. John Paul II Catholic High School offers a wide range of sports and athletic training to its students. The school distinguishes itself as a viable competitor at the local, state, and national levels. JPII is faithfully committed to teaching sportsmanship and athletic skills that enrich the lives of our students.

Some of our athletic highlights during the 2023-2024 academic year include:

- Almost 75% of our students participate in at least one sport each year.
- Cross Country teams finished 2nd (boys) and 3rd (girls) at the Sectional meet while finishing 13th (girls) and 9th (boys) out of 24 at the state meet, running in the 6A classification.
- Swim & Dive had ten student-athletes qualify for the State Meet with one diver finishing 1st in the 1A-5A classification diving competition.
- Boys' Soccer won their area tournament and advanced to the Elite Eight of the State tournament.
- Girls' Tennis team finished 2nd in the Sectional tournament and advanced to the State tournament.
- Girls' Basketball won their area tournament for the second year in a row.
- Outdoor Track and Field achieved school records in girl's long jump, boy's shot put, and boy's 1600m race.
- Outdoor Track and Field produced a State champion in pole vault.
- Indoor Track and Field earned a school record in pole vault.
- The Wrestling team won Sectionals for the first time in school history and finished in 3rd place in the State Dual Meet.
- Wrestling had five boys place in the State meet, including one 1st place finisher.
- Five student-athletes signed to compete at the collegiate level.
- Hired the school's first full-time Head Strength & Conditioning Coach.



Varsity Boys Soccer Area Champions

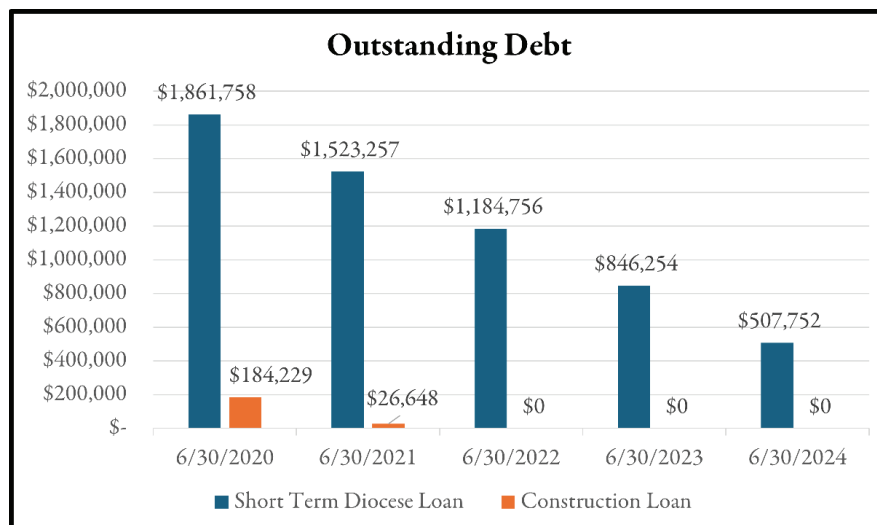
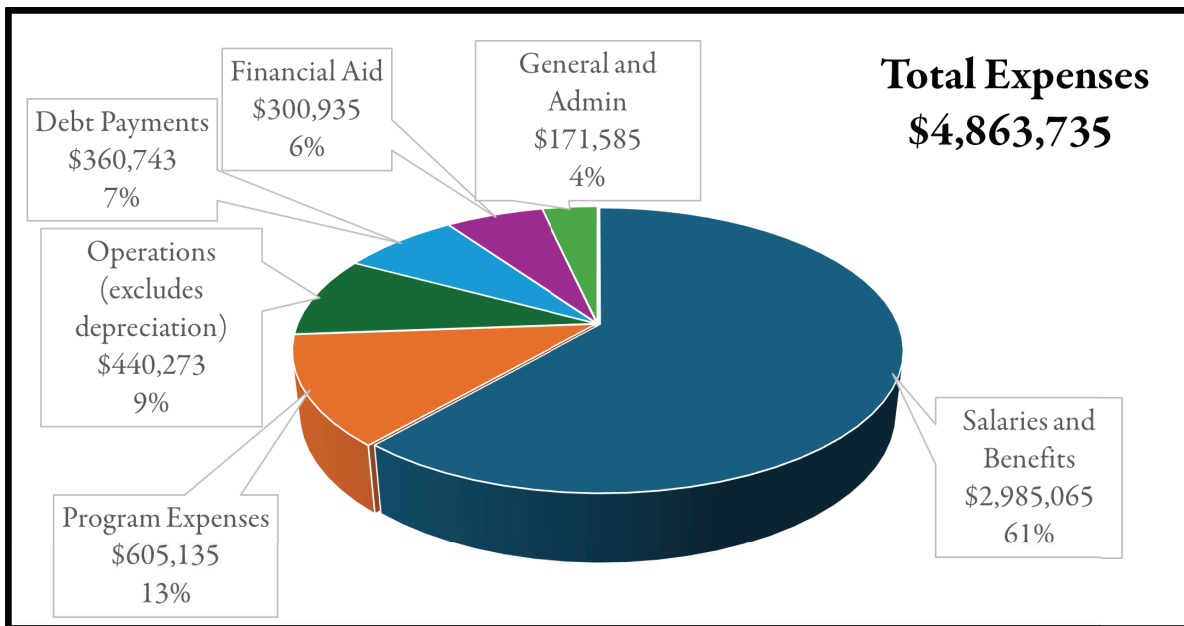
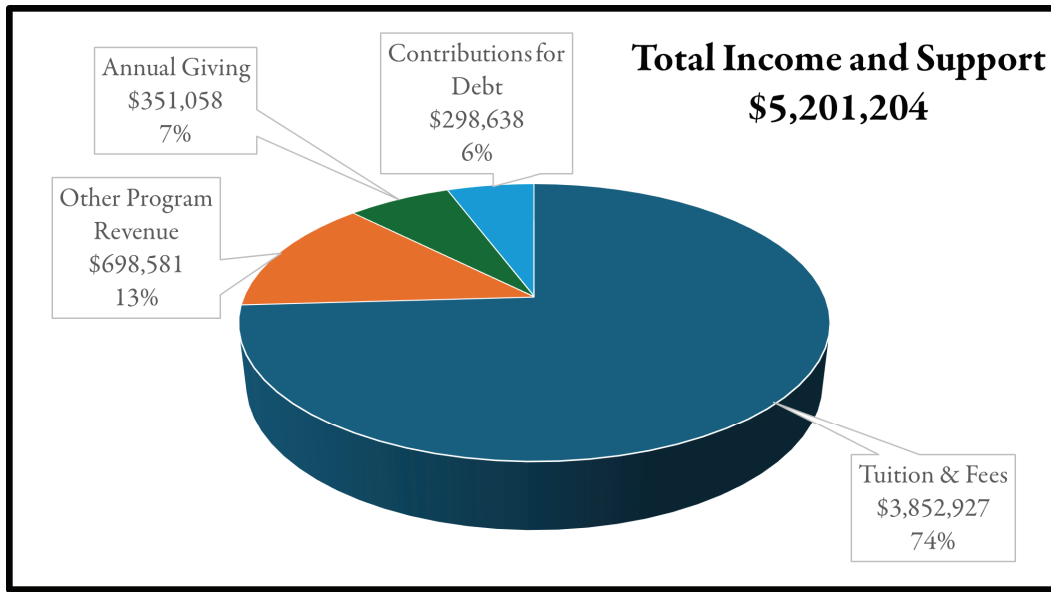


Team Mass in the Chapel

St. John Paul II Catholic High School

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2023-2024



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Supporting St. John Paul II Catholic High School is a meaningful and impactful way to make a difference in the lives of students and our school community.

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JPII Quick Facts

363 Total Enrollment

24.5 Average ACT

12:1 Student Teacher Ratio

15.5 Average Class Size

41% Ethnic Diversity

9 AP Course Offerings

3.85 Average AP Score



Margaret Dubose, Superintendent of Catholic Schools, with Samantha Alice Brix, Class of 2024 Bishop's Trophy winner



Cost to Educate per student (2023-2024)

\$ 13,900	Cost to Educate
\$ <u>10,400</u>	Cost of Tuition
\$ 3,500	Shortfall*

*Falcon Fund and Tuition Assistance Fund contributions offset per student shortfall.

St. John Paul II



WE ARE FALCONS

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8,832
Community Service Hours

1
National Merit
Commended
Scholar

78

6
College
Athletes

\$10.3
Merit-Based
Scholarship Offers

2
National Merit
Recognition
Scholars

21%
ACT Score 30+

GRADUATES

1
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Marching Band
Student

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**Learn Enthusiastically,
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