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Together, We Can Build the Dream for Guardian Students

On February 11th, the Guardian Catholic Schools launched its first-ever capital campaign — **“Build the Dream, Guard the Legacy.”** The Guardian’s goal is to raise \$9 million to build a new, modern school that will bring St. Pius V and Holy Rosary together under one roof at the current Holy Rosary site, 4920 Brentwood Avenue in Jacksonville. The new school will be named the Guardian Catholic School, with completion expected in time for the 2017-2018 school year. The new facility will expand enrollment capacity; incorporate modern classroom designs and increase high-impact education technology; reduce overhead and operational expenses; add an indoor gymnasium; and expand arts, music and STEM courses (science, technology, engineering and math) with dedicated spaces for these activities. Without the need to fund expensive maintenance and emergency repairs at the two old facility sites, the Guardian Catholic School will be able to focus its financial resources on additional scholarship opportunities for the students. You can learn more and donate to the “Build the Dream, Guard the Legacy” campaign by visiting the Capital Campaign page under the News and Events tab on our website, www.guardiancatholicschools.org. Please also follow the latest campaign news on social media through [facebook.com/guardiancatholicschools](https://www.facebook.com/guardiancatholicschools) and twitter.com/TheGuardianCS. You will be helping to invest in our children’s lives for decades to come.



Campaign Co-chairs Ron Townsend and Bob Shircliff celebrated the launch of the campaign.

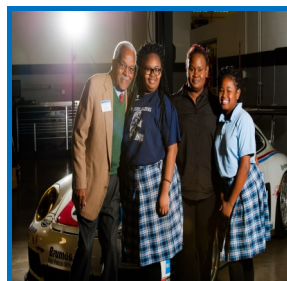
Double Your Impact

We are excited to announce an amazing opportunity: an anonymous donor has committed to a challenge grant to **match all donations to the capital campaign up to \$500,000.** This is a fantastic opportunity to double your gift and double your impact. Please consider a pledge to our “Build the Dream, Guard the Legacy” campaign — it will be **doubly** appreciated.



Board Chairman, Paul Kerins announces the launch of the first-ever capital campaign for the Guardian Catholic School.

Katrina Cooper, pictured with her daughters (current St. Pius students), spoke about what the Guardian Catholic Schools has meant to her family.



Capital Campaign Chairman Ron Townsend, pictured with Katrina Cooper and her daughters.

The mission of the Guardian Catholic Schools is to participate in God's work by providing advocacy, resources and governance to St. Pius V and Holy Rosary Catholic Schools. These resources enable the schools to provide educational and spiritual opportunities to children and families regardless of financial situation or religious preference.

A Message from the Executive Director of Advancement



As our school year comes to an end, it is important to reflect on this past year and recognize our many blessings and accomplishments as we serve our students and their families in Jacksonville's urban core. We at the Guardian recognize and appreciate that absolutely none of it would have been possible without your generosity and support. Thank you so very much!

It is my pleasure to now announce the successes of this year's Golf and Tennis Classic. A lot of hard work went into making this year's event just as wonderful as it has always been and I would like to thank all of the volunteers, Board Members, and staff that helped us accomplish that task. I would like to give a special thanks to Chairman Steve Foody, and Honorary Chairs Josh Scobee and Sheriff John Rutherford. Without all of you, we would not have had as much success! This year we raised \$176,250.46 for student scholarships at this year's event! To all who came out and participated, we appreciate your support and participation; for without you we would not be able to keep this event going year after year.



A few of our tennis teams gearing up for their matches!

I would also like to thank the Haskell Company for hosting the Awareness Reception for the friends of the Guardian. The evening included live and silent auctions featuring exciting trips, artwork by Guardian students, and the chance to golf with some of your favorite celebrities at the golf tournament the following Monday. Thanks to the Haskell Company for a beautiful reception for our donors and friends. We greatly appreciate all of you at the Haskell Company!

Our Golf and Tennis Classic has provided us with so much success in the past 12 years and we are excited to announce that we have already set a date for our 13th Annual Golf Classic. Next year's event will be held on March 6, 2017 at Deerwood Country Club. Each year we look for new ways to continue growing with this tournament and we decided that combining our two annual events (the Golf Classic and the live and silent auction) could be a great idea for next year. So, we are excited to announce a one day event that will feature our live and silent auction immediately following our Golf tournament this year at Deerwood Country Club. So please, Save the Date!



Our St. Pius 8th graders and all of our tennis participants!



Honorary Chair Josh Scobee, Executive Director of Advancement Mervin Denny, Rashean Mathis, and David Garrard



Golf Chairman Stephen Foody and Drayton Florence

Lastly, I would like to switch gears and congratulate all of our graduates this year. We are so proud of all of you and look forward to seeing what awaits you and your futures.

Thank you all for your continued support and for joining us in protecting our students' potential. Have a wonderful summer!

Many Blessings,

Distinguished Scholars



Doors open early and close late at the Guardian Catholic Schools. What happens in the intervening 11 hours that contributes to so much success for students of St. Pius V and Holy Rosary Catholic Schools? We like to call it *the Guardian difference*.

Dynamic school leadership is one of the success factors. Holy Rosary principal, Sister Cynthia Shaffer, SND and St. Pius V principal, Lauren May, have been actively engaged in high impact strategies that challenge and support faculty, staff, and students. From professional development, to motivating students to daily guidance on every aspect of school life, these leaders make a difference.

The month of May always brings a heightened sense of success with news of approaching high school graduations, inductions into Honor Societies, college plans, and graduates returning with good news reports. Thirty-eight students graduated from our eighth grades in 2012, and 100% of them are graduating from high school this year! Those graduates and our other alumni set the example for this year's eighth graders.



Townsend Scholar and Holy Rosary Bishop John J. Snyder Peace in Christ Award winner Carissa Iszard.

Congratulations to the St. Pius V and Holy Rosary graduates of 2016. Whether they have been enrolled in our schools since Pre-K or just for a few years, their Catholic education has laid a foundation for continued success. This year's Townsend Scholar, an award named in honor of Guardian Board member Ron Townsend, is Holy Rosary graduate Carissa Iszard. She has accepted a scholarship to the Episcopal School of Jacksonville. Carrisa was also the recipient of the Sisters of Notre Dame Distinguished Graduate Award. The Bishop John J. Snyder Peace in Christ award was given to St. Pius graduate Gaybrielle Harden and Holy Rosary graduate Carrisa Iszard.

I am personally grateful to the Guardian community of donors, administrators, faculty, staff and parents whose combined efforts continue to make a difference in the lives of our children!



St. Pius Bishop John J. Snyder Peace in Christ Award winner Gaybrielle Harden.

Many Blessings,

Sister Dawn Renselley, SND

Congratulations to Our 2016 Graduates

Holy Rosary Class of 2016

Cedric L. Brown Jr.	Carrisa Shyrell Iszard
Karen Michelle Chavez	Kenya Maurice Mahone Jr.
Raekwon Cummings	Davaris J. Merriweather
Emmanuel Jair Griggs	Marcos Sanchez
Alegandro Hernandez Jr.	Sabion T. Wade

St. Pius V Class of 2016

Ar'Mani Brunson	Sapphire Locket	Jervon Stinson
Mytavia Cooper	Ewin McKay	Briyana Stroughter
Theo Gayles	Elijah Philips Bright	Maurice Watson
Jalin Gist	Javaria Ross	Nature Bettinger
Gaybrielle Harden	Meracle Smith	



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