

**2018-2019
State of the School**



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***Seek first
the kingdom of God
and his righteousness,
and these things shall be
given unto you.***

Matthew 6:30

State of the School Report

2018 – 2019 School Year

June 2019


Dear Annunciation Families,

Thank you! Thank you for all the things you do to help Annunciation Catholic School continue to thrive. Every one of you helped in your own unique way. Some faces we see regularly and appreciate all the help you give to the school. Some of you are our prayer warriors and we appreciate your prayers! All of you entrust your precious children in our hands, to help you raise them to be faith-filled, compassionate, caring, joyful children.

This booklet is a snapshot of the 2018-19 school year. Please take a few minutes to look it over and see what our students, teachers and parents have accomplished. If you would like to see our year in photos please go to our Annunciation Catholic School Facebook page.

We send our 8th graders on to high school and encourage them to keep “God First!” We look forward to their visits and to hear about their high school experiences.

As we enter our 60th year jubilee we continue to ask you for your prayers and support and pray, “Jesus, You take the lead!”


Cindy Shields, Principal


Amy McCarty, Asst. Principal

Vision

Annunciation Catholic School's Vision is to provide a Catholic Education that recognizes and respects each student's uniqueness as a member of the Body of Christ. We awaken, recognize and honor the God given abilities of each student by providing active learning experiences using innovative techniques and cutting edge technology. We challenge students to accept responsibility to continue Jesus' mission by being people of prayer, service, wisdom and compassion.

Mission

Annunciation Catholic School's mission is to provide a Christ-like and learner friendly environment to better serve God and community.

School-Wide Learning Expectations (SLE's)

Annunciation Students will be faith-filled, active Catholics who

- Value that prayer is an integral part of their lives
- Participate in the sacraments and prayer experiences
- Have personal relationships with God
- Are knowledgeable of the teachings of the Catholic Church
- Demonstrate conviction of their beliefs
- Active in the Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching

Annunciation students will be engaged learners who

- Communicate effectively
- Collaborate with adults and peers
- Think critically
- Exhibit creativity

Annunciation students will be self-aware, well rounded people by demonstrating

- Perseverance
- Self-sufficiency
- A willingness to take risks without fear of failure

Annunciation Catholic School Accreditation

In the spring of 2016, a visiting committee from Western Catholic Educational Association (WCEA) reviewed our Self Study document, including our Action Plan, for ongoing improvement, and gave us the highest accreditation status. We have been accredited until 2022 with no interventions necessary.

Interesting Things to Know about the 2018-2019 School Year

Enrollment

- 422 students were enrolled in grades JrK – 8th grade
- 82 new students and 52 new families were welcomed into the ACS community
- ACS student retention rate: 94%

Faculty & Staff

- The school staff consists of 45 employees.
- Staff retention rate: 93%
- All core content and elementary teachers hold NM teaching licenses.
- Teachers participated in over 690 hours of professional development (Beyond Text Books, standards based grading/assessment, Response to Intervention, classroom management, Catholic Identity and subject specific best practices).
- Collectively the Annunciation staff has over 442 years of teaching experience with 357 years in Catholic School.

Facility Enhancements

- LED lights were installed in the main building hallway, motion sensors in restrooms, skylights in the Annex hallway and JrK classroom with 2017 Jog-A-Thon funds.
- Installed water bottle fillers and LED lights in middle school classrooms with 2018 Fall Benefit earnings.
- Enhanced 8th grade patio.

8th Grade Class

The graduating class of 2019 consisted of 37 students. These students fared well in placement for high school.

- **St. Pius X High School** - ACS is the largest feeder school to St. Pius X. All of our students who tested were accepted and 21 will be attending.
 - **Sartan X Scholarship** \$1000 for scoring in the 90thile or above on placement test: **Natasha Montoya, Malachi Pena, Alejandro Sapien and Max Steingreaber**
 - **Sartan Scholarship** (\$500 for scoring 85th – 89thile on the placement test): **Christopher Coash, Evelyn Gruber, Brian Kalb and Oliver Wyckoff**
- Entering St. Pius freshman qualify for honors and higher levels of classes based on placement test scores, grades and recommendations. Below are the number of students who qualified and are enrolled:

Honors Spanish 1: 5	Honors English: 3
Honors Spanish 2: 2	Honors World History: 11
Spanish 3: 1	Biology: 5
Honors Alg1/Geometry: 9	Honors Biology: 2
- While our graduates attend many different high schools, the second most common is Sandia High School. Ten will attend SHS, three of whom qualified for the International Baccalaureate Program.

Student Learning

Assessment of Catholic Religious Education (ACRE) is administered annually to 5th & 8th grade students. It is used by Catholic Schools throughout the nation. The results show where our students rank nationally.

ACRE Results		
4 Pillars of Catechism of Catholic Church		
5 th	8 th	Pillar
70%	68%	Profession of Faith
74%	70%	The Celebration of the Christian Mystery
77%	76%	Life in Christ
71%	73%	Christian Prayer

STAR is administered 4 times per year and is nationally normed. These scores are from the final STAR test administered in April 2019.

STAR Results										
		1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	
STAR Math	National Percentile	81	83	81	78	74	70	67	73	
	Grade Level Equivalent	2.4	3.9	4.7	5.7	6.8	9.1	10.2	12.9	
	Number of Students by Quartile	99-75%	31	28	34	25	24	20	17	18
		74-50%	10	10	11	10	16	15	16	15
		49- 25%	1	6	5	9	6	14	6	2
24-1%		2	5	1	0	1	1	2	2	
STAR Reading	National Percentile	78	68	77	75	61	63	59	69	
	Grade Level Equivalent	2.5	3.5	5.0	6.0	6.4	7.1	8.6	10.8	
	Number of Students by Quartile	99-75%	26	21	29	24	17	12	5	13
		74-50%	7	16	16	12	14	25	9	16
		49- 25%	6	7	3	4	11	8	18	7
24-1%		4	5	2	4	5	6	9	1	

Student Involvement, Awards and Accomplishments

Athletics

Our students are very involved. All interested students have the opportunity to participate.

Sport	Elem Students	MS Students	Middle School Recognition
Flag Football	11	25	Division 1 Champions
Tennis	N/A	18	Yellow Ball Team - 2 nd Place
Soccer	58	14	Division 1 Runner-up
Cross Country	5	7	JV Boys Champions Varsity Boys Runner-up
Girls' Volleyball	18	43	C Team Runner-up Varsity Runner-up
Golf	4	6	APIAL Cup Champions
Girls' Basketball	57	29	Varsity Consolation Champions
Boys' Basketball		50	Division II Champions Division V Runner-up Division VI Champions
Track and Field	10	39	JV Girls Runner-up JV Boys Runner-up Varsity Boys Runner-up
Cheer/Dance	20	N/A	

Art

Over 3,000 pieces of student artwork were exhibited at the 2018-2019 Art Fair created by Annunciation students in grades JrK–8. Seventy one (71) of those pieces were displayed at the Archdiocese of Santa Fe Catholic Schools' Art Festival, six of which earned Best of Show, 1st place: 4, 2nd place: 1, 3rd place: 4, and Honorable Mention: 56.

Additional Programs – Community Events

Back to School Cookout - Weekly Student Mass - Pastor Visits - Spirit Days - Recycling Efforts - Worm Composting - STEM Club - Grandparents Day - Class Parties - Field Trips Adoration - Go Orange - Balloons Aloft - Halloween Happening - Thanksgiving Lunch Pumpkin Decorating Contest - Reconciliation - Advent Wreath Making Party - Field Day BINGO Night - Feast Day Celebration - Sacramental Preparations - Talent Show- HOUSE Living Stations - Buddy Program, Family Fun Nights - Parent Education - Retreats American Heritage Girls - Cub/Boy Scouts - Celebrate Classroom Patron Saints - & more

Academic Competitions

Several of the academic competitions are open to all students. Some are limited to a specific number based on maximum number of allowed participants or due to a limited number of coaches.

Team	Participants	Recognition
Chess	22	
Speech & Debate	9	3rd Place Duo Drama with Ethan Donlin (7) & Madison Armijo (7)
Faith Challenge Bowl	8	2nd Place Elementary Team
Geography Bee	21	Elizabeth Cheshire (8) Winner, Konnor Bogart (6) & Elizabeth Ray (5) Runners Up
Spelling Bee	28	Saige Megofna (5) Winner, Connor Doherty (4) Runner Up
Science Fair	56	1st Place: Winners Physics: Cade Freeze (7) Chemistry: Jasmine Castro (8) Zoology: Jason Paiz (7) Earth, Space & Environmental Science: Abby Ruybal (7) Behavioral Science & Social Science: Noah Sanchez (7) also at Regionals won the Dr. Partridge Memorial Neuroscience Award, Regional Research Challenge Award, UNM Health Sciences Center Award and Broadcom Masters Medicine & Health: Thomas Ray (7) Botany: Vincent Garcia (8) Engineering: Matthew Randall (8) Computer Science: Max Steingreaber (8)
Entrepreneur Expo	128	1st place overall: <i>Sandia Smoothies</i> , Maya Daly (8) & Winter Diep (8)
Future City	22	6th – 8th Grade Regionals: 1st Place Overall: <i>Citta Forte</i> , 8 th Grade Team: Malachi Pena, Christopher Coash, Brian Kalb, Lucas Martinez, Paul David Horton & Alejandro Sapien Best Model, Best Essay, Best Presentation, Best Land Surveying Practices Best Collaboration Across Engineering Disciplines and People's Choice Award: <i>Kerman</i> 7 th Grade Team, Ben Martinez, Josh Pettit, Aaron Portillo, Adam Pham & Jake Rivas Creative Landscape Design: <i>Electrical Cuatro</i> , 7 th grade Team, Aaron Bournias, Alejandro Gomez, Jack Heggemeier, Gabriel McElhanon
Battle of the Books	7	

Spiritual, Leadership and Musical Activities

Group	Participants	Notes
Altar Servers	52	Daily Mass, School Mass & Sunday Mass
Student Cantors	15	Support congregation at School Mass
Talent Show	32 Individual Acts 10 Class Acts 11 Stage Crew	Talent Show is open to all students
Band	7 Beginning 18 Intermediate/Advanced 12 Guitar - 12 Ukulele	Beginning and Advanced offered

All Annunciation students participate in a musical performance at least once per year. Middle School presented the Christmas Program. Grades 3-5 & 1-2 performed for parents in May. Kindergarten and JrK performed at their graduation ceremonies.

Special Recognitions

Teacher of the Year: **Leticia Gomez**, kindergarten teacher, was Annunciation's Archdiocese of Santa Fe Teacher of the Year Honoree.

Distinguished Disciple Honorees: **Amalia Montoya** (8) and **Matt & Debra Deller** (parents) were selected as this year's Distinguished Disciples Honorees.

St. Gabriel Award: **Maya Daly, Isabella Chavez, Aaron Moya** and **Vincent Garcia**, were presented with the St. Gabriel Award. This award honors 8th graders who exemplify the qualities of St. Gabriel and the Blessed Mother.

Athletes of the Year: **Christopher Coash** (8) and **Evelyn Gruber** (8) earned this award for their dedication and involvement in our athletic program.

Catholic Award for Teachers Presented by The Catholic Foundation: **Austen Walsh** awarded \$1000 as well as \$100 toward Annunciation School's Endowment.

Simon of Cyrene Community Leadership Award presented to **Chris Spurlin, Cristina Gonzalez** and the **7th Grade Class** for their work with Catholic Charities Children's Learning Center.

Alumni Academic Recognition

Theodore Coyle: West Point Service Academy Appointment

Mason Davis: St. Pius 2019 Senior's Choice Award

Elizabeth Freisinger: St. Pius X 2019 Top 10

Armand Giannini III: St. Pius Class of 2019 Principal's Leadership Award

Aubrianna Gonzales: National Hispanic Scholar

Lauren Huling: St. Pius X 2019 Top 10

Zachary Kolkmeier: St. Pius 2019 Scholar Athlete

Vanessa Lucero: St. Pius 2019 X Outstanding Graduate Award, Senior's Choice Award, Top 10 and National Hispanic Scholar

Davin Ruggles: St. Pius 2019 Scholar Athlete

Megan Thomas: St. Pius Athlete of the Year

St. Pius 2019 Top 10: Junior Class 3 ACS Graduates, Sophomore Class 4 ACS Graduates, Freshman Class 4 ACS Graduates

People of Service

We are called by the Church to be people of service. During the 2017-2018 school year the majority of our service projects supported various local divisions of Catholic Charities. The generosity of our school community is something of which to be proud.

2018-2019 Social Justice Projects		
Grade	Benefactor	Gift
JrK	ACS	Provided & planted the front flower bed
Kindergarten	Albuquerque Fire Department	48 stuffed animals
1 st Grade	Catholic Charities: <i>Homeless Housing and Refugee Program</i>	105 Bags of Beans 114 Bags of Rice
2 nd Grade	Catholic Charities' Refugees & Homeless	Spring Cleaning Supplies: 25 mops, 6 brooms, 3 cases paper goods, 36 bottles of cleaning solution
3 rd Grade	Catholic Charities' Refugees & Homeless	548 Dignity Bags; toiletry items
4 th Grade	Catholic Charities' Children's Learning Center	\$1,897 raised to purchase backpacks and supplies
	Sandia Ridge Center	Sang Christmas Carols
	Barrett Foundation	\$1,036 raised through class sponsored flea market
5 th Grade	Catholic Charities	\$225 in grocery gift cards
		Gloves and mittens
	Road Runner Food Bank	200 + pounds of food 46 man hours sorting
6 th Grade	<i>End it with Orange</i> - Road Runner Food Bank Mobile Food Pantry & Blessings in a Backpack program.	\$3,200 raised to help feed the hungry plus 424 hours distributing food
7 th Grade	Catholic Charities' Children's Learning Center: <i>Project Give</i>	\$970 used to buy warm clothing for pre-school students plus 260 service hours
8 th Grade	Cross Catholic Outreach "Box of Joy"	43 boxes mailed to Central America; dolls, cars, balls, toys, art supplies, water bottles
Jr. K – 8 Families and Staff	Families in Need - St. Vincent DePaul	20 Thanksgiving Family Meals 198 boxes of food
	Annunciation Parish: Lenten Soup Supper	26 pots of soup 20 bread donations
	MAD Against Hunger	172 man hours
	Catholic Relief Services <i>Operation Rice Bowl</i>	\$758.72
	Ronald McDonald House	27 pounds of pop tabs
	Road Runner Food Bank	126 man hour sorting/packaging
	Project Defending Life	\$1,836.88
	Jemez Pueblo & Sacred Heart School	1400 children's books collected

Financial Statement

The School follows the fiscal year of the parish. We are fortunate that Annunciation Parish supports our school with a \$200,000 subsidy to help make Catholic Education more affordable to those who attend. We are grateful to all the parishioners who generously contribute to the subsidy through their regular contributions and financial aid by tithing specifically toward tuition assistance (green envelope).

2018-2019 Revenue		2018-2019 Expenses	
Tuition: parish subsidies, tuition insurance, registration fees, tuition assistance donations	\$2,855,036.48	Instructional Expenses: textbooks, materials, supplies, technology, printing, furniture, etc.	\$197,091.12
Instructional Donations: Fall Benefit, community events, grants, technology fees, employer matching programs, etc.	\$130,209.58	Operational Expenses: salaries, benefits, insurance, office supplies, savings, recognition, postage, etc.	\$2,070,278.55
After Care	\$28,426.24	Student Activities: field trips, athletics, yearbook, program expenses, etc.	\$94,890.35
Student Programs: athletic fees, field trips, Book Fair, yearbook, interest earned, etc.	\$24,339.45	Plant Operations & Maintenance: utilities, maintenance services, repairs, etc.	\$573,584.27
Total	\$3,048,206.75	Total	\$2,935,844.27

*As of May 2019

Additional Resources

City Support: The City of Albuquerque allocates two crossing guards to assist Annunciation. The safe environment they provide is invaluable.

Volunteers: Volunteer hours are not required but certainly appreciated as it makes a significant difference in the education of our students. Over 1690 hours were documented during the 18-19 school year although many more are not documented. Volunteers put forth numerous hours helping in classrooms, coaching, organizing community events and assisting with sacramental preparation, service projects, talent show acts, etc.

Money Makers: Annunciation does not conduct any mandatory fundraising. However, there are numerous activities and community functions from which our students are able to benefit from the money raised. Ten percent of all donations (unless specified) go toward tuition assistance.

- Halloween Happening: \$7,958
- Sparkle Foundation Grant \$1,000
- Fall Benefit: \$21,113
- Jog-A-Thon: \$14,56.40
- Private Donations: \$450
- *Box Tops for Education*: \$1,013.40
- MJ Thomas (photographer): \$513.18
- Tomato Café Family Night: \$167
- California Pizza Kitchen Event: \$591.86
- Chick-Fil-A Family Night: \$232.82
- Fuddruckers Family Night: \$191
- Roller King Family Night: \$154
- Kendra Scott Family Night \$355
- Kroger (Smith's): \$262.51
- Wells Fargo *Community Support Campaign* and a *Matching Gift Campaign*: \$235
- Book Fair Profit: \$3,189.62

