

Impact Report

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Welcome

Dear Supports of Santa Cruz Catholic School,

The children normally ask Fr. Sam and I if we live at the church. It is a funny question that begins to articulate how they see Santa Cruz Catholic Church and School. This is a community and a home!

The following impact report can easily be seen as numbers on a page. But these numbers express the dedication, passion, and energy that is poured out to support the endeavor of Catholic education. I am grateful to the teachers, staff, parents, and volunteers who have made this possible.

My hope is that this place is a home for those who search for the truth that will offer hope, liberate from the contagion of sin, and ultimately save. Thank you for your support of our Catholic School. Let us put our trust in all that God can do if we are faithful, collaborative, and relentless in our mission!

Sincerely in Christ,
Rev, Jesse Martinez
Pastor



Dear Students, Parents, Faculty, and Friends of Santa Cruz Catholic School,

I am pleased to share with you our annual Impact Report, a testament to the incredible journey we have embarked on together over the past year. This report not only showcases our achievements but also reflects the unwavering commitment of our school community to our mission and values.

As we look to the future, we remain committed to our mission of providing an exceptional Catholic education that nurtures the mind, body, and spirit of each of our unique students. Together, we will continue to make a positive impact, not only within our school community but in the wider world.

Thank you for entrusting us with the education and spiritual development of your children. It is an honor to share my days with these students who spark hope and cultivate joy throughout our campus daily.

Go Cardinals!

Grace and Blessings,

Jessica Chaffee, M.Ed
Principal

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Who We Are



Our Mission

The Mission of Santa Cruz Catholic School is to educate students to be lifelong learners and the next generation of Catholic leaders, following Christ's message of Service, Compassion, Courage, and Spirit.

Our Philosophy

At Santa Cruz Catholic School, our core philosophy starts with making a connection with every student who walks through the door. With Christ as the cornerstone of all our teachings, we integrate the Catholic faith into every moment of the day. Our primary aim is to create an environment where each student is nurtured as a unique learner, fostering both academic and spiritual growth. We are committed to providing a place where students can flourish intellectually and spiritually in harmony.

School Advisory Board

Thelma Martinez
Michael Deitering
Dr. Jennielle Strother
Melissa Hernandez
Sandra Boehnke
Chris LaRocque
Raymond McMurrey
Robin Perry

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Cardinal Nest

All Saints Day

Santa Cruz Catholic School joyfully observes All Saints' Day as a cherished tradition. Our celebration commences with a schoolwide Mass that unites our community in prayer. After Mass, we partake in a reverent procession to our chapel, where we join together in collective prayer.

This special occasion is made even more memorable as we extend our invitation to friends and families, welcoming them to witness a heartwarming parade featuring our students dressed as their beloved saints. It's a moment of shared reverence and festivity, a testament to our commitment to nurturing faith, unity, and a sense of community within our school.



Fine Arts

Every child at our school enjoys weekly art classes, engaging in a variety of activities designed to make learning both enjoyable and immersive. Art serves as a powerful tool, not only enhancing academic achievement but also nurturing the social and emotional growth of our students.

Through art education, we cultivate motivation, sharpen concentration, boost confidence, and foster a spirit of teamwork among our students. It's a dynamic approach that not only enriches their learning experience but also equips them with valuable life skills.

Alongside their weekly music classes, our students are immersed in a diverse array of musical genres. They actively engage in our school Masses through participation in the choir. For middle school students seeking a deeper musical experience, we offer the option to choose Band as an elective. This multifaceted approach to music education enriches their learning journey and allows them to explore their musical talents and interests.

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Athletics

Our athletic program enjoyed an outstanding year, securing numerous victories across all sports. Heartfelt congratulations to our Cardinal Athletes for not only achieving success but also exemplifying the values and principles of Santa Cruz Catholic School's Athletics philosophy. As Pope John Paul II once remarked, "While playing sports, Christians also find help in developing the cardinal virtues - fortitude, temperance, prudence, and justice." Your dedication on and off the field is truly commendable.



Awards

Cross Country

MVP - Bella Guerra

MIP - Matthew Girod

Track

MVP - Sebastian Holmquist

MIP - Matthew Bridges

D2 Girls Gold

MVP - Lilly Mayo

MIP - Robin Briseno

D2 Girls Green

MVP - Sarah McCarty

MIP - Miah Loera

D1

MVP - Addison Alvarado

MIP - Ava Strother

Flag Football

D2 Gold

MVP - Worth Oakley

MIP - Dylan Gonzalez

D2 Green

MVP - MJ Palasios

MIP - Eduardo Luna

D1

MVP - Xavier Antoine

MIP - Alex Cisneos

Basketball

D2 Girls

MVP - Lily Martinez

MIP - Graciela Ramirez

D1 Girls Gold

MVP Caroline Lemonds

MIP - Riassa Mitra

D1 Girls Green

MVP - Catherine Lemonds

MIP - Sofi Garcia

D2 Boys Gold

MVP - Jared Martinez

MIP - Brandon Cisneros

D2 Boys Green

MVP - Jacob Duran

MIP - Gabriel Ibarra Vaca

D1 Boys

MVP - Zachary

Antoine

MIP - Cruz Strother

Soccer

D2 Girls

MVP - Sarah Culp

MIP - Camila Lopez

D1 Girls Gold

MVP - Isabelle Garcia

MIP - Arabella V

D1 Girls Green

MVP - Isabelle Luna

MIP - Ayelen Salas Ramirez

D2 Boys

MVP - Enzo Garcia

MIP - Brandon Villeneuve

D1 Boys

MVP - Ocean Cancino

MIP - Cameron Conway

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2023 Graduates

Heartfelt congratulations to our 8th-grade graduates of 2023. We are immensely proud of the remarkable achievements you have accomplished during your time here. As you embark on your future academic and spiritual journeys, we offer our prayers, trusting that God will continue to guide and bless you abundantly.



Addison Alvarado - Hays High School
 Zachary Antonie - Johnson High School
 Xavier Antonie - Johnson High School
 Christian Ayala - Harmony
 Jonathan Ayala - Harmony
 Ocean Cancino - San Juan Diego
 Alex Cisneros - Hays High School
 Cameron Conway - Walsh Jesuit Catholic High School
 Isabelle Garcia - Johnson High School
 Liliana Garcia - Johnson High School
 Emilio Gonzalez Jr. - St. Michael's Academy
 Genevieve Hernandez - Valor
 Izzie Luna - San Juan Diego
 Bella Peveto - San Juan Diego

Awards

Marian Award
 Bella Peveto

Santiago Spanish Award
 Isabelle Garcia

Timothy Award
 Genevieve Hernandez

St. Sebastian PE Award
 Zachary Antonie

Aquinas Award
 Emilio Gonzalez Jr.

Outstanding Sportsmanship Award
 Isabella Peveto and Emilio Gonzalez

St. Luke Art Award
 Genevieve Hernandez

Athlete of the Year
 Genevieve Hernandez
 Ocean Cancino

St. Cecilia Music Award
 Liliana Garcia



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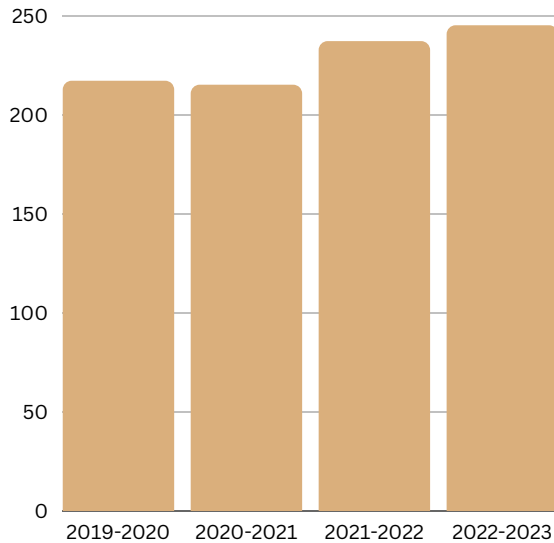
2022-2023 Projects

Santa Cruz Catholic School has seen remarkable enhancements to its facilities. These improvements include the addition of a second-floor faculty restroom, the installation of a playground for elementary and middle school students, and the implementation of a security fence to enhance safety for our entire school community, including students, staff, and families. These projects became a reality thanks to generous donations from Santa Cruz Catholic Church, The Cardinal Cup Golf Tournament, and Casino Night.

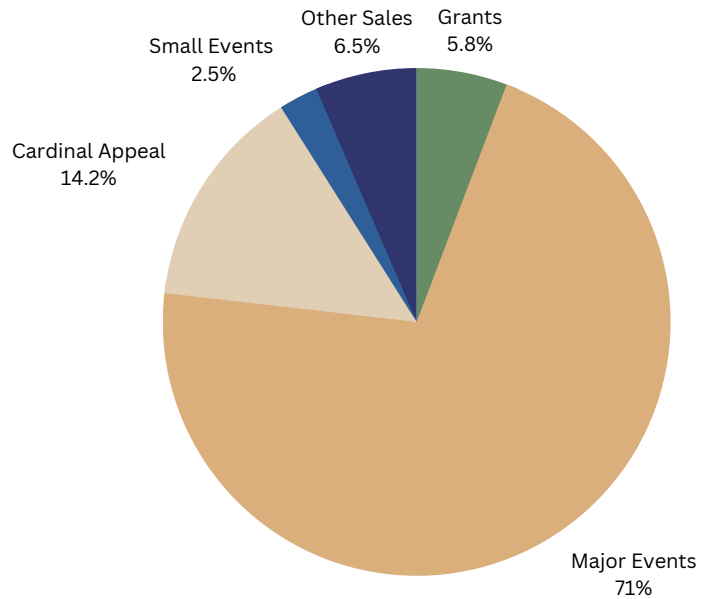
Projects	Outcome
Elementary and Middle School Playground	We've added a Gaga Ball Pit, Spiderweb Climber, Volleyball net, Basketball Hoops, and an Outdoor Classroom to establish a secure and enjoyable area for our students to utilize during recess and physical education activities.
Security Fence	The installation of the security fence has fully enclosed our campus. Both the gates and rolling gates remain securely locked throughout school hours.
2nd Floor Faculty Restroom	One of the upstairs closets has been renovated into a faculty restroom. While the closet still exists, we now have a more convenient restroom option for our teachers and staff.
Repaint	The whole first floor was repainted, and any signs of wear and tear were repaired.
Strategic Plan	The Strategic plan has been finalized, and it now serves as a comprehensive roadmap to guide us for the next five years.
Technology Improvements	Each classroom was equipped with an interactive Bluetooth projector, enabling teachers to modernize their teaching methods.

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Enrollment Growth



Development Revenue



Income

Tuition & Fees	\$1,951,257
Development & CFSA Revenue.....	\$ 201,063
Subsidies & Restricted income	\$ 261,866
Student Activities	\$ 54,773
Other Income	\$ 333,849

Total Income\$2,802,808

Expense

Salaries & Benefits.....	\$1,724,141
Tuition Assistance	\$400,000
Professional Services	\$ 50,379
Student Expenses	\$ 42,407
Development & CFSA Expense.....	\$ 48,900
Operations	\$ 308,500
Major Projects	\$84,500
Total Surplus.....	\$143,981

Total Expense.....\$2,802,808

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Looking Ahead

Santa Cruz Catholic Schools has a lineup of projects slated for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. Our initiatives encompass vital areas such as facility upgrades, curriculum enhancements, and starting an endowment fund. These endeavors are geared towards providing an even more enriching educational experience for our students and ensuring a bright future for our school community.

Projects	Outcome
Library	Santa Cruz Catholic School (SCCS) is currently exploring plans to modernize our library, with a vision to create a versatile space that will benefit students across all age groups, from early childhood to elementary and middle school. This exciting project aims to foster a collaborative learning environment and provide valuable resources for our students.
Kagan Cooperative Learning	This initiative will promote teamwork, communication, and engagement among our students, enriching their educational experience and preparing them for success in an increasingly interconnected world.
Inclusion Solution	This program aligns perfectly with our philosophy of providing tailored education to every student. Through this initiative, we aim to further enhance our commitment to meeting the unique needs of each individual learner, fostering an inclusive and supportive educational environment for all.
Pk 3 Door installation	This addition will facilitate more seamless and efficient small group sessions for our dedicated teachers, allowing for a more personalized and enriching learning experience for our young students.
Repaint Upstairs Hallway	This initiative aims to refresh and enhance the overall ambiance of our school's upper level, creating a vibrant and inviting atmosphere for our students and staff.
Endowment Fund	We are proud to announce the establishment of an endowment fund, dedicated to securing the legacy and sustaining the future of our beloved institution. This fund will play a crucial role in ensuring the continued growth and excellence of SCCS, enabling us to provide exceptional educational opportunities for generations to come.

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Cardinal Family & School Alliance

The Cardinal Family and School Alliance (CFSA) was created to enrich family experiences by bridging the gap between home and school. With your help, we desire to create a faith-based village where families can foster new relationships while serving at Santa Cruz Catholic School. Ultimately, our goal is to enrich the educational experience, support and create new programs, and raise for school-wide events encouraging comradery.

Executive Committee

Jennifer Gomez--President
Bryanne Mayo--V. President
Erick Luna--Treasurer
Trisha LaRocque--Secretary



Committee Chairs

Home Room Parents: Amanda Saunders
Volunteers Coordinators: Sandra Boenhke
Casino Night: Dr. Laura and Mark Duhon
Cardinal Cup: Paul and Bryanne Mayo,
Kevin and Stacy Moynahan
Teacher Appreciation: Andrea Juarez
Cardinal Buddy Program: Mackenzie
Oakley and Rachelle Lessard
Booster: Tanya Trevino, Zenerae Antonie,
and Leticia Gonzalez



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Acknowledgements

Thank you to the incredible groups, individuals, and organizations who made this year a resounding success. Your unwavering support is deeply appreciated, and we are eternally grateful for all you do for Santa Cruz Catholic School.



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