



In the Heart of the Community



ST. JAMES
SCHOOL

2016 - 2017 ANNUAL REPORT



Founding Board members Douglas Marshall (standing), Philip Price and Jim Ballengee celebrate six years of service on the Board of Directors and enjoy the "Founders Bench" that was gifted to the school in their honor at the end of their term.

CELEBRATING FOUNDING BOARD MEMBERS

In June of 2017, St. James School celebrated a bittersweet occasion — the retirement of three of its founding Board members. Each member played an invaluable role over their six years of Board service, devoting countless hours and energy to ensure the school's success.

Dr. Douglas Marshall, the former Dean of Students at St. Paul's School, quickly became one of the school's education experts. He happily accepted the role of secretary — not often the most popular Board assignment — and helped craft the mission statement and admissions policy. Dr. Marshall served in many different roles: accreditation committee member, student mentor and tutor, and advisor to the Head of School.

Jim Ballengee, the former Director of Service Learning at William Penn Charter School, brought his keen faculty and administrator's perspective to the Board, and helped deepen the relationship between the two schools. Since he worked nearby, he offered to serve in the important role of check signer — and ended up signing over 10,000 checks. He also helped broaden the School's connections, especially with the Presbyterian church.

Philip Price, Jr., former Pennsylvania State Senator, had a deep connection to the St. James School neighborhood where he previously worked as President of the Allegheny West Foundation. St. James benefited from Mr. Price's connections with just about every person in the city of Philadelphia, his political savvy, and respected standing within the Episcopal community.

Although no longer on the Board, all three men have continued their steadfast commitment and service to St. James. "It's hard to actually retire from this place," joked Mr. Ballengee.

Dear St. James School Supporters,

As I reflect on all that happened at St. James School during the 2016-17 academic year, I find myself deeply inspired by what we dreamt, pursued and accomplished together. We began last fall inspired by the spark that shines in each of our students; we spent our year nurturing, growing, learning and celebrating the unique and beautiful light that every student's spark becomes.



We also celebrate our champions, our teachers and staff, who helped to make that happen. All the while, we were dreaming big, asking ourselves, "How can we do even more for our students and their big dreams?" At every opportunity, you, the friends of St. James School, made sure our students' hopes and our school's goals became realities. It is only through your generosity that we are able to persistently pursue our mission — to empower every student to realize their full potential. From enduring friends to new-found friends, our work depends on the thoughtful commitment of you. Thank you for believing just as passionately as we do that every child has the ability to dream and reach their God-given potential. This annual report is a joyful recognition of our accomplishments together.

I often high-five our students for getting themselves to school on time, for putting in the work, for asking for help and for wanting a good education that will show them who they are and who they can become; an education that will take them places. I high-five our students because I know that in the blink of an eye, they will become adults, comfortable in their own skin and ready to take on the world.

On behalf of our students, graduates, families, staff, faculty and board members — thank you! Your dedication has ensured that every student who walks through the doors of 3217 W. Clearfield Street has the opportunity to flourish. I'd also like to extend a special word of gratitude to our founders, Saint Mark's Church (Center City), Dr. Audrey Evans and The Rev. Sean Mullen for their steadfast commitment to our work since our very humble beginnings some seven years ago. We are forever grateful for all our supporters who champion our students and their futures!

With joy and gratitude,

David J. Kasieвич
Head of School

“Education must not simply teach work — it must teach life.” W.E.B. DuBois



Jamaal ('15), Sydnee ('15), and Samira ('16) volunteer at the Class of 2017 graduation ceremony.

GO HUSKIES!

A SHOUT OUT TO ALUMNI

Last year, St. James School's High School Placement & Graduate Support program welcomed eleven new graduates to the Huskies Hangout, a cozy space on campus reserved for alumni. The Hangout, christened in 2015, is the go-to destination for alumni to tackle homework, meet with mentors, and reunite with old friends. Graduates logged an impressive 906 hours in The Hangout during the 2016-2017 academic year.



Cordell ('15) and Marquis ('15) in the Huskies Hangout

The High School Placement & Graduate Support team, directed by Rebecca Solnit and Kevin Todd, is armed with a mission of providing alumni with a network of academic and socioemotional support throughout St. James graduates' high school and postsecondary years.

“I enjoy helping our graduates envision themselves two, four, ten years down the road, and then being able to help them pave their own path towards their vision,” said Kevin Todd, Director of Graduate Support.

This vital mission wouldn't be successful without the support of parents, guardians, and family members of graduates. In 2015, a core group of St. James parents formed The Guardians of St. James as an effort to increase family involvement on campus. A resounding success in year one, the initiative expanded in 2017 by offering parent receptions for alumni families. The inaugural Guardian Parent Reception for alumni families was held last April, with 27 alumni families in attendance. Parents and caregivers met in the schoolhouse Community Room to share fellowship and reflections on their experiences raising teens.

HUSKIES ROLL CALL



Meet **CORDELL PATTERSON** ('15) Cordell begins his 1.5 hour commute to school each day at 5:45 AM. Cordell boards two buses and a train to arrive at KIPP Du Bois Collegiate Academy on time. Cordell has become a breakout star on KIPP's football team and a skilled, talented sketch artist.



AINYAE HOLMES ('15) is a proud honor roll student at William Penn Charter School. This year Ainyae was joined at WPC by NYDIRA HARVEY ('17), St. James' newest valedictorian.



KEENAN HELLAMS ('16) is pursuing his interest in engineering at West Catholic's Engineering Technology, where he is on the honor roll and serves as a Student Council Representative.

SYDNEE REDDY ('15) has thrived while away at Perkiomen School, adding a couple of stamps to her passport on exchange in Germany and Poland.



CLASS OF 2017 HIGH SCHOOL SELECTIONS

KEVINE DUPREE	Mercy Career & Technical High School
DESTINY FAIRFAX	Springside Chestnut Hill Academy
SERENITY FAIRFAX	Cristo Rey Philadelphia High School
NYDIRA HARVEY	William Penn Charter School
TASIA JONES	TECH Freire Charter School
SAMIA LANZEY	Mercy Career & Technical High School
JOHN MACON	Timber Creek High School (Orlando, FL)
NAFI MINK	Mercy Career & Technical High School
TYNIRA PRATT	West Catholic Preparatory High School
KASEEM PROSSER	Roman Catholic High School
ROBERT RICHARDSON	Boys' Latin of Philadelphia Charter School



Nurse Dale Ayton gives Tanasia a quick checkup in the school's health center



THE NURSE WILL SEE YOU NOW

Thanks to support from local non-profit ECHOES Around the World, the



St. James School-based Health Center officially opened its doors in the fall of 2016. The Health Center offers primary care level medical management services, including comprehensive physical exams and routine preventative care. Dale Ayton, NP is on site four days per week, providing students with acute care, rendering diagnoses, writing prescriptions, and providing chronic disease management. Families are closely involved in care planning and health management of students.

HEALTH CENTER HIGHLIGHTS

- + Students with asthma received services and support from Regional Asthma Management and Prevention (RAMP) and the School Based Health Center Alliance.
- + St. Christopher's Foundation for Children's Ronald McDonald Care Mobile began semiannual provision of services to St. James students.
- + St. James School's annual flu clinic celebrated its 2nd anniversary.

The Health Center is a major step forward in St. James Schools' mission to meet the *Total Care* needs of its students, ensuring that academic progress is not impeded by lack of access to medical care.



St. Christopher's Foundation for Children's Ronald McDonald Care Mobile visited St. James to provide dental check-ups to students



In October 2016, the Church of St. James the Less began holding full Mass on Sunday evenings followed by dinner for neighborhood guests

BREATHING NEW LIFE INTO THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE LESS

On Sunday evenings, a welcoming sound echoes through the streets of the Allegheny West neighborhood — the church bells of the historic Church of St. James the Less ringing before the start of Mass.

After the church lost its congregation in 2006, it was no longer used as a space for Sunday worship. St. James School Chaplain The Rev. Andrew Kellner, was eager to change that.

Beginning in October 2016, the Church of St. James the Less was re-opened for a weekly 5:00pm Sunday Mass. Every week, an average of 30 — and sometimes as many as 50-75 people — gathered for a community-driven worship with St. James students and other children from the neighborhood serving as acolytes, musicians, and readers.

Beforehand, children gathered for African drumming lessons with a local musician/activist, and incorporated the music into the service.

Afterwards, everyone amassed in the back of the church to eat dinner together (prepared by Father Kellner, who is known for his culinary skills) at cozy café tables.

As the weeks passed, signs were posted around the neighborhood to promote the new Mass, neighbors talked to neighbors, and the congregation steadily grew. The fledgling, diverse congregation is multi-generational, including both long-time and new neighborhood residents, St. James Staff, Board members, and other supporters.

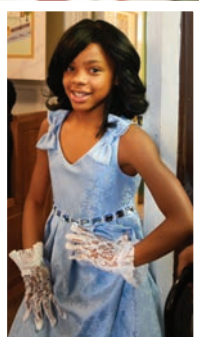
"The message is all are welcome," said Father Kellner. "We had people who never set foot in the church, but have lived in the neighborhood for over 50 years. And we had people who were a part of the former congregation return to baptize their children. I find both things equally exciting!"



Tynira poses as Mae Jemison for the school's first Living Wax Museum



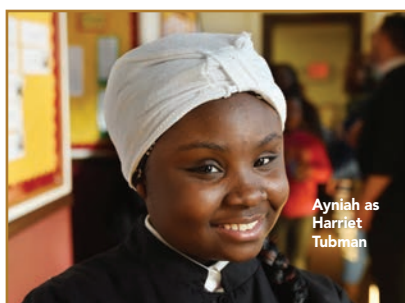
Geonna as Aretha Franklin



Davon as Stevie Wonder



Ayniah as Harriet Tubman



LIVING HISTORY

ST. JAMES SCHOOL'S FIRST LIVING WAX MUSEUM

On February 24, 2017, St. James School hosted its first Black History Month Living Wax Museum. To celebrate Black History Month, students brought noteworthy historical black figures to life by dressing in costume and giving biographical presentations. From an exuberant James Brown to a dignified Dorothy Vaughn, each actor was accompanied by a student-designed poster or PowerPoint presentation detailing key facts from his/her life.

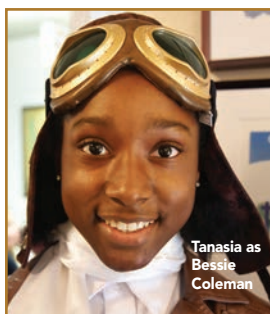
Throughout the month of February, St. James School faculty worked with students gathering facts and honing their presentations. A large crowd of family members gathered to witness and enjoy the hard work and creativity of students on the day of the presentation. While walking through the exhibit, visitors were encouraged to tap a student on the shoulder. The student would come alive and share key facts about his or her hero or role model. Adding to the excitement of the day, CBS 3 Philadelphia covered and aired the exhibition.

Visit our Video page online to see in action

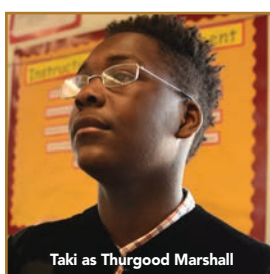
Kevine as James Brown



Tanasia as Bessie Coleman



Taki as Thurgood Marshall



Tyshay and Cherelle actively campaigned for speed bumps



RALLY FOR SPEED SAFETY

For decades, the streets around St. James School have been plagued by speeding drivers. In 2000, a sibling of a current St. James School student was struck and killed by a speeding car on the corner of Clearfield and Hunting Park.

Neighbors of Allegheny West — including RAH (Ridge Allegheny Hunting Park) Civic Association President Rose Cooper and Ward Leader Mark R. Green — campaigned yearly for speed bumps to slow down traffic. Once St. James School opened its summer camp in 2009, the need for safer streets increased, so they reached out to local politicians to correct the problem to no avail. Despite years of hard work and calls for help, no safety measures were installed. Frustrated by years of broken promises, in February 2017 concerned parents and school members announced a protest march.

The RAH and St. James community teamed up for a Rally for Safe Streets on March 18, 2017. Members from partner churches joined in the protest, making signs, marching the streets, and adding their voices to the neighborhood's demand for safety.

Cherelle, a St. James student and sister of the child killed in 2000 joined in the protest, chanting the loudest. "I never thought there would be any change and I thought about my brother and I was sad. But it touched me when I saw all the people giving their time to join the protest," said Cherelle.

Less than a month after the protest, with the support of Councilman Jones, the City of Philadelphia installed a temporary speed cushion, flashing warning lights, and additional stop signs.

OUR STUDENTS. OUR FUTURE.

STUDENTS SHOW THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT

2017 DR. AUDREY EVANS SCHOLARSHIP BENEFIT

On Tuesday, May 16, 2017, St. James School transported The Union League of Philadelphia into the future with the 3rd Annual Dr. Audrey Evans Scholarship Benefit. Titled **OUR STUDENTS. OUR FUTURE.** students dressed and shared about their future career aspirations, like President, astronaut, doctor, and a host of other compelling options. The evening's message resonated deeply with its 230 guests – so many future opportunities are available to St. James students, thanks to the investment of many in their educational journeys.

Three important St. James School supporters were honored during the festivities: The Rev. Sean Mullen, board president and co-founder, Dr. Keith Leaphart, long time St. James supporter, and St. James board member Hon. Greg Montanaro.

The evening was expertly emceed by graduate Tynae Drain ('16) and included a special student musical performance, inspiring words about the honorees, and a spin on a traditional auction, which raised nearly three full scholarships in 15 minutes. Due to the incredible generosity of sponsors and guests, the event raised an astounding \$300,000 towards scholarships.

Now an established annual tradition, the scholarship benefit started as a "small" party in 2015 to celebrate Audrey Evans' 90th birthday. After 100+ of the popular co-founder's closest friends showed up, the event has grown in size and impact each year—and is now the most important scholarship fundraising activity of the year.



The Rt. Rev. Daniel G. P. Gutiérrez, Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of PA, delivers opening prayer.



Tynae Drain '16 and current student at Cristo Rey High School Philadelphia, serves as event emcee.



Upper class students Tasia, Sakyah, Kevine and Nydira perform an original song.



Honoree and St. James Co-founder The Rev. Sean Mullen serves as live auctioneer



Students perform during the cocktail hour



Hon. Gregory P. Montanaro Board Member, St. James; Bruce Melgarey, Senior Fellow, Drexel University Center for Cultural Partnerships and Former Executive Director, The Lenfest Foundation;
The Rt. Rev. Daniel G. P. Gutiérrez, Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania;
Keith Leaphart, D.O. Chair, Board of Directors, Lenfest Foundation and President & CEO, Replica Creative

*"Every young person deserves a word-class education.
We've got an obligation to give it to them."*

— President Barack Obama



Planned gifts provide valuable tax savings and unique ways of advancing your personal financial goals. Legacy gifts will help build the new endowment fund, sustain comprehensive programming for students, and provide full scholarships.

JOIN THE SOCIETY TODAY

Remember us in your will, provide fixed payments for life, or leave a percentage of retirement plan assets

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David Kasievich and Andrew Kellner • The Rev. Marie Z. Swayze • George and Ronna Tyndall

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TWO ST. JAMES SCHOOL SUPPORTERS SAY YES TO JOINING BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DANA TOEDTMAN

FORMER LEARNING SPECIALIST, WILLIAM PENN CHARTER SCHOOL



Recently retired from 30 fulfilling years at William Penn Charter School as the Upper School Learning Specialist, Ms. Toedtmann continues private academic coaching. Ms. Toedtmann currently enjoys volunteer teaching and consulting at Imago Dei Middle School in Tucson, AZ, in addition to St. James School. Ms. Toedtmann is also involved in her historic church, St. Thomas Whitmarsh, and the Episcopal Diocese of Philadelphia.

Ms. Toedtmann has over 30 years of experience in education, providing resources and current research on best practices to support teaching and learning. Her studies include a BA in English from Allegheny College, followed by graduate studies in Education at The University of Oregon and Certification in Learning Disabilities.

Ms. Toedtmann and her husband Craig take delight in spending time watching their six grandchildren participate in their extra-curricular activities. Recently retired, Ms. Toedtmann enjoys participating in Allegheny alumni activities, traveling to special places, mostly in Europe, keeping up with her grandchildren's competitions, and working out to keep as fit as possible!

TODD WHITLOW

GLOBAL CLIENT DIRECTOR, SYMANTEC



Todd Whitlow currently serves as Global Client Director at Symantec, and was elected to St. James School's Board of Trustees in June. Mr. Whitlow is a cybersecurity professional with 25 years of high-tech experience. His areas of expertise include working with companies to help protect their networks, computing, and customer data. He earned a Bachelor's Degree in engineering, Master's Degree in engineering, and a Master of Business Administration, all from Cornell University.

Mr. Whitlow first got connected to St. James School through his parish, St. David's Episcopal Church (Radnor), and through his relationship with ECHOES Around the World, a longtime supporter and partner of St. James. His daughter Bridget, now a freshman at Penn State University, founded a high school club dedicated to getting her peers involved in the work of ECHOES, including organizing supply drives for St. James. Mr. Whitlow has also served as an active member on St. James School's tax credit committee, helping connect the school to new companies and individuals interested in providing scholarship support.

Married for over 20 years to his wife Tina, Mr. Whitlow lives in Berwyn, and has two children. In his spare time, he enjoys coaching softball, cycling, and spending time with his family.




Sixth graders Korey and Nykira prepare a tasty meal from butternut squash and kale.

ST. JAMES + VETRI: The Perfect Pairing

The fall of 2016 marked the expansion of St. James School's scrumptious partnership with Vetri Community Partnership (VCP), with the organization's newly-launched Mobile Teaching Kitchen visiting campus regularly to provide exciting (and healthy!) hands-on cooking demonstrations. Each month, enthusiastic students, families, and neighbors crowded on the sidewalk around the colorful truck to learn how to prepare dishes like a warm salad of sauteed cabbage and wilted Swiss chard with butternut squash ribbons. Vetri chefs shared cooking techniques and nutrition information, and The Share Food Program provided low-cost food boxes with ingredients to replicate the recipe at home.

DID YOU KNOW?



Vetri's Cooking Lab program at St. James teaches students how to apply scientific and math principles to real life situations.

St. James launched VCP's Eatiquette Program in 2014, totally transforming mealtimes at the school. Students dine family-style at inviting round tables and enjoy lunch as a time to build community with classmates, teachers and staff. They also have the opportunity to serve as table captains (complete with chef jackets) and to sample a rotating menu of delicious, healthy, chef-prepared meals like apricot chicken stir fry and roasted broccoli with red pepper flakes.

Thanks to the addition of the Mobile Teaching Kitchen, students are developing healthy eating habits not only at school, but also at home.



Thanks to lots of practice with Tune Up Philly, students performed at the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts



THE HALLS ARE ALIVE WITH THE SOUND OF MUSIC

How do you get to the Kimmel Center?

Practice, practice, practice! This became the mantra of the hardworking students who participated in trumpet, violin, and clarinet lessons through St. James

School's partnership with the Philadelphia Youth Orchestra's (PYO) Tune Up Philly program. Students practiced at school 3 hours each week, and gave up their free Saturdays to rehearse nearly weekly. By the end of the year, students had performed in front of hundreds of spectators at the Kimmel Center, the Union League of Philadelphia, Temple University's Performing Arts Center, and, of course, in front of proud family members, friends and classmates at the Church of St. James the Less.

Tune Up Philly is a supportive, yet rigorous, orchestra program for beginner musicians – it is designed especially for students who haven't had the opportunity to participate in formal music education in the past. Sadly, all too often, students in Philadelphia don't have access to instrumental education, with nearly a quarter of neighborhood public schools lacking such programs.

However, thanks to St. James School's commitment to offering a robust, well-rounded curriculum, all students have the opportunity to study at least one year of instrumental or choir music by the time they graduate. 2016-17 marked St. James' third year of partnering with Tune Up Philly, and many students embarked on their second or third year of study.

"I've watched our young St. James musicians learn not only the correct notes and musical vocabulary," said trumpet instructor Rebecca Graham. "But also how to pass on that knowledge to the next generation of students. That level of initiative is impressive!"



Tymia celebrates her speedy time through the obstacle course.

SCHOOL CULTURE AT ITS BEST

St. James School laid the foundations of good sportsmanship and good times with its 3rd annual House Cup Day, held Friday, June 16, 2017. To develop a positive school culture, St. James has four houses: Humilitas, Patientia, Industria, and Benevolentia. Each house is carefully created to encourage the best in each student focusing on the individual traits of humility, patience, hard work, and kindness. Throughout the school year the staff members and students of each house eat lunch together each day, have weekly house meetings focused on service, culture, social events and competitions.

“Our house system is a great opportunity to spend a lot of time with a group of students and really get to know them,” said Director of High School Placement Rebecca Solnit.

To celebrate a year of team building and personal growth, House Cup Day is a high energy day of fun filled games with a focus on strong camaraderie, a true mix of brain and brawn. At the end of the day, the points are tallied and the winning house has its name mounted to the official House Cup trophy.

The day ended with a full school tug of war. Houses rooted for their own house team members as well as opposing houses. Upper school students especially showed leadership and school spirit to inspire their lower school house team members.

“I love my house because you get to be goofy and you get to be kind and when others are down, we get to turn their day around,” said Tymia, Class of 2020.

On House Cup day, Industria may have taken the prized House Cup . . . but everyone was a winner.



Hannah carries a sponge filled with water to one end of The Court at St. James, part of a challenge to fill the team's bucket fastest and help win points for her house.

INDUSTRIA WINS!



Shakim and Naje congratulate one another for added house points.



House Cup Day ends with a fun and rowdy tug of war.



And the ladies win again!



BY THE NUMBERS

62
STUDENTS
SERVED
IN GRADES 5-8

262+
FAMILY
MEMBERS
SERVED

The high impact of St. James' robust, holistic approach

AGAPE



31 PROFESSIONALS
PRESENTED AT
BLACK HISTORY
MONTH
CAREER DAY

7 ROOMS IN THE
SCHOOL HOUSE
NAMED FOR
BLACK LEADERS



59 PARTNER
CHURCHES

30 AVERAGE SUNDAY
EVENING MASS
ATTENDANCE

22 ELECTIVES
ROBOTICS, NEWSPAPER,
VIOLIN, TRUMPET,
YEARBOOK, RELIGION
CLUB & MORE

ST. JAMES
SCHOOL

VOLUNTEER



620 TOTAL
VOLUNTEERS
2016-2017



6,265
HOURS OF SERVICE



18
YOUTH GROUPS
PROVIDED SERVICE

496

WORKS OF
ART CREATED

2,110
BOOKS
CHECKED
OUT

33

BOOKS PER STUDENT

DI BRUNO BROS.
Culinary Pioneers Since 1939
NEIGHBORHOOD KITCHEN

195 DAYS OF HEALTHY LUNCH

12,090 INDIVIDUAL STUDENT LUNCHES

84% STUDENTS ATE BREAKFAST AT SCHOOL

8,385 POUNDS OF VEGETABLES



36 vetri
foundation

TABLE CAPTAINS
TRAINED THROUGH
VETRI EATIQUETTE PROGRAM

17

TYPES OF
VEGETABLES
& HERBS PLANTED
IN THE SCHOOL
GARDEN



23

STAFF &
FACULTY

11

8TH GRADERS
COMPLETED
ALGEBRA

192

FIELD
TRIPS

12

CHICKENS
ON CAMPUS

5

TYPES OF
BALLROOM
DANCING
LEARNED



4

HOUSES
THAT RAISE
SCHOOL SPIRIT



BENEVOLENTIA



HUMILITAS



INDUSTRIA



PATIENTIA

27

TRAINED WITH
THERAPEUTIC
DOGS & HORSES

2016 - 2017 OPENING DOORS TO HIGH SCHOOL & BEYOND

CLASS OF 2017

43

HIGH SCHOOL VISITS

44

HIGH SCHOOL ACCEPTANCES

125

SUBMISSIONS

9

NUMBER OF HIGH SCHOOLS ATTENDING

\$109,000

IN 1-YEAR SCHOLARSHIPS

\$9,900

AVERAGE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

6

AREA
PRIVATE
SCHOOLS

3

AREA
PUBLIC
SCHOOLS



CRISTO REY
PHILADELPHIA
HIGH SCHOOL



MERCY
CAREER &
TECHNICAL
HIGH SCHOOL



SPRINGSIDE
CHESTNUT HILL
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William Penn
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School



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MEETINGS WITH GROUPS WANTING TO OPEN
A SCHOOL INSPIRED BY THE ST. JAMES MODEL

WANAMAKER SCHOLARSHIP SOCIETY



SPOTLIGHT: THE ROSS FAMILY



The Ross family (Aliina, Allyson, Steve and Roberto) have been proud St. James School supporters since its founding

“The teachers & staff are truly dedicated to making a difference. They continually inspire us and we are grateful for all they do in the name of St. James School.”

– Steve and Allyson Ross

more than a middle school — St. James is a community hub, a place where a 24/7 ministry is happening. We all are transformed through the process of working together in support of the students entrusted to our care.” The Ross family views their involvement with St. James as an “investment.”

“It’s a way to contribute to having an impact on empowering lives and providing opportunities, for the students, their families and community, in a part of Philadelphia that is grossly underserved and undervalued,” said the Ross family.

Steve Ross remembers one of his first activities with St. James School was cleaning leaves from gutters alongside Head of School David Kasievich on a cold windy fall day. His family — including wife Allyson and children Aliina and Roberto — first became engaged in 2009 through the City Camp summer experience.

The entire Ross family has engaged with St. James through a myriad of volunteer opportunities. They’ve raked leaves, addressed and stuffed envelopes, and much more. Steve serves on the Board, Allyson on the Advancement Committee. Aliina has been actively working with St. James School’s Director of Advancement Angie McCole to reinvigorate the Young Friends group. The family also attends Sunday evening community worship services at Church of St. James the Less.

“When we talk to people about St. James, we often invite them to come and see what is happening in this amazing community,” said Steve. “It is much

Scholarships are the cornerstone of St. James School’s mission. As a tuition-free school, every student receives a full scholarship of \$30,000 per year. The Wanamaker Scholarship Society is a group of committed individuals creating real change for our students. Members contribute from \$2,500 to over \$30,000 annually and are united by their passion for educational equity.

SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

\$2,500 = 1 MONTH OF EDUCATION • \$5,000 = 2 MONTHS
\$15,000 = HALF A YEAR • \$30,000 = FULL YEAR

Ready to join? Contact Roshonda Jones, Associate Director of Advancement
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ABOUT WANAMAKER

Born 1838, John Wanamaker was a prominent Philadelphia businessman, philanthropist, and devout Christian. Wanamaker opened department stores in Philadelphia, New York, London and Paris, building a business model that looked out for its customers and employees. He popularized the fixed-price system into what became the industry standard, and created the money-back guarantee. Employees received free medical care, education, recreational facilities, pensions and profit-sharing before this became a standard practice, and his stores made noted early efforts to advance the welfare of African Americans and Native Americans. Though the Wanamaker stores are no longer around, the former Philly location by City Hall (a Macy’s department store today) houses the beloved Wanamaker organ that can still be heard every day.



John Wanamaker’s legacy carries on to this day on the campus at St. James: he is interred with his family in the Wanamaker Memorial Bell Tower on the school’s property. The chimes have remained a symbol of hope and promise in the St. James neighborhood, and we invite you to join in the legacy of this great Philadelphian through our student scholarship program.

John Wanamaker



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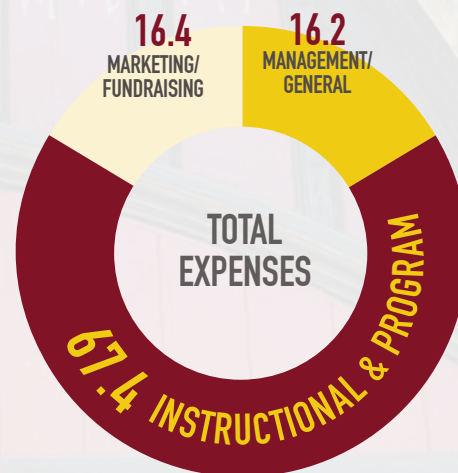
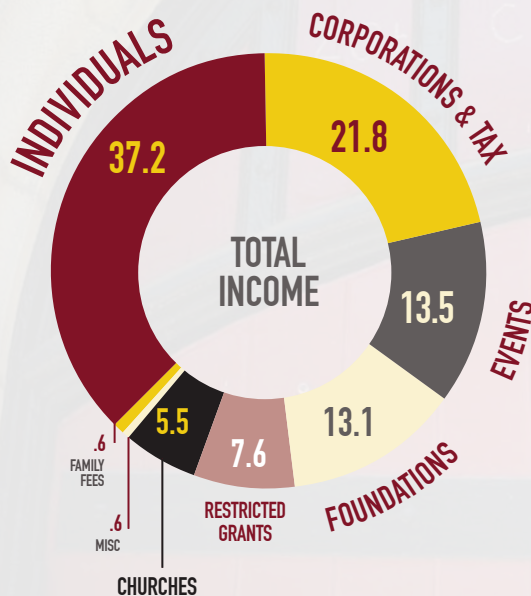
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Individuals	\$803,783	37.2%
Corporate and Tax Credit Donations	\$470,748	21.8%
Events	\$292,141	13.5%
Foundations	\$282,240	13.1%
Restricted Grants	\$163,893	7.6%
Churches	\$119,110	5.5%
Family Fees	\$12,867	0.6%
Miscellaneous	\$13,916	0.6%
TOTAL	\$2,158,698	

EXPENSES

Instructional and Program	\$1,435,405	67.4%
Teacher salaries, Health Center, Food Program, Graduate Support		
Marketing and Fundraising	\$348,925	16.4%
Advancement staff, publications, events		
Management and General	\$345,142	16.2%
Administrative staff, business operations		
TOTAL	\$2,129,472	
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Susan Marshall was a stalwart supporter of St. James School since its founding days, and was known for her warmth and constant encouragement of students, teachers and staff. For nearly 20 years she worked as an attorney for the New Hampshire legislature. The author of a history of the New Hampshire constitution, she travelled to several former Soviet republics to assist in explaining the function of legislatures in a democracy. Born in Wakefield, MI, she was a graduate of Michigan State. As a Fulbright scholar, she studied at Bonn University in Germany and subsequently earned a Master's degree in German from the University of Pennsylvania, and received her law degree from the University of New Hampshire School of Law. Mrs. Marshall is survived by her husband, Douglas, a founding Board member of St. James School; a daughter, Laura Marshall; a son, Andrew Marshall; and a grandson.



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