

On July 17, 2015, St. James School bid farewell to the founding class of students—the first to head off to high school. Now the stage is set for more neighborhood students to become proud members of St. James School, and for the Graduate Support Program to ramp up for future grads.



## 2014–2015 YEAR IN REVIEW

**READ ALL  
ABOUT THE YEAR  
ST. JAMES SCHOOL...**

OPENED ITS DOORS TO A  
**FULL MIDDLE SCHOOL**

BUILT A BRAND  
**NEW KITCHEN TO SERVE  
HEALTHIER MEALS**

PREPARED  
**FIRST GRADUATES  
FOR BEST-FIT  
HIGH SCHOOLS**

**OPENING  
DOORS  
TO HIGH SCHOOL  
& BEYOND**







**IN YEAR 5 ST. JAMES SCHOOL IS CONTINUALLY ENCOURAGING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MORAL, SPIRITUAL, INTELLECTUAL, PHYSICAL AND CREATIVE GIFTS IN ITS STUDENTS**



## Becoming a Full Middle School

Dear Supporters, Partners, and Friends,

On behalf of the students and faculty of St. James School, I want to thank you for making the 2014-2015 academic year so fruitful—your generosity provides students with continued excellence in academics, arts, and enrichment programs.

The year was an explosion of dreams becoming realities since the school's inception. To only name a few highlights: the graduation of our founding class of students; the new Di Bruno Bros. Neighborhood Kitchen; our full middle school status; and our preparation for accreditation with PAIS (Pennsylvania Association of Independent Schools).

Your support has an incredible impact on our students and their education. When new families discover St. James School, they feel they've found a hidden jewel in Philadelphia. Of course I agree with that sentiment, but St. James is a jewel only because it has such a loving, devoted, and supportive community of teachers, staff, parents, guardians and volunteers.

You believe in our mission and you support it in a variety of ways. Now in year 5 we have remained true to the visions of our co-founders The Rev. Sean Mullen and Dr. Audrey Evans of providing a truly outstanding Episcopal independent and character-based education to students most in need of a school like St. James.

One of my greatest pleasures being head of school is greeting the students as they arrive each morning. Because of your support, I am able to confidently welcome them to a place built with your gifts. Your contributions of time, treasure, and talent are a big part of the educational success and well-being of our current students and of our graduates. As always, I am grateful and humbled by your support of our students.

Thank you and God bless,

**David J. Kasievich** *Head of School*







**ALL GROWN UP** Our founding class began fifth grade on September 6, 2011, and grew in more ways than height. Here they pose at Baccalaureate Mass, their penultimate event at St. James School and the final time in their school uniforms.

## OPENING DOORS TO HIGH SCHOOL & BEYOND

2014-2015  
YEAR IN  
REVIEW

The mission of opening doors has been part of the St. James School story since the beginning.

Opening doors to a brand new innovative middle school in a neighborhood where good schools are hard to find. Opening doors to a renovated classroom each year in the historic 1920s stone building. Opening doors to opportunities—violin lessons, ski trips, canoeing adventures, and other year-round enrichment—that might otherwise be closed off to students and families.

After four years of hard work—and with the help of family, teachers, staff, volunteers, and supporters—St. James students are opening doors to high school for the first time, an integral part of their educational journey. Each of the founding students are attending best-fit high schools beginning fall 2015, including top notch private, boarding, charter, and archdiocesan high schools around the region.


None of this would be possible without the care, compassion, and commitment of hundreds of partners who invest in our mission.

Read on to learn about some of the ways St. James School, through your continuing support and commitment, was able to open doors to high school for students in the 2014-2015 school year.





# LET'S GET IT STARTED!



Student preparation for high school includes the personal support of teachers, co-teachers, tutors, mentors, and more.

“ It has been a rewarding experience to work with the Class of 2015 since 5th grade...to coach them through this important and complicated part of their lives and witness them mature into curious young teenagers.”

Kevin Todd, High School Placement and Graduate Support Director





# OPENING DOORS TO HIGH SCHOOL

## SKILLS CLASS, INTERVIEW WORKSHOPS, OVER 40 PARTNERSHIPS, AND MORE

In September 2014, the families of 8th grade attended a final High School Information Night. The process that had begun in earnest in September 2013 was about to reach its apex as dozens of brochures, applications, and financial aid forms went home for completion.

For Philadelphia middle school families, the fall of 8th grade is just as stressful, confusing, and taxing as the fall months for a college-bound teenager. Most families do not have the time or ability to exhaust all of their schooling and financial aid options. And unlike their peers in suburban school districts who can matriculate to their neighborhood school and expect a safe, high quality, college preparatory education, few Philadelphia families trust their neighborhood school can provide the same. That is why the High School Placement and Graduate Support Program at St. James School is vital, ensuring students continue the incredible progress they have made during middle school.

The school year kicked off with High School Placement & Graduate Support Director Kevin Todd transitioning from a part time to full time position focused on helping students move on to best-fit high schools. Kevin's positive energy and ability to connect with students and families helped him understand what each student needed to get to the next important stage of their education. He networked with a variety of high schools throughout the region and beyond, from a boarding school in Virginia to a school right in St. James' backyard.

Over the course of the year, the school developed more than 40 substantial partnerships, giving its students the opportunity to find the school that would be a best fit for them. Students attended Kevin's weekly class called SKILLS (Self-Esteem, Knowledge, Independence, Leadership, Learning & Success) which focuses on careers, college, and high school. Every 8th grader visited and shadowed at numerous schools, imagining themselves as students at each. They thought critically about what they



The inaugural class received 85 acceptances collectively.



wanted from high school, spent long hours on their applications, and hoped for good news after submission.

By March, hundreds of decision letters arrived in families' mailboxes. The months of effort spent on applications, hours of conversations, and countless school visits were all well worth the time when the inaugural class received 85 acceptances collectively.

Faced with a wealth of options, students and their caregivers worked with St. James to make some tough choices and decide what was best for them.

While the Class of 2015 was sifting through their high school decision letters, the Class of 2016 was in the early stages of preparing for their own high school application process. In late winter 2015, St. James coordinated the third High School Interview Workshop at William Penn Charter School, where students honed their interview skills by practicing with experienced professionals.

In spring, during the second annual High School Fair at St. James School, 20 schools were able to speak with 7th and 8th grade students and families from St. James School, Young Scholars Frederick Douglass, and other students from the neighborhood of Allegheny West.

The numbers above tell a successful story: St. James School has brought students, families, target high schools, mentors, and many other individuals

and organizations together to build the foundations of a vibrant program that, for years to come, will serve to ensure that each student launches into a best-fit high school successfully and continues on a positive trajectory.



# TEACHING MINDS, TOUCHING HEARTS... TUMMIES FIRST

## NEW DI BRUNO BROS KITCHEN OPENS

It's hard to believe that at one time the only equipment to prepare lunch in St. James School's kitchen was a warming oven and freezer. Without a full-service kitchen, the school was stuck serving frozen, prepackaged meals like hot dogs, chicken nuggets, and soggy vegetables.



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"In our neighborhood it's easy to find greasy fast food, but very difficult to find affordable food that's healthy," explained Head of School David Kasievich. "We knew we had to do a better job feeding our students and teaching them about healthy eating because St. James provides as much as 75% of the food they eat in one year."

Without access to healthy food, families are experiencing more and more health challenges, especially in underresourced communities like Allegheny West where 70% of children are overweight or obese. Fortunately for St. James School, beloved Philadelphia specialty food retailer and one of the school's most committed corporate supporters, Di Bruno Bros., stepped up to help St. James remodel both its kitchen and food program. After their lead gift, additional support followed from foundations and church partners, and the school began construction in the summer of 2014.

By fall, Di Bruno Bros. Neighborhood Kitchen at St. James School was in full swing. At the helm from the beginning was first school chef Deborah Anthony, a culinary pro with over 11 years of experience who began full days even during construction. The school also partnered with the Vetri Foundation's Eatiquette program to transform not just the lunch menu, but also the culture of mealtimes. Now instead of a serving line, students eat family-style at large, round tables with their classmates, teachers, volunteers, and guests. Each table is assigned a student table captain who proudly wears a chef coat and is responsible for setting the table and helping serve their peers.

Since the new kitchen's debut, families have noticed a remarkable difference in eating habits at home. One day when his family planned to go out for fried chicken, 6th grader Kevine said "no thanks." Instead he asked that they stay at home and cook—he wanted to try making the cornflake-crusted baked chicken recipe he had at school lunch.

With the new Di Bruno Bros. Neighborhood Kitchen, and partnership with the Vetri Foundation, St. James School has come a long way from the frozen meals of the past. Serving tasty menu items like kale salad, fish tacos, and strawberries every day, St. James School is working to nurture all aspects of students, minds, souls... and tummies.



**22%**  
Philadelphians  
food insecure  
(over 300,000 people)



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**NUTRITIOUS  
FOOD COSTS  
10X MORE  
THAN JUNK  
FOOD**

Students are trained as table captains, pictured here with School Chef Deborah Anthony (left) and Vetri Foundation Sous Chef Sarah Cullen. Table captains set the scene and serve lunch, which makes family-style lunches run smoothly.

## Chat&Chew

**Food Insecurity: An Educational Approach**

### ST. JAMES FORUM FOCUSES ON HUNGER AND HEALTHY EATING

In April 2015 St. James School hosted its 2nd Annual Forum, welcoming over 120 guests and partners to discuss and brainstorm solutions to Philadelphia's food insecurity issues. An insightful panel discussion was moderated by Healthy NewsWorks Founder Marian Uhlman, and included Director of the Vetri Foundation for Children Kelly Herrenkohl and Executive Director of SHARE Food Program Steveanna Wynn, one of the region's most dedicated antihunger advocates.



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# LIVING UP TO LEADERS

## MENTORING, MLK DAY & MORE

Nothing inspires a child more than a role model, and St. James works to provide for them at every turn—from teachers and administrators, to clergy, volunteers, coaches, special visitors and more.

“At St. James I get to meet so many people who give me inspiration, like Dr. Evans and Jeremy Maclin,” said 8th grader Cordell, one of the founding class graduates, reflecting on the impressive list of role models who he has interacted with at the school.

In 2014 the school launched a new mentoring program, designed to provide students with even more encouragement and inspiration. Barbara “Bobbie” Bayton was one of eight new mentors recruited. Her mentee Makiyah, who hopes to be a doctor one day, was delighted to learn more about Bayton’s experience as a medical researcher at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. According to Bayton, the best part of being a mentor is “the look on my mentee’s face when I show up for a visit. I also enjoy helping her identify the resources she needs in order to solve a problem.”

Though it is starting small, St. James plans to build the program over time with the goal of eventually matching every single student with a committed adult volunteer. Students reap many benefits from the one-on-one relationships built with their mentors. Whether it’s playing games, hearing about a recent athletic event, or sharing a personal experience, the quality time that a mentor gives can have a lifelong impact. St. James School mentors are men and women of all ages and from varying backgrounds, each with a willingness to commit themselves to a St. James student.

“This time in their life is critical to determining just how far they will go and what they can accomplish,” Bayton said. “A mentor becomes a part of that child’s village and can add to what school staff, their parents/guardians, and community are doing by reinforcing the importance of education and making good decisions.”



Bobbie Bayton visits Makiyah each week and “enjoys helping her identify the resources she needs in order to solve a problem.”



In December, Philadelphia Eagles wide receiver Jeremy Maclin stopped by to talk to the students about growing up near Ferguson, Missouri, as well as what many students consider a dream job—playing professional football.



Director André Robert Lee screened his documentary *The Prep School Negro*, which examines identity issues and challenges of attending an elite Philadelphia private school.

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As part of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Dr. Thomas Gordon—a psychologist and consultant on the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania’s Anti-Racism Commission—led a discussion about how we all can be aware of and speak up about discrimination.



Philadelphia mayoral candidate Doug Oliver visited in May. As a young black professional, his determination and grit resonated with students, and by the end of the visit they were wishing they were old enough to vote.

## INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MENTOR?

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for more details





# SCHOOL CULTURE ROCKS!

THE BEGINNING OF SCHOOL HOUSES AND THE FIRST HOUSE CUP DAY  
RAISED SCHOOL MORALE AND CAMARADERIE



September 2014 marked the launch of the new school culture programming at St. James, which included four new houses (Benevolentia, Humilitas, Industria, and Patientia) and a number of character attributes to strive toward: REACH (Responsible, Enthusiastic, Attentive, Curious, Hard Working) for lower school students in 5th & 6th and AGAPE (Adaptability, Gratitude, Awareness, Patience, and Excellence) for upper school students in 7th & 8th. Each student has a particular goal they pursue, and they enter each day working to adhere to the codes instilled through these programs.

While students may receive negative points for poor behavior, they are recognized for excellence and receive positive points for demonstrating the characteristics of REACH and AGAPE. The system has proven to be very effective, with students and faculty getting into the fun of things on a regular basis. The school houses created an overwhelming spirit of teamwork, camaraderie and friendly competition. By midyear,

the displays of house spirit were in full swing: math teacher Annie Lerew had posted small Industria paper shields all throughout the building, and Head of School David Kasievich ensured that his house members in Patientia could walk proud wearing a 3" round button displaying their newly-designed shield by 8th grader Cordell.



At the end of May each house went on a special house trip to celebrate their year together. But the real testament to which house was best would come at the end of the regular academic year. July 2, 2015 was the first House Cup Day at St. James School, during which students and faculty competed in challenges of brains and brawn, like spelling contests, apple bobbing, tug-of-war, and more. The excitement level on House Cup Day was unmatched in the history of St. James School, and though there could only be one winner whose name would go on the house cup in 2015 (congratulations to Patientia) every student left with pride and joy in being part of a very big family.



Students and staff compete in a lively game of tug-of-war during the first House Cup Day



The St. James Huskies mascot made an appearance

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Fifth grader Taki plays for guests at the 4th annual Art & Music Showcase

## KEEPING THE ARTS ALIVE

WHILE OTHERS ARE CUTTING BACK, ST. JAMES IS EXPANDING

While many schools have recently been forced to cut back on art offerings, St. James School remained committed to sustaining and growing art programs.

In 2014-15 students learned four different instruments (trumpet, violin, clarinet, and piano) in a partnership with Tune Up Philly, a program of Philadelphia Youth Orchestra. The school also grew its rigorous choir program, modeled after the Royal School of Church Music. Choristers sang at Saint Mark's Church every Sunday and wowed guests at performances across the region.

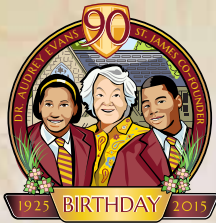
Artwork was displayed and celebrated in every corner of the school—including hand painted trays, miniature food truck designs, self portraits, Egyptian sarcophagi and more. Fourteen students were selected to join the prestigious National Junior Art Honor Society, and St. James is one of only 600 schools in the country with a society.



St. James School choir members with Choir Director Dr. Darryl Roland and organist Erik Meyer of St. Martin-in-the-Fields

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## CELEBRATING DR. EVANS

### ST. JAMES CO-FOUNDER TURNS 90

To celebrate the 90th birthday of beloved school co-founder Dr. Audrey E. Evans, St. James School threw an unforgettable celebration at The Union League of Philadelphia on June 8, 2015.

The festive evening was punctuated by special birthday surprises, moving tributes from friends and family, and raised thousands of scholarship dollars for St. James School students.

Dr. Evans is a well known pioneer in the clinical study and treatment of childhood cancers. She developed the Evans Staging System for neuroblastoma, which is credited with reducing fatality rates by over 50 percent. Throughout her impressive medical career, Dr. Evans championed the philosophy of "total care," caring not just for her patients' medical needs, but also their social, emotional, and spiritual needs, and providing comprehensive support for their families. This led her to open the first Ronald McDonald House in 1974, a house and supportive community where families can stay during their child's illness and treatment to ease stress and uncertainty. Today there are over 300 Ronald McDonald houses across the world. After retiring from Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) in 2009, Dr. Evans brought her model of total care to the world of education. Under her leadership, St. James School opened its doors in 2011.



Deputy Mayor Everett Gillison awards Dr. Evans with a proclamation from the City of Philadelphia in honor of the strides she has made in cancer treatment, care of families in need, and education.

Over 200 guests gathered to celebrate Dr. Evans, including St. James staff and Board members, Dr. Evans' former colleagues from Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, family, friends, and the many people who she has touched throughout her career.

The evening included: a behind-the-scenes tour of the Union League's Heritage Center for sponsors; surprise pop-up musical selections from trumpeters and the St. James School Choir; and the unveiling of a stunning



Students pose with school co-founder Dr. Audrey Evans, dressed in an 8th grade uniform.

11-minute documentary "Audrey at 90: A Woman Who Cares," which brought to life Dr. Evans' remarkable career and her inspiration to help start St. James School.

Longtime friend and St. James partner The Rev. Sean Mullen, Dr. Evans' husband Dr. Giulio D'Angio, along with admirers Betsy and Bill Payne, all shared touching 90-word tributes about Dr. Evans in honor of her 90th birthday.

Before the evening ended, Father Mullen shared an exciting announcement—all donations raised that night would count toward a surprise Matching Gift Challenge in Dr. Evans' honor. Betsy and Bill Payne's generous Matching Gift Challenge secured an additional \$100,000 of donations in Dr. Evans' honor in the weeks following the event. Dr. Evans was awed by the outpouring of support, especially all of the funds raised for the students of St. James. "I look forward to doing this again next year for my 91st birthday," she joked.



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ABOUT DR. EVANS



Over 200 guests enjoyed an evening in celebration of Dr. Audrey Evans, who celebrated 90 years in 2015.



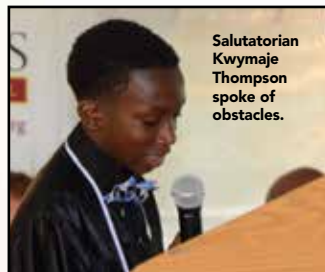
# GOING TO HIGH SCHOOL

Pennsylvania ranks 15<sup>th</sup> in U.S. for high school graduation rates. In Allegheny West, only 48% of residents completed high school. St. James School students work hard to beat these odds every day.

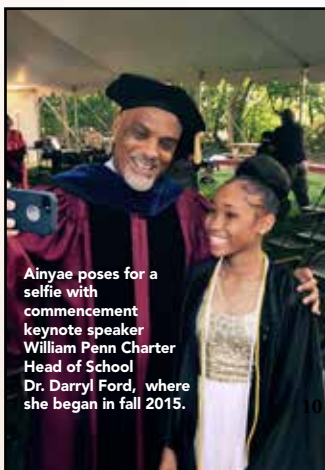
**THE GOLD & MAROON STRIPED TIE IS WORN BY THE 8TH GRADE CLASS, A SYMBOL OF THEIR FINAL PREPARATIONS FOR HIGH SCHOOL.**



Valedictorian Ainyae Holmes speaks to her classmates.



Salutatorian Kwymaje Thompson spoke of obstacles.



Ainyae poses for a selfie with commencement keynote speaker William Penn Charter Head of School Dr. Darryl Ford, where she began in fall 2015.

**J**uly 17, 2015, students, families, and friends packed in under a tent on the cottage lawn for the school's first 8th grade commencement. The families of the founding class of 2015 had taken a risk and committed to this brand new school on West Clearfield Street only four years prior. The ceremony included remarks from students and school leaders, along with Head of School Dr. Darryl Ford of partner William Penn Charter School, who was the event's keynote speaker.

Special remarks from salutatorian Kwymaje Thompson and valedictorian Ainyae Holmes resonated with fellow classmates. "There will be many obstacles in high school like maintaining good grades, not making the special team or club you wanted, or not fitting in," said Kwymaje. "I'm here to tell you to keep your faith because you have friends and family who love you."





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STUDENT SUCCESS  
IS MEASURED BY  
MANY STANDARDS—  
ESPECIALLY BY THE  
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Ready for high school: Tyrena, Marquis, Ms. Fabii, Cordell and Ms. Murray



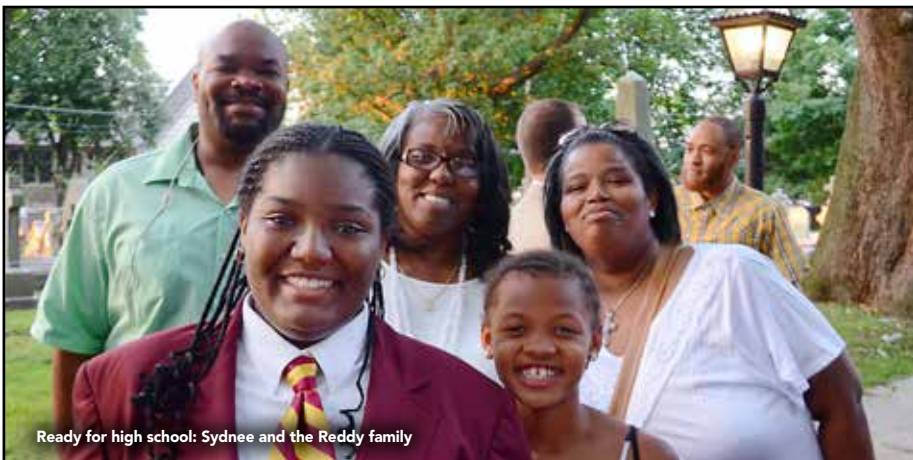
“The choices you make in life will determine your outcome. If I hadn't brought my daughter to St. James School, who knows where she would be today. I am so grateful.” — Leslie Murray, Parent



Ready for high school: Ainyae and Mr. Holmes



Ready for high school: Kanyana and Ms. Reese



Ready for high school: Sydnee and the Reddy family



The graduate support team, Becca Solnit and Kevin Todd, receive a visit from first graduates Diamond, Jaleika, and LaShay

## & BEYOND

### SUPPORTING THE FIRST GRADUATES IN YEAR 5

The 2015 St. James School 8th grade commencement marked not only an end to an inspired first four years as a school, but also the beginning of the St. James School Graduate Support Program, with a mission of providing alumni with a network of academic, spiritual, socioemotional, college-oriented, and financial support throughout their high school and postsecondary educational journey. The long term goal is to ensure that students continue their educational advancement, fulfill their potential, and acquire productive roles in society.

One of the most exciting additions for graduate support is the new Huskies Hangout, a space on St. James' campus dedicated solely to graduates. The lounge area is a comfortable, quiet, safe, and clean space for students to come to school off-hours for help with homework or special projects. It also provides an area for grads to socialize, play games, and have fun on the weekends or during school breaks. Huskies Hangout even has computers, wi-fi, a snack bar, a sofa, and plenty of life advice from Kevin Todd and Becca Solnit. Within a month of the hangout opening, they had already logged over 300 combined hours back on the school's campus.

Another important aspect of the program includes graduate support mentors, qualified professionals who connect with a mentee once a week via phone, email, or text, and once per month in person. Mentors agree to support their mentee for a full year with the hope that they will renew their commitment each year.

Through graduate support, St. James School is ensuring alumni stay connected long after commencement, positioning them for success in high school, college and beyond.



# WANAMAKER SCHOLARSHIP SOCIETY

## JOYCE REHORST AND BRIAN BERNHARDT

*Mother & son duo who are passionate Wanamaker Society members*



Supporter Brian Bernhardt became involved with the idea of St. James School in 2005 thanks to school co-founder Fr. Sean Mullen, who laid out his dream of opening a middle school for children in North Philadelphia. Brian's mother Joyce Rehorst—an experienced school administrator—also wanted to be involved, and Brian quickly invited her into the conversation. Both would not only serve on the founding advisory board, helping to craft the mission and direction of the soon-to-be new

school, but would also grow to be two of the school's biggest supporters. Joyce even volunteered as assistant principal—while St. James School's Principal Dimery was on maternity leave with her first child—and has been a mentor of students over the course of several years.

"We have seen the students at St. James School thrive in their new environment," say Brian and Joyce. "The students at St. James quickly gain the trust of teachers and staff, displaying positive feelings about themselves and learning without the distractions that they experienced in the neighborhood public schools. They are increasing their self-esteem and are becoming more confident in their abilities, responding well to the daily emphasis on not only their academic skills, but their spiritual, physical and creative talents."

Their hope for the next five years is to significantly grow the endowment along with sustaining and increasing the number of contributors, which is most necessary to ensure the sustainability of the school's extraordinary mission.

"St. James School is important for the students, for Philadelphia, and for society," say mom and son. "We are proud to support St. James with our time and our annual contribution to the St. James School Wanamaker Society."

## SOCIETY LEVELS

PHD \$16,000    MASTER \$8,000    BACHELOR \$4,000

*One year student scholarship    1/2 student scholarship, one year    1/4 student scholarship, one year*

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## ABOUT WANAMAKER

Born 1838, John Wanamaker was a prominent Philadelphia businessman, philanthropist, and devout Christian. He is credited with opening the first modern department store where he offered no hassle returns and generous employee treatment. With shops opening around the turn of the 20th century in Philadelphia, New York, London and Paris, Wanamaker had the opportunity to build 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 Philadelphia location by City Hall (a Macy's department store today) houses the beloved Wanamaker organ that can still be heard every day.

## WANAMAKER TODAY

Wanamaker's stores are no longer in operation, but his legacy carries on. Wanamaker is buried with his family in the memorial tower located on our 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.



Wanamaker  
Memorial  
Bell Tower

*John Wanamaker*



# ANNUAL REPORT

JULY 1, 2014 – JUNE 30, 2015

Unaudited statement of revenue and expenses

## OPERATING INCOME

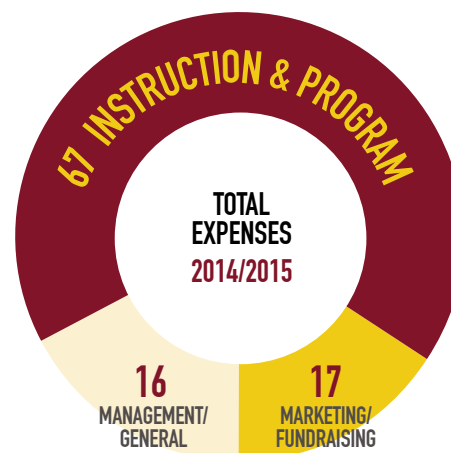
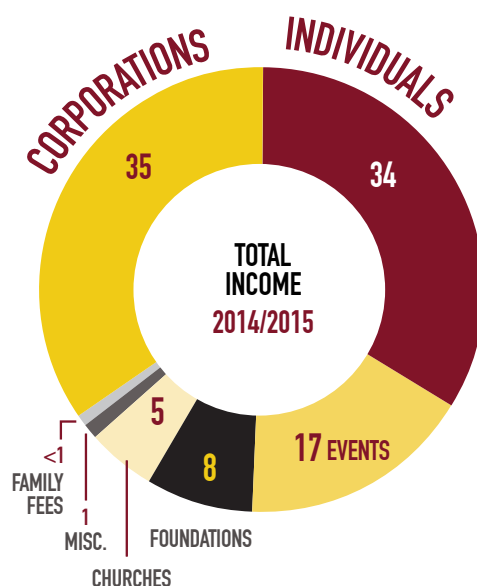
Corporations	\$599,477	35%
Individuals	\$593,335	34%
Events	\$286,160	17%
Foundations	\$130,638	8%
Churches	\$87,454	5%
Misc. Income	\$19,122	1%
Family Fees	\$9,197	<1%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,725,383</b>	

## OPERATING EXPENSES

Instructional and Program Expenses Teacher salaries, academic supplies, High School Placement Program	\$1,036,398	67%
Marketing and Fundraising Advancement staff, publications, events	\$260,204	17%
Management and General Administrative staff, business operations	\$244,917	16%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,541,518</b>	
<b>NET</b>	<b>\$183,864</b>	

## RESTRICTED AND CAPITAL

Classroom and Kitchen Construction, Bus	
Income	\$338,186
Expenses	\$313,710





## LIFETIME GIVING

### Dr. Audrey Evans Founder's Circle

Lifetime Gifts \$100,000+

Anonymous (3)  
Good Samaritan  
Foundation  
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Foundation  
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Lifetime Gifts  
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Dr. Audrey E. Evans  
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Gordon Fowler  
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Church (Wayne),  
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Lifetime Gifts  
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# 2014-2015 By the Numbers

St. James School provides opportunities to prepare our students for high school & beyond

**240+**  
FAMILY  
MEMBERS  
SERVED



**14** PROFESSIONALS FOR  
1<sup>ST</sup> BLACK HISTORY  
MONTH CAREER DAY

**10** ROOMS IN THE  
SCHOOL HOUSE  
NAMED FOR  
BLACK LEADERS



**36** SCHOOL  
MASSES  
CELEBRATED

**59** PARTNER  
CHURCHES



**495** TOTAL  
VOLUNTEERS  
2014-2015



**5,455**  
HOURS OF SERVICE



**25**  
YOUTH GROUPS  
PROVIDED SERVICE



**NEIGHBORHOOD KITCHEN**  
GRAND OPENING FEBRUARY 2015

**163** DAYS OF HEALTHY LUNCH

**11,200** INDIVIDUAL STUDENT LUNCHES

**63%** ATE BREAKFAST AT SCHOOL

**7,400** POUNDS OF VEGETABLES



**36** **vetri**  
foundation  
TABLE CAPTAINS TRAINED  
THROUGH VETRI FOUNDATION'S  
ETIQUETTE PROGRAM

ST. JAMES SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT 2014-2015

**30** ELECTIVES OFFERED  
LIKE ROBOTICS, NEWSPAPER,  
VIOLIN, TRUMPET, YOGA & BEES

**58** SUMMER  
CAMPS ATTENDED

**Art**

**264** WORKS OF  
ART CREATED

**97** PIECES OF ART  
DISPLAYED IN  
SPRING ART  
SHOWCASE

**12** NATIONAL  
JUNIOR  
HONOR ART  
SOCIETY  
MEMBERS



**2,110**  
BOOKS  
CHECKED  
OUT

**36**

BOOKS PER STUDENT

**24** TYPES OF VEGETABLES  
& HERBS PLANTED  
IN THE SCHOOL GARDEN



OPENING DOORS TO HIGH SCHOOL & BEYOND



59  
STUDENTS  
SERVED IN  
GRADES 5-8

25  
STAFF &  
FACULTY

# HIGH SCHOOL & BEYOND

## THE YEAR OF OUR FIRST GRADUATING CLASS

10  
CHOIR  
PERFORMANCES

7  
TRAILS HIKE  
WITH URBAN  
BLAZERS

93 FIELD  
TRIPS



11  
CHICKENS  
ON CAMPUS



4  
TYPES OF BALLROOM  
DANCING LEARNED

15 8TH GRADERS  
COMPLETED  
ALGEBRA



4  
HOUSES INTRODUCED  
TO RAISE SCHOOL SPIRIT



BENEVOLENTIA



HUMILITAS



INDUSTRIA



PATIENTIA

27 TRAINED  
WITH  
THERAPEUTIC  
DOGS &  
HORSES

THIS CERTIFIES THAT  
CLASS OF 2015 RECEIVED

85

HIGH SCHOOL ACCEPTANCES

\$167,000

IN 1-YEAR SCHOLARSHIPS

\$17,000

AVERAGE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

ATTENDING IN 2014-2015

12 BEST-FIT  
SCHOOLS IN  
PHILA AREA

10 AREA  
PRIVATE  
SCHOOLS



13 HIGH  
SCHOOLS  
REPRESENTED

68 ST. JAMES & OTHER  
NEIGHBORHOOD  
STUDENTS IN ATTENDANCE



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



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### FIRST STUDENT BAPTISMS

During the school's Eastertide Mass, eight students were baptized at the Church of St. James the Less for the first time since the school's opening. The students completed a series of classes with the Rev. Alex Lenzo to learn more about this next step in their faith journey. The Rev. Sean E. Mullen celebrated the important event with the entire school community along with their families and classmates. The mass was followed by a joyous lunch in the Di Bruno Bros. Neighborhood Kitchen.



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Margaret is a graduate of Smith College. She and her husband Bob live in Ambler, PA. Between them they have three children and six grandchildren. Her interests include reading, travel, golf and bridge.





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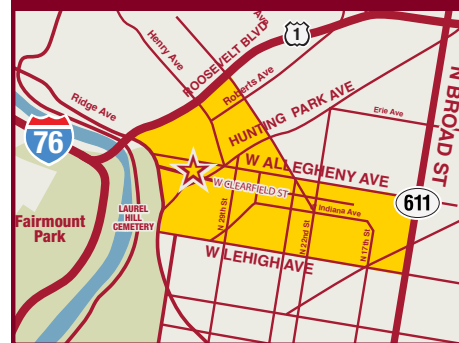
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