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English teacher Sarah Carroll with 7th grade students in newly renovated classroom.

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Before St. James School opened its doors to the first class in 2011, well before all grades 5 through 8 were a reality, founders Dr. Audrey Evans, Head of School David Kasievich, and The Reverend Sean Mullen worked tirelessly with others to begin this mission in North Philadelphia.

BUILDING A FOUNDATION BECOMING A FULL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Dear Friends,

Not so many years ago, things on West Clearfield Street were not looking good: the Church of St. James the Less had been abandoned; the property was becoming overgrown; a single employee was left to tend the grounds and keep the buildings water-tight and heated. Not much happened here. Despite all that it wasn't hard to see the possibility of a school on this leafy campus where students could learn and grow in the safe shelter of its stone walls. Thankfully others, first among them Dr. Audrey Evans, could also see what was possible here on this lovely campus.

Once we could see the possibility, the next challenge was to start something, and just three years ago we were able to welcome our first students to St. James School. This accomplishment was achieved thanks to all of you who believed in the vision we had seen, and who helped with your contributions of all kinds. Starting the school was also the fruit of the marvelous and varied talents of our founding Head of School Dave Kasievich, who has the rare ability to take a vision and put it into motion—giving it shape and making it work. That's precisely what he has done at St. James School (with lots of help, he'd insist I point out).

First we saw what was needed, and then we started it. This year the school has reached its goal of all four grades (5 through 8). By the end of the year we will send our founding class off to best-fit high schools and onto a new trajectory that asks them to aim higher than they might have before they came to St. James School. This is an exciting time for all of us. The next challenge for us as leaders—and for the entire school community—is to work toward sustaining this school and its enterprise of breaking the cycle of poverty through education. St. James is the only school of its kind in Philadelphia. We have confidence in our students because we believe that God gives us all a share in the divine image. We don't always know what kind of promise our students bring, but we know that there is promise to be found. We know that people haven't always looked for promise in the neighborhood around St. James. It's easy to write it off—just like it would have been easy to write off these old buildings when they were empty and dark and nothing at all happened here.

But at St. James we see something different: we see children of God with untold promise. We started something different: a tuition-free school for kids from the most underserved families.

Now we need to turn our focus to sustaining this work, to continuing to do a better job for our students, their families, the neighborhood, and the city. We'll be working hard to sustain the good work we've seen and started here, and we'll be relying on you for help as we have every step of the way—because we couldn't do any of it without you.

Thanks for believing in the vision, for helping us start St. James School, and for working with us to sustain the mission of transformation here.

Sincerely,

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The Reverend Sean E. Mullen Board President and Co-Founder of St. James School

201314 highlights&numbers

Find these stories & more at StJamesPhila.org



Di Bruno Bros. announces St. James as its 75th anniversary partner to help renovate our outdated kitchen and launch a food program.



St. James Forum: 100 attendees from 20 churches in a day of reflection and discussion about the role of faith communities in education.

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New



Add 7 Campaign is a success, with over 150 donors funding renovation of a new 7th grade classroom.



5,000+

High School Placement and Graduate Support program launches to increase focus on preparing students for best-fit high schools; first high school fair held.



New choir program — led by Dr. Darryl Roland - and a partnership with Tune Up Philly (with violin, flute, and clarinet lessons).



Co-ed Huskies basketball team begins, competing in neighborhood middle school league.











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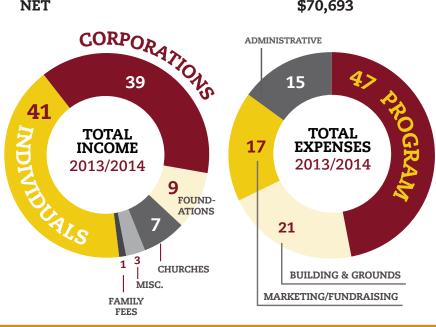
Unaudited statement of revenue and expenses

INCOME

TOTAL	\$1,184,697	
Family Fees	\$14,875	1%
Misc. Income	\$39,307	3%
Churches	\$77,120	7%
Foundations	\$110,868	9%
Corporations	\$454,657	39%
Individuals	\$487,869	41%

EXPENSES

Instructional and Program Expenses <i>Teacher and instructional assistant salaries, academic supplies,</i>	\$522,021 classroom technology	47%
Building and Grounds Utilities, Property Insurance, Maintenance	\$234,856	21%
Marketing and Fundraising Advancement staff, publications, events	\$186,772	17%
Administrative Staff, payroll taxes, business operations	\$170,355	15%
TOTAL	\$1,114,004	
NET	\$70,693	





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