Opening Doors

to High School & Beyond

2013-2014 ANNUAL REPORT
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,

The Reverend Sean E. Mullen

Board President and Co-Founder of St. James School
2013|14 highlights & numbers

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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.

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

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.

$1 million+ Scholarships raised

5,000+ Volunteer service hours

100 Most digits of pi memorized

16 New students

30 High school partnerships

30,000 Bees on campus

1 Number of weeks students rehearsed to perform first play

Most digits of pi memorized: 30,000

Number of bees on campus: 30,000

Number of students: 16

Number of high school partnerships: 30

Number of volunteer service hours: 5,000+
ANNUAL REPORT
JULY 1, 2013 – JUNE 30, 2014
Unaudited statement of revenue and expenses

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OUR MISSION  St. James School is a faith-based Philadelphia middle school in the Episcopal tradition, committed to educating traditionally underresourced students in a nurturing environment. The school is a community that provides a challenging academic program and encourages the development of the moral, spiritual, intellectual, physical and creative gifts in its students.