

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL

ANNUAL REPORT

2025-2026



**“Let us love one another,
because love is of God.”**

John 4:7



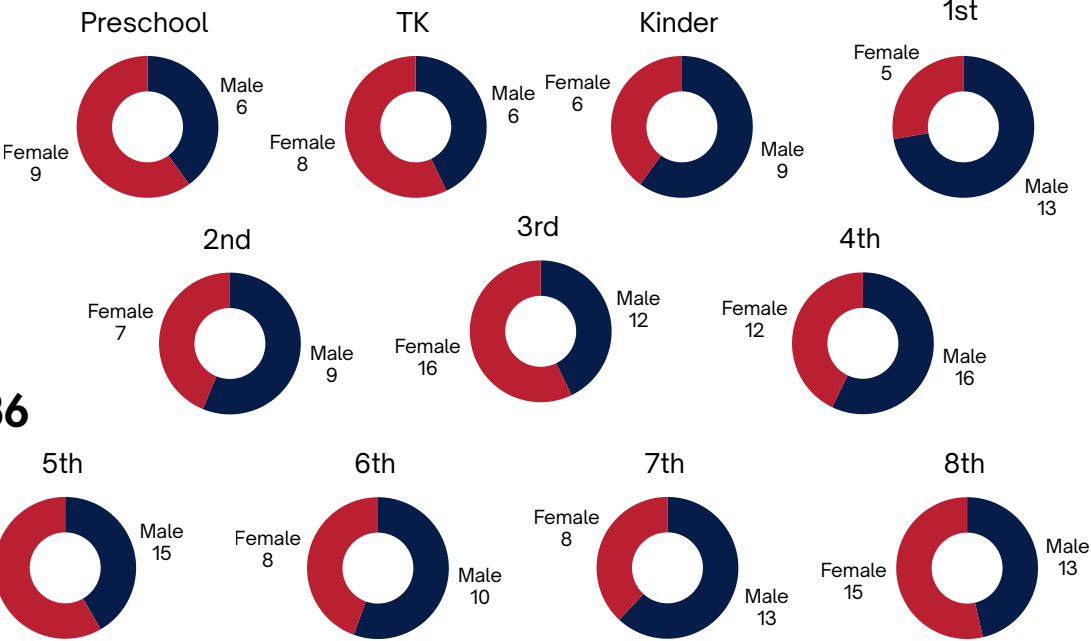
SJE Numbers at a Glance

Enrollment, Staffing, and Parent Leadership

TOTAL ENROLLMENT



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PARENT LEADERSHIP

37

PARENT LEADERS

8,108

VOLUNTEER HOURS

Families with 2 enrolled children

47

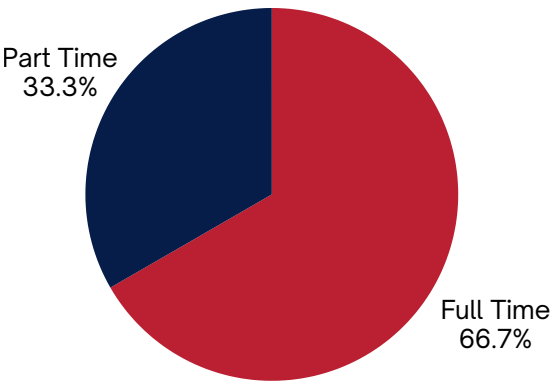
Families with 3 enrolled children

8

Families with 4 enrolled children

2

FACULTY & STAFF



TOTAL # OF STAFF: 33

8

Parents of SJE students

2

SJE Alumni

8

Employed at SJE for 10+ years

4

Employed at SJE for 5+ years

A Message from Father Colin Wen



It has been a whirlwind of a first year with all of you. As I joined a bit later into the year, I am thankful that I was so warmly welcomed by our parish and school families. I will say I really enjoy having a parish school to visit everyday. Our students are a blessing to be around and have a gift of lifting the spirit of those around them. Some of the highlights have been visiting our classes each week, hanging out with our students during lunch and recess, our School Masses on Fridays, and the opportunity to talk theology with so many. I especially enjoy the Seminar I am teaching on logical fallacies with our older students. My great joy in life is teaching so it has been a blessing to share that gift with so many of our kids. Alongside that it has been a joy to see how we have gathered together in celebration of the great feasts of the Church at Christmas and Easter but also as we are building intentional community together like at our Movie Night, Campus Cleanup Day, Date Night, and Parking Lot Yard Sale. I am excited for what the future holds as we continue to grow both in numbers and in faith as we walk together towards Christ.



A Message from Principal Kristen Beck

As I conclude my first school year as principal, I am filled with gratitude for the many blessings God has bestowed upon our school community. It was a bit of a rollercoaster ride with many ups and downs and I am thankful for our community and the unwavering support you all provided. This year, our students demonstrated growth not only in their academic achievement but also in their commitment to living the Gospel values. Academically, we remained committed to providing a rigorous and engaging curriculum that prepares students to become critical thinkers, effective communicators, and lifelong learners. We celebrate the accomplishments of our students across all grade levels and recognize the dedication of our faculty and staff in supporting their success. Our school community also benefited from the steadfast support of our parents, parish, volunteers, and benefactors. Your partnership, generosity, and commitment to Catholic education continue to strengthen our school and make possible the many opportunities we provide for our students. As we reflect on the year, we are proud of the progress we have made and are excited about the future. Guided by our faith and united in purpose, we remain committed to educating the whole child, mind, body, and spirit, and preparing our students to be disciples of Christ who will positively impact the world. Thank you for your continued support, prayers, and trust. May God bless our school community as we look forward to another year of growth, learning, and faith-filled excellence.

Academic Results

Reading benchmark attainment was 63% school wide. SJE outperformed the California average, where 49% of students are at or above grade level in English Language Arts.

Grade	% of students at or above reading benchmark	The average grade level equivalent at the end of the year
1	25%	N/A
2	50%	3.4
3	58%	5.2
4	64%	6.7
5	75%	9.3
6	65%	9.7
7	68%	10.3
8	63%	11.1

Mathematics benchmark attainment was 59% school wide. SJE outperformed the California average, where 35% of students are at or above grade level in Mathematics.

Grade	% of students at or above math benchmark	The average grade level equivalent at the end of the year
1	67%	N/A
2	50%	3.2
3	50%	4.3
4	52%	5.7
5	56%	7
6	65%	7.9
7	74%	8.8
8	67%	9.6

Faculty Spotlight: Kayla Grundhoefer



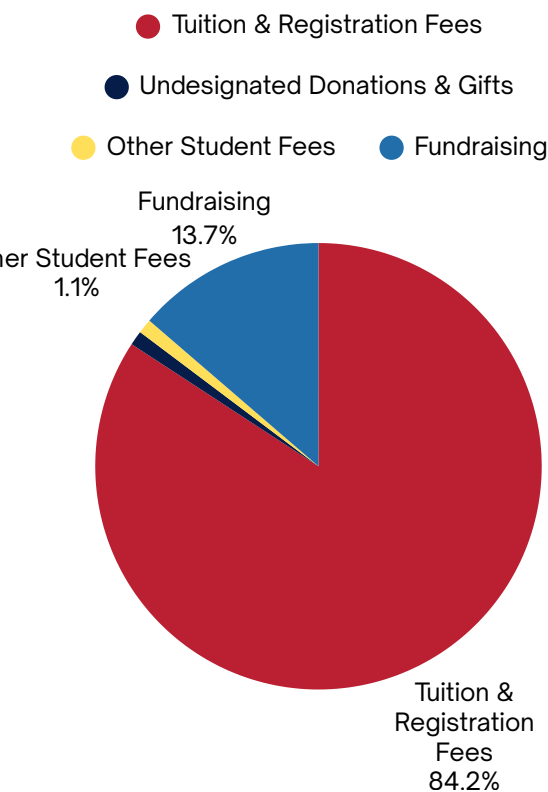
This year marked Mrs. Grundhoefer's 10th year in education. She has taught kindergarten, first grade, third grade, and science for students in kindergarten through fifth grade. Originally from Louisiana, she moved to California in 2011. Mrs. Grundhoefer earned her bachelor's degree from Louisiana Scholars' College and later completed her teaching credential at Sacramento State. A lover of nature and our Earth, she is the Environmental Club Advisor at SJE.

"What makes SJE truly special is the strong family engagement and sense of community. I love that we work as a team. People here go beyond what is expected and genuinely invest their time, energy, and talents to make our school the best it can be," says Mrs. Grundhoefer.

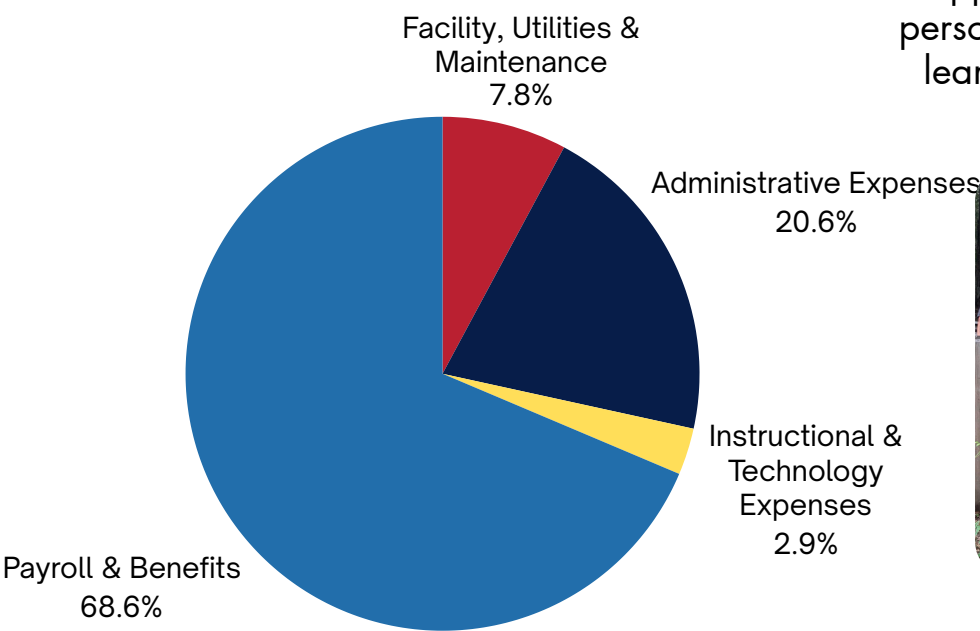
Her favorite SJE tradition is Donut Sunday because it builds connections between the school and parish communities, strengthening the relationships that make SJE such a welcoming and supportive place for students and families.

Financial Overview

2025-2026 Income



2025-2026 Expenses



Program Spotlight: Culinary Arts Club

Students in the Culinary Arts Club met weekly to develop essential cooking skills while preparing delicious, healthy meals using locally sourced ingredients. SJE is excited to continue growing and expanding its Culinary Arts program in the years to come.

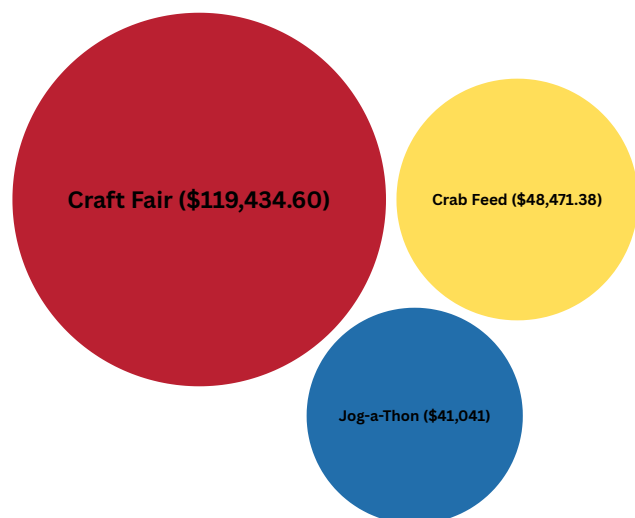


Field Trip Spotlight: Alliance Redwoods

The 5th grade field trip to Alliance Redwoods provided students with opportunities for adventure, personal growth, and hands-on learning in the beauty of the redwood forest.



Fundraising Overview



Craft Fair

The 2025 Craft Fair raised an impressive \$119,434.60 for St. John the Evangelist. The three-day event featured 113 vendors and welcomed more than 3,000 attendees from across the community. As SJE's largest fundraiser, now in its 47th year, the Craft Fair continues to be one of the most anticipated and successful weekends of the year.

Crab Feed

The 2026 Crab Feed was the highest-grossing Crab Feed in SJE history, raising an incredible \$48,471.38. One of the school's most beloved traditions, the event featured delicious crab, tri tip (generously donated by Raley's Bel Air), a silent auction, live auction, Fund-a-Need, shot ladder, dessert auction, and the famous SJE Jell-O shots. Our dedicated 7th grade student servers also raised more than \$5,000 to support their 8th grade trip to Washington, D.C. and New York, making the evening both a memorable celebration and a tremendous success for the SJE community.

Jog-a-Thon

The 2026 space-themed Jog-a-Thon was truly out of this world! Our students ran nonstop for 30 minutes, showing incredible energy and school spirit while raising funds to support SJE. Together, they collected an amazing \$41,041 in donations for the school.

Your Contributions in Action

Hackberry Gate

An 8-foot wrought iron fence was installed along Hackberry Lane, replacing the existing chain-link fence. This upgrade enhances campus security by providing a stronger perimeter barrier while also improving the overall appearance of the property. In addition, automatic gates with secure passcode access were installed, allowing us to better monitor and track campus access, including who enters the campus and when.



Preschool Concrete

The preschool playground underwent significant improvements, including the installation of new concrete surfaces, an upgraded walkway, and an expansion of the playground area through additional concrete work. These enhancements create a safer environment for children by improving the playground and pedestrian pathways while also increasing the usable outdoor space for preschool activities.



Tralee HVAC

The Tralee Center's HVAC system underwent a complete overhaul, significantly enhancing the comfort and functionality of the space. These improvements have created a more welcoming environment and expanded the school's ability to accommodate a wider range of activities and events for both our school and parish communities.



Stage Risers

Through this year's Student Council fundraisers, including Ducky Day, the Snack Bar, Candy Grams, and the Bake Sale, students raised more than \$5,000 to support the school. These funds were used to purchase new stage risers, which will enhance performances, concerts, choir presentations, and other school events. This achievement reflects the dedication of our students and their commitment to enriching the school community.



Tralee Center and Preschool Roof

This summer, the Tralee Center and Preschool will receive new roofs as part of a major campus renovation project. These important upgrades will enhance and protect both spaces, supporting their long-term sustainability and creating lasting value for our students, families, and staff for years to come.



No Tuition Increase

One of our school's top priorities is ensuring that a Catholic education remains affordable for our families. Thanks to careful stewardship and planning, tuition will not increase for the 2026–2027 school year, the first time in many years that we have been able to hold tuition flat.



2025-2026 Donor Recognition

\$5,000+

Dr. Jon Finkler
Jeff Hallsten
Raleys/Bel Air
Wahl Foundation
Mr. and Mrs. Johnson

\$500+

Deacon Keith and Pam Johnson
Roger Camacho
Margaret Moncada
Mark & Monica's Family Pizza
Seek Market & Brand
Law Office of John Holbus
Hutchcraft Plumbing

Young Alumni Giving Campaign

Kameron Bustamante
Mark Camacho
Penny-Lane Hernandez
Andrew Hornsby
Owen Johnson
Dante Manivong
Ella Martinez
Posey McAleese
Ollie McCoy
Ethan Pescetti
Nate Ramos
Lilly Sanchez-Juarez
Dolan Slaughter
Becca Teel
Savanna Wong

\$2,500+

Mark and JoAnn Eidem
Brian Harp
Andis Wines
JHR Builders Inc.

\$100+

Raymond and Teresa Irwin
Marilee Courtright
Donald and Frances Koscheski
Robert and Monica Cates
Ann Angelo
Jacqueline Kelso
Thomas and Georgette Wright
Roy and Kathy Lasich
Gloria Wilson
Warner and Mary Seargeant
Todd and Gwenell Wilson
Huggins Family
Emmanuel and Edith Hernandez
Tom and Cindy Storelli
Sharon Arrieta
Golden Hills Pest Control
Carlino Family
Fair Oaks Brew Pub

\$1,000+

Theresa Baumgartner
William and Lori Porter
Tom and Donna Ennis
Bob and Cindy O'Malley
Michael Corcoran
Jacqueline Sanders
Craig and Sharon Parker
Gary Angelo Thodas
Shenanigans Kitchen & Bar
Podesta & Co.
Law Offices of Ahn Phoong
Philippe Studio Pro

St. John the Evangelist would like to acknowledge the anonymous donor who made a very generous \$60,000 donation to the school this year.

As part of our ongoing efforts to better serve our community, we recently implemented a new donor database and are in the process of migrating our records. We sincerely apologize if any 2025–2026 donations were inadvertently omitted or recorded incorrectly. If you believe your contribution is not reflected accurately, please contact us at advancement@stjohnnev.com so we can promptly review and update our records. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Volunteer Spotlight: Mr. Dan Coleman

For seven years, Mr. Dan Coleman, grandfather of Alyssa Coleman '26, spent his lunch hour at SJE each and every school day. By volunteering to supervise lunch, he provided countless hours of service while building relationships with students and supporting our school community. His unwavering dedication and generosity left a lasting impact on SJE and serves as a wonderful example of grandparent involvement.



Catholic Schools Advisory Commission

The Catholic Schools Advisory Commission (CSAC) is the advisory board that supports and advises school leadership on important areas related to facilities, safety, enrollment, advancement, parent engagement, and mission effectiveness. CSAC works closely with the Pastor and Principal to help strengthen the school community, uphold Catholic values, and ensure students receive a high-quality academic and spiritual education.



Chris Ives
Chairperson



Father Colin Wen
Pastor



Kristen Beck
Principal



Cathy Davis
Vice Principal



Melanie Jagla
Secretary & Marketing



Greg Thodas
Facilities & Safety



Annie Narayan
Advancement &
Enrollment



Caytie Galgani
Mission Effectiveness &
Parent Engagement

BRANDING

We've updated our look!



SCHOOL LOGO



ATHLETICS



CREST



PHYS ED



MASCOT



MONOGRAM



Leadership in Action

Students who are interested in leadership have the opportunity to run for Student Council, join Junior St. Vincent de Paul, or become part of the nationally recognized BETA Club.

Junior St. Vincent de Paul volunteers support the Parish's food locker, helping provide groceries, financial assistance, and basic necessities to the local community.

The Beta Club, a student organization that recognizes academic achievement, leadership, and a commitment to service, was founded in 2025. At our school, members are expected to maintain strong grades while also giving back to the community. Throughout the year, Beta Club participates in service projects such as campus clean-ups, donation drives, and helping at school events. Members also have opportunities to develop leadership skills by organizing activities and working as a team. Being part of Beta Club means showing responsibility, kindness, and a willingness to make a positive impact both in and out of the classroom. It's a great way for students to grow as leaders while supporting their school and community.



Academic Competitions

- Academic Decathlon
- SCRIPS Spelling Bee
- Mental Math Bowl
- Religious Decathlon



Family Spotlight: The Ramos Family

When Stephen and Kayla Ramos were looking for a school for their children, they were looking for a place where their kids would be challenged academically, grow in their faith, and feel genuinely loved and supported by their teachers and classmates.

"From the moment we visited, SJE felt like home. The strong sense of community, dedicated staff, and faith-filled environment made it an easy decision for our family," says Kayla.

Their oldest daughter Addison is an 8th grader and will serve as the Student Council President during the 2026-27 school year. She is also a member of the Beta Club, and plays on multiple school and Club sports teams. Their daughter Joslyn is on the Track & Field team, Basketball team, Religious Decathlon team, and is a cheerleader for the Jesuit Jr. Marauders. Their son Hunter is in 1st grade and is a past recipient of the Roger Niello Award. They also have a toddler who will start TK at SJE in 2028.

Stephen and Kayla, who both work in law enforcement, serve on the school's Safety Committee and volunteer as security during Mass every Friday.



Family Leadership

Century Club

The Century Club is a special honor celebrating families who generously volunteer 100 or more hours of service to SJE throughout the school year.

Elizabeth Breault and Besi Muslija
Laura Vargas and Mike Daniel
Josh and Lisa Ehrhardt
Chris and Jami French
Steve and Caytie Galgani
Brad and Christina Gerry
Jason and Heidi Greer
Jason and Andrea Guenthart
Eric Hernandez
James and Liz Harrison
Davey and Patti Hoffman
Scott and Cathi Johnson
Josh and Julie Leonard
Phil and Shannon Myers
Shawn Narayan
Stephen and Kayla Ramos
Josh and Brittaney Russell
Jason and Laura Savelli
Row and Kristine Seraspi
Jacob and Katie Sooy
Casey and Kelley Spaich
Irene Galdamez and Tim Spinelli
Greg and Ali Thodas
Cordell and Amanda Trumbo
Rachel French and Nick Tulleners
Cynthia Villarimo-Schauer and Mark Gilligan
Dan Coleman
Judy Witteborg

A special thank you to Mrs. Patsy Holbus for her extraordinary dedication and leadership of the SJE Craft Fair. For an incredible 47 years, Patsy has guided this cherished tradition with vision, passion, and unwavering commitment. Her countless contributions have helped make the Craft Fair a hallmark event in our community, and we are deeply grateful for her years of service and stewardship.

Parent Club Officers

President: Cait Balthrop, Caytie Galgani
Vice President: Caytie Galgani, Laura Savelli
Secretary: Nicole Latimer
Hospitality Chair: Kathleen Becker
Head Room Parent: Jami French

Safety Committee

Greg Thodas, Joshua Ehrhardt, Zack Yasonia, Ali Thodas, Steve and Kayla Ramos, Shannon Myers, Cordell Trumbo, Josh and Brittaney Russell, Monica Bustamante, Mike Daniels, Kelly McCoy

Room Parents:

Preschool

Heather Sanders, Zayra Barrios, Brooklyn Benevides

Transitional Kindergarten

Patti Hoffman, Lisa Erhardt, Colleen Wahl, Tiffany Ardisana

Kindergarten

Amanda Trumbo, Laura Savelli, Kelley Spaich, Annie Narayan

1st Grade

Lauren Marshall, Liz Harrison

2nd Grade

Olivia Pavelchik, Amanda Fairman, Christina Gerry

3rd Grade

Becca Breining, Courtney Arrietta, Brittaney Russell, Ali Thodas

4th Grade

Becca Jorin, Cynthia Darcy, Christine Hutchcraft

5th Grade

Heidi Greer, Andrea Guenthart

6th Grade

Clayton Renzo, Amy Ives, Mona Maggio

7th Grade

Christina Richardson, Ali Thodas, Kristine Seraspi

8th Grade

Cyndi Villarimo, Leslie Juarez, Keri Wong, Erin Myers



Kameron Bustamante, Jesuit High School
 Mark Camacho, Jesuit High School
 Claire Carson, Rio Americano High School
 Anna Chrisman, Bella Vista High School
 Alyssa Coleman, Granite Bay High School
 Santana Daugherty, Jesuit High School
 Mary Gilligan, Granite Bay High School
 Penny-Lane Hernandez, St. Francis High School*
 Carmel Holbus, Granite Bay High School*
 Sophia Holbus, Granite Bay High School*
 Andrew Hornsby, Christian Brothers High School
 Jack Horton, Jesuit High School*
 Owen Johnson, Del Campo High School*
 Jackson Kann, Jesuit High School*
 Clay Leonard, Jesuit High School
 Nick Luppino, Jesuit High School*
 Dante Manivong, Jesuit High School
 Ella Martinez, Rio Americano High School
 Posey McAleese, Rio Americano High School
 Ollie McCoy, St. Francis High School*
 Stella Myers, St. Francis High School
 Ethan Pescetti, Jesuit High School
 Nate Ramos, Jesuit High School
 Lilly Sanchez-Juarez, Granite Bay High School
 Tera Sieving, St. Francis High School
 Dolan Slaughter, Jesuit High School
 Becca Teel, Rio Americano High School
 Savanna Wong, Bella Vista High School*
 *Indicates Forever Eagles, students who have attended SJE since preschool.

Evangelist Award

Penny-Lane Hernandez

Academic Excellence Award

Nickolas Luppino

Outstanding Christian Citizenship Award

Nathan Ramos, Claire Carson

Outstanding Personal Achievement

Alyssa Coleman

Knights of Columbus Scholarship Awards

Santana Daugherty, Penny-Lane

Hernandez, Andrew Hornsby, Olivia

McCoy

Knights of Columbus Alter Server Awards

Jackson Kann, Ethan Pescetti

Excellence in Art

Ella Martinez

Excellence in English

Savanna Wong

Excellence in Literature

Mary Gilligan

Excellence in Math

Nathan Ramos

Excellence in Music

Rebecca Teel

Excellence in Religion

Sophia Holbus

Excellence in Social Studies

Kameron Bustamante

Excellence in Science

Nickolas Luppino

Student Athlete Awards

Penny-Lane Hernandez, Carmel Holbus



Athletics

Athletic Director: Kevin Rogers

Fall Sports

Boys Flag Football, Coached by Joe Kann and Eric Hernandez

Cross Country, Coached by Cynthia Villarimo

JV Girls Volleyball, Coached by Laura Daniel, Holly Ferguson and Kelly McCoy

Varsity Girls Volleyball, Coached by Holly Ferguson, Jayme Hernandez and Kelly McCoy

Winter Sports

Varsity Boys Basketball, Coached by Nick Luppino, Joe Kann and Thomas Vang

JV Boys Basketball, Coached by Curtis Ralph and Brent Roedell

JV Girls Basketball, Coached by Ryan Nelson and John Popjevallo

Spring Sports

Golf, Coached by Jason Guenthart and Eric Hernandez

Boys Volleyball, Coached by Jayme Hernandez and Lisa Slaughter

Track and Field, Coached by Cynthia Villarimo, Nick Horton and Scott Johnson

Little Dribblers Basketball

1st and 2nd Grade Boys, Coached by Brad Gerry

1st and 2nd Grade Girls, Coached by Jordan Pare, Penny-Lane Hernandez and Emma Luppino

3rd Grade Girls, Coached by Phil Rasmussen

3rd Grade Boys, Coached by Zack Yasonia and Jason Jagla

4th Grade Girls, Coached by James Harrison

4th Grade Boys, Coached by Phil Rasmussen and Chris Jorin



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