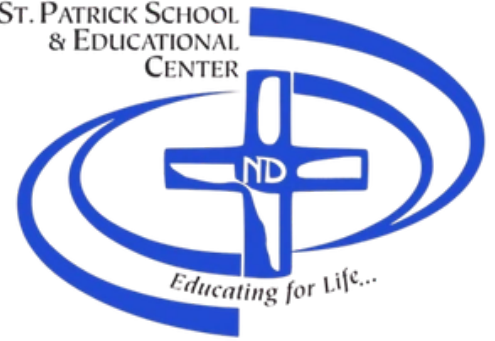


**SAINT PATRICK SCHOOL &
EDUCATIONAL CENTER**

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& EDUCATIONAL
CENTER



ANNUAL REPORT 2026

BUILT ON FAITH, GROUNDED IN EXCELLENCE



**A PRIVATE
CATHOLIC
SCHOOL FOR
CHILDREN**

PRE-KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 8

A photograph of two children, a boy and a girl, sitting at a desk in a classroom. They are both wearing light blue polo shirts. The boy is on the left, smiling, and the girl is on the right, also smiling. The desk has some papers and a pencil holder. In the background, there are shelves with books, a map, and other classroom items.

WELCOME

Saint Patrick School & Educational Center is a faith-filled learning community rooted in the charism and Hallmarks of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur. Guided by Gospel values and a deep commitment to human dignity, we educate the whole child—mind, heart, and spirit—within a caring and culturally diverse environment.

MISSION STATEMENT

Inspired by the mission of the **Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur**, Saint Patrick School and Educational Center makes known the Goodness of God by providing for the educational needs of children, youth, and adults within a caring, culturally diverse environment based upon Gospel values.

PHILOSOPHY

As a **Catholic School**, we teach as Jesus did, building community, teaching the Gospel and giving service. We teach our children to do the same. In learning these values, our children practice them in our school and neighborhood setting. We believe that this will enable them to be caring and responsible members of the wider community in which they live. In fidelity to foundress, Saint Julie Billiart's preference for the poor people as they struggle for adequate means for human life and dignity, we work with others to transform unjust structures and systems as we participate in creating new ways of relating which enable all to experience more fully the Goodness of God.

**“Teach them what they need
to equip them for life.”**

— St. Julie Billiart



LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Saint Patrick School is committed to strong academic outcomes and student success.



MARY KELLY
Principal



Dear Friends,

I am very proud to be the Principal at St. Patrick School & Educational Center. For more than 170 years, this has been a place of faith, hope, and opportunity in the City of Lowell. Today, our mission is centered on providing a high-quality Catholic education to the children of the newest immigrants, refugees, and families made poor within the greater Lowell community. We serve students in Pre-K through Grade 8, many of whom face significant economic and social challenges, yet all are united by a shared desire for a faith-based education.

At St. Patrick School, we educate the whole child in mind, body, and spirit. Our incredibly dedicated faculty and staff work tirelessly to create a nurturing environment where students are known, supported, and challenged to reach their full potential. Through small class sizes, individualized attention, and faith woven into daily learning, our students grow academically while developing strong character, compassion, and a commitment to service.

Generous donors help make this mission possible. Their partnership helps us provide critical financial assistance, maintain strong academic programs, and ensure that Catholic education remains accessible to families who would otherwise be unable to afford it. Together, we are transforming lives and strengthening our community one child at a time.

Mary E. Kelly



Our Community In Practice

Saint Patrick School and Educational Center is a family of students, teachers, and parents who share belief in God and form a community of welcome and respect for all. We are committed to excellence in education and believe all children are learners.

We recognize that students—and educators—have different learning styles. In our instruction and evaluation, we make a conscious effort to recognize and respond to these differences so that every child is supported, challenged, and known.



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Saint Patrick's is a wonderful school to work at. We have dedicated academic students who strive to learn and care for one another. Our friendly staff actively and regularly communicates, making the school day flow with ease.

Our principal has an open-door policy and is always available for teachers, students, and families, ensuring that all needs and concerns are addressed. We are a happy educational center in the heart of Lowell!

Jessica Green, St. Patrick's Grade 6 teacher

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THE SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME DE NAMUR

A congregation of Catholic Sisters founded by St. Julie Billiart in France in 1804, the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur make known God's goodness through educating for life and taking a stand with the most abandoned people and those living in poverty.



"Saint Patrick School is the fulfillment of St. Julie's message to: "Teach them what they need for life." and "We only need to plant the seed and HE will bring to fruition all that is GOOD!"

**-Sister Marietta Brown, SNDdeN
St. Patrick Board Member**

HISTORY

In 1852, in response to an invitation from the pastor of St. Patrick's parish, five Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur arrived in Lowell to care for and educate the children of newly arrived Irish Catholic immigrants living in the Acre section of the city.

From the beginning, the Sisters' ministry at St. Patrick's has focused on the immigrant population and extended beyond education. St. Patrick's has always supported families as they adapt to a new city, culture, and, in many cases, a new language.



**Sr. Marietta Brown SNDdeN,
St. Patrick Board Member** visting the school.



Members of the U.S. East-West Province Leadership Team pictured left to right are: Ginny Scally, SNDdeN, Maria Delaney, SNDdeN, Patricia O'Brien, SNDdeN, Kathryn Keenan, SNDdeN, Roberta Rzeznik, SNDdeN, Board Member, St. Patrick School & Educational Center

"St. Patrick School, a sponsored ministry of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, for 175 years has been educating children not only academically but has instilled in them the values of goodness, justice and service. This learning community focuses on holistic development in order to prepare students for lifelong learning and personal growth."

**-Sister Roberta Rzeznik, SNDdeN
SNDden Leadership, St. Patrick Board Member**



**Scan to learn more about
The Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur
and Foundress, Saint Julie Billiart**



WHY SAINT PATRICK'S MATTERS

THE IMPACT OF SAINT PATRICK SCHOOL IS BEST UNDERSTOOD THROUGH THE VOICES OF THOSE WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED IT.

“St. Patrick embraced our family from day one. The teachers are smart, compassionate, and deeply committed, and the after-school program helped my kids grow and thrive. Their Catholic education at St. Patrick's was pivotal in their success.

Years later, what they remember most is the community, and it is the same **sense of belonging** they looked for when choosing their high school and now as they choose colleges.

I believe so strongly in what St. Patrick's does for families and the wider community that I serve on the board to give back a small part of what the school has given us.”

-Leslie Wong, former parent and board member



Photo: Study Abroad, Germany (2026)

“St. Patrick School is a community that feels like a family and a second home, building strong connections across all grades.

It gave me a **strong academic foundation** and the **courage to navigate social settings**, meet new people, and stay organized.

With a community devoted to **sharing the love of God**, I developed strong morals and a clear sense of right and wrong.

The most meaningful part of my time at St. Patrick's was the **friendships** that have stayed with me as we prepare for college.”

— Kalani Wong-Lovato
SPS Class of 2023
NDA Tyngsboro '27

“The best part of Saint Patrick's was the community. I made friendships there that I still carry with me, and that sense of belonging shaped who I am and **gave me the confidence to try new things and speak up for myself.** Saint Patrick's also taught me discipline and gave me a strong academic foundation.

When I started high school at The Academy of Notre Dame, **I felt prepared** because I already knew what it meant to work hard and be part of a supportive community.”

-Kaleo Wong-Lovato
SPS Class of 2022
NDA, Tyngsboro '26

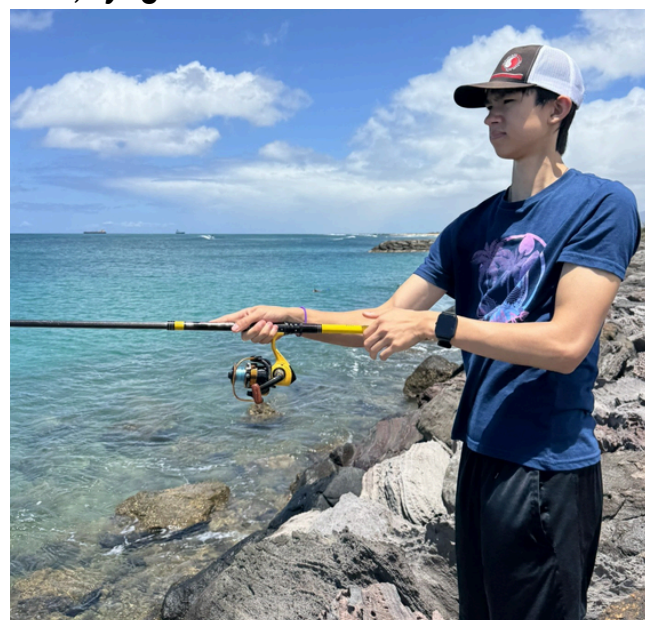


Photo: Kaleo's favorite hobby, 2025

He started the Fishing Club at NDA, Tyngsboro and his eco-conscious outlook led him to select Environmental Engineering for college.

ACCESS & OPPORTUNITY



ACCESS TO A CATHOLIC EDUCATION AT SAINT PATRICK SCHOOL IS MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH THOUGHTFUL STEWARDSHIP AND THE GENEROSITY OF OUR COMMUNITY.



93%

of Students receive financial aid



100%

of Grade 8 Students received scholarships in 2025



87%

qualify for free lunch

TOGETHER, WE ENSURE THAT FINANCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES NEVER STAND IN THE WAY OF FAITH-FILLED EDUCATION.

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

“The program invites students to explore the interconnectedness of all living things and their own place within the web of creation.”



CUVILLY PROGRAM LEARNING THROUGH CREATION

Through the Cuvilly Program, Saint Patrick School's fifth-grade students engage in immersive, experiential learning that brings science, faith, and stewardship together. Set within natural grassland, woodland, and agricultural environments in Ipswich, MA, the program invites students to explore the interconnectedness of all living things and their own place within the web of creation. Students participate in hands-on activities that illustrate food chains and food webs, helping them understand how the health and well-being of each organism supports the strength of the whole.

The Cuvilly Arts & Earth Center is a ministry of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur that offers arts and earthbased programs and curriculum that foster creativity, ecological awareness, and care for creation across all ages.

LEGO® EDUCATION STEAM PROGRAM



With support from the **Catholic School Foundation**, Saint Patrick School & Educational Center is expanding hands-on learning through a new STEAM initiative that prepares students for the future.

This investment supports the development of a school-wide STEAM curriculum integrating science, technology, engineering, art, and math. Through partnerships with LEGO Education and True Robotics, along with new interactive classroom technology, students engage in problem-solving, creativity, and collaborative learning. The program also strengthens community connections through planned collaboration with University of Massachusetts Lowell, introducing students to real-world applications and future career pathways.

Innovative teaching through STEAM and project-based learning



CATHOLIC IDENTITY & FORMATION

FAITH IN DAILY LIFE

Faith is not confined to a single moment at Saint Patrick School—it shapes the rhythm of each day and the life of the community.

Students and staff regularly gather for school-wide Mass and shared meals, strengthening both faith and fellowship within our community. Prayer is woven intentionally throughout the school year, including the daily rosary during the months of October and May, inviting reflection, unity, and shared spiritual practice across grade levels.

Each year, the school intentionally lifts up one of the **Hallmarks of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur**, allowing students and staff to explore its meaning more deeply and live it out in classrooms, relationships, and daily interactions. Through this annual focus, the Hallmarks come to life as guiding values that shape how we learn, lead, and care for one another, with an emphasis on the dignity of every person and our shared responsibility to build a compassionate community.

Seasonal liturgical celebrations further bring faith to life. During **Advent** and **Christmas**, the community gathers for prayer, scripture, music, and a celebration of the **Three Kings**. On January 6, students and staff participate in an **Epiphany** prayer service and the blessing of classroom doors, marking the new year with purpose and tradition. During **Lent**, students prayerfully engage in the Living **Stations of the Cross**, reflecting on Christ's journey and connecting faith to empathy, service, and justice.



The Hallmarks answer the question:
“What distinguishes a Notre Dame Learning Community?”

THE HALLMARKS

of a Notre Dame de Namur Learning Community



Hallmark 1

We proclaim by our lives even more than by our words that God is good.

Hallmark 2

We honor the dignity and sacredness of each person.

Hallmark 3

We educate for and act on behalf of justice, peace, and care for all creation.

Hallmark 4

We commit ourselves to community service.

Hallmark 5

We embrace the gift of diversity.

Hallmark 6

We create community among those with whom we work and with those we serve.

Hallmark 7

We develop holistic learning communities that educate for life.

SERVICE & MISSION IN ACTION



At **Saint Patrick School & Educational Center**, learning is strengthened through relationships rooted in faith and service. Through a **partnership with Notre Dame Cristo Rey High School and its Corporate Work Study Program**, Saint Patrick students benefit from the guidance and example of older students who once stood where they stand today. **United by the mission of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur**, this collaboration reflects a beautiful full circle of formation—students supporting students, learning across generations, and **giving back to the same mission that continues to shape their lives**. It is faith in action and education lived with purpose.

Through service, students participate in a shared Notre Dame mission—*learning that faith calls us to give back.*



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK SERVICE

Donation drives benefiting Catie's Closet and the Lowell Humane Society invite our community to practice compassion and stewardship through meaningful acts of giving.

ALUMNI & COMMUNITY IMPACT

1200+ ALUMNI

Carrying forward the values of faith, learning, and service



Alumni returning to the place where their journey began.

THROUGH THE YEARS



PHILANTHROPY IN ACTION: WHAT YOUR SUPPORT MAKES POSSIBLE

ACCESS TO A FAITH-FILLED EDUCATION THROUGH TUITION ASSISTANCE

Where Your Support Makes a Difference:

- **Access to Catholic education** through tuition assistance and scholarships
- **Student support and enrichment**, including **classroom resources** and **experiential learning opportunities**
- **Essential support for students and families** facing financial hardship

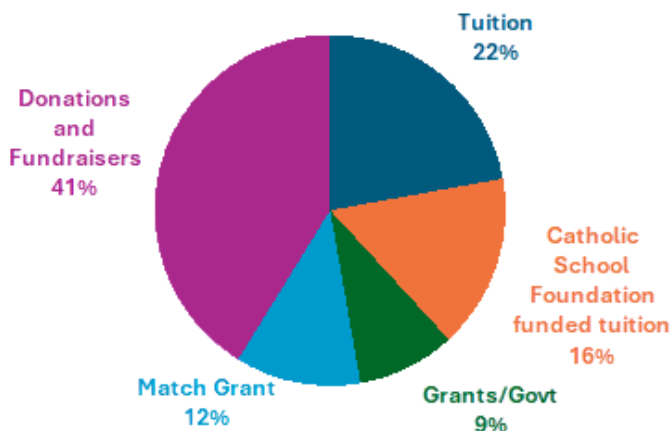


In an effort to keep tuition affordable, our tuition covers 40% of the cost of educating one student. *The remainder is covered by the generosity of benefactors.*

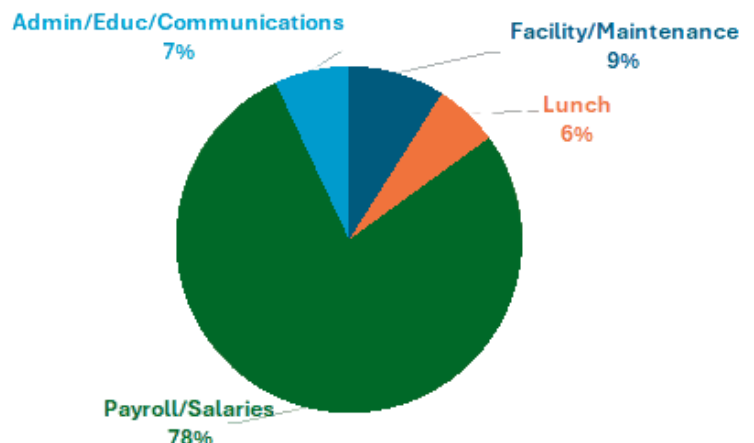
Cost to educate one student: \$11,360
Tuition and Fees: \$4550

OUR GOAL is to continue to make St. Patrick's affordable for our families and to ensure that a St. Patrick's education is available to all who wish for it. To reach that goal, we are committed to raising \$450,000 in 2026. With the generosity of alumni, benefactors, and foundations, we can realize that goal.

ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL INCOME



ST. PATRICK'S EXPENSES



WHERE GENEROSITY MEETS IMPACT

Our individual benefactors and the organizations represented here play a vital role in sustaining our mission and expanding opportunity for our students and families.

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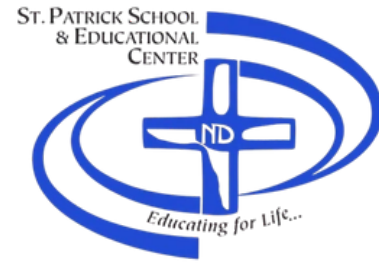
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Together, we continue to make known the Goodness of God through education.

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