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Pride in our Dast. Faith in our Future. September 25, 2017

Dear Friends of St. John School,

St. John School is steeped in tradition dating back over the past 165 years, recognizing the unique giftedness and dignity of every individual. As we embark on the largest Capital Campaign in the school's history, we ask for your blessing and prayers. St. John offers a curriculum with a strong foundation in gospel values and our Catholic faith, which will be relevant for decades to come. This campaign will enhance the learning environment for our children.

Over the past two years we have completed a comprehensive review of our campus (Pre-K 3 through 12th grade) and enlisted the services of Bani, Carville & Brown Architects. Henry Carville, a 1971 St. John graduate, has led the effort with faculty and the campaign committee.

Parts of the campus are much older, for example the high school and gymnasium were built in the 1950's and 60's and have had few, if any, major improvements. Our newer structures also have ongoing maintenance needs. Fortunately, we have been able to address the roof and air conditioning system on the elementary school and fire alarm and safety issues on campus. The gymnasium, the hub of activity for all St. John students, needs a complete refurbishing and air conditioning. The high school has the original boiler system, which needs immediate replacement.

Many of you remember the chapel and the quarters housing the religious on the second floor of the high school building. This structure has never been renovated to meet the needs of faculty or students. Technology upgrades throughout campus are needed to meet the latest educational practices and foster student learning. These projects and others are identified in the pages that follow.

Although each grade may have different needs, all student needs fall into similar categories. Renovations and enhancements will be done keeping the following ideas in mind.

- Provide a safe environment and connect the campus.
- Enhance technology and academic infrastructure to meet current learning needs and modalities of today's student.
- Embrace recreation and student life, which enhances the core curriculum and values unique to the culture of our St. John School family.

To build for the future, we need your prayerful and financial support. We challenge each family to make a gift for the success of the campaign. Realizing gifts come in all shapes and sizes, we ask each of you to pledge \$5,000 over the next three years. We are hopeful many gifts will be larger, we also realize every gift of any size is needed and appreciated equally. All gifts are confidential. You also have our commitment to inform you of the progress along the way.

Peace in Christ,

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