

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
CATHOLIC SCHOOL



ANNUAL REPORT 2025



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Principal's Message



Cheri Carter
St. John Principal

Dear St. John Catholic School Families & Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am pleased to share that our facilities updates are almost complete, bringing us closer to an enhanced educational environment for our students. This past year has been remarkable, and I want to extend a heartfelt thank you for your unwavering support and commitment.

Our students have thrived, particularly in the area of science, thanks to the guidance of Mrs. Manning and the invaluable resources provided by our state-of-the-art STEM Lab. It has been inspiring to witness their enthusiasm and growth in this critical field. As we look to the future, we remain dedicated to fostering this level of achievement across all academic areas.

We have exciting projects lined up to continue modernizing our campus, and we can't wait to share more updates with you. Your investment in our community is what makes such progress possible.

Together, we can ensure that our students continue to excel in their education. Thank you once again for a wonderful year, and we look forward to what lies ahead!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Cheri Carter



Pastor's Message



Dear St. John the Evangelist Catholic School Students & Families,

As we conclude this school year, I wish to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for the kind welcome and support you have provided since my arrival. It has been a wonderful experience getting to know the area and the parish, and I am grateful for the community that surrounds St. John the Evangelist Catholic School.

This past year has been filled with many blessings, and it has been a joy to witness the commitment and dedication of our students and families. I look forward to continuing to build relationships with each of you and getting to know our students better in the coming school year.

As we embark on our summer break, let us take a moment to reflect on the achievements of this year and to prepare ourselves for the opportunities that await us. I am looking forward to what the next school year holds and I eagerly anticipate further collaboration with our dedicated staff and families.

Wishing you all a joyful and restful summer.

Blessings,
Father Adam Kasela



Faculty and Staff



Sara Barrera,
Middle Grades



Christina Boswell,
1st Grade



Christine Cabral,
Art



Cheri Carter,
Principal



Meighan Carter,
PreK 4



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PreK 3



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Kindergarten



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Counselor



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3rd Grade

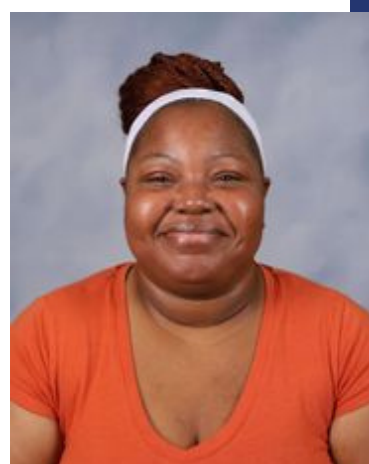
Faculty and Staff



Christine Johnson,
Office Coordinator



Fr. Adam Kasela



Julie Kier,
Custodian



Michelle Kirkpatrick,
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Eva Kompoltowicz,
Paraprofessional



Abbey Lineback,
5th Grade



Rachael Ludwig,
Special Area Educator



Maria Maldonado,
Custodian



Arlene Manning,
Middle Grades

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Bill McLendon,
Middle Grades



Erica Moore,
Extended Day



Lisa Murphy,
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Paraprofessional



Fr. Robert
Phillips



Pam Rickman,
Middle Grades



Barbara Selph,
Paraprofessional



Rose Stevenson,
4th Grade



Enrique Torres,
Maintenance

Faculty and Staff



Kippy Tift,
Librarian



Kirston Waters,
Music



Corey Wolford,
2nd Grade



Stephanie Valpuesta,
Spanish



**Empowering all students to
reach their full potential and
to follow the model of Christ.**



Year in Review & the Future

**2024 - 2025
Year in Review**

**2025 -2026
Our Future**



St. John the Evangelist Catholic School is filled with gratitude for the wonderful opportunities we've embraced and the challenges we've faced together in this 2024-2025 school year. We welcomed Father Adam to our parish and you've shown him what wonderful students we have! Mrs. Valpuesta was honored as the Diocese of Savannah's Powering Potential Excellence in Teaching Award winner. We are thankful to have her as a teacher here.

We endured Hurricane Helene that left us out of school and many without power for over a week. Then, 2025 started with a snow storm. It was amazing to look out and see everything covered in white. We are incredibly thankful for the resilience demonstrated by our teachers, staff, students, families, and parishioners as we united to restore our school, ensuring it was ready to welcome back our students post-storm.

Let us continue to grow, keeping our school's mission at the forefront of all we do.

Next school year promises to be an exciting time for students and families at St. John the Evangelist Catholic School! We are pleased to announce that there will be minimal changes to our faculty and staff, ensuring stability and continuity in our learning environment. With our dedicated educators and supportive community, we are looking forward to a productive and bright 2025-2026 school year. Together, let's make it a year filled with growth, achievement, and memorable experiences for all our students!

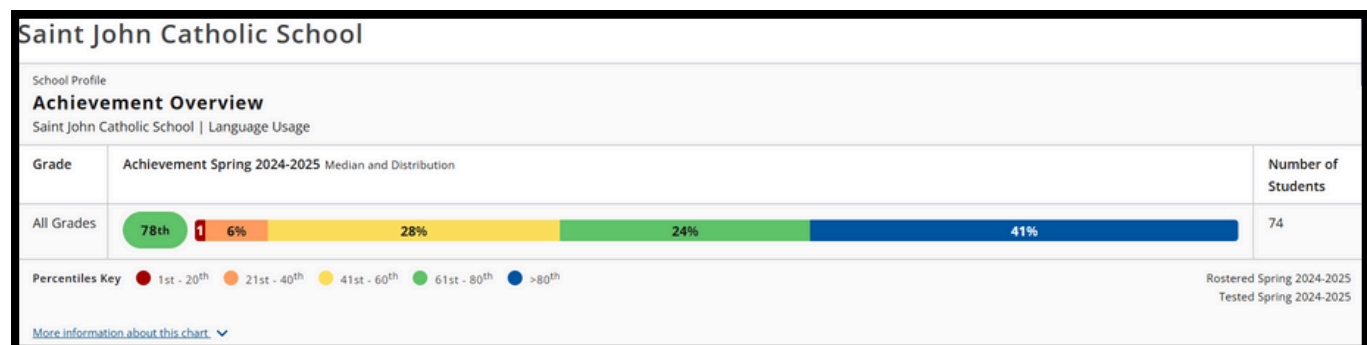
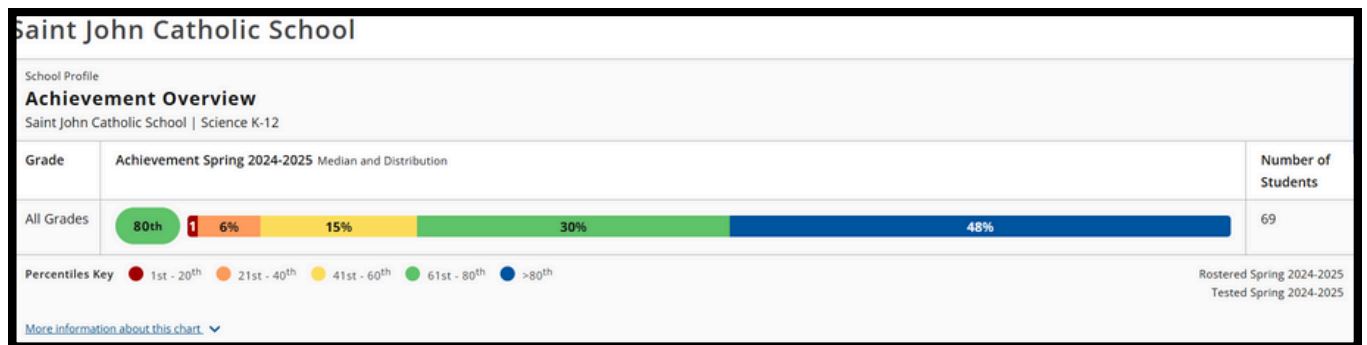
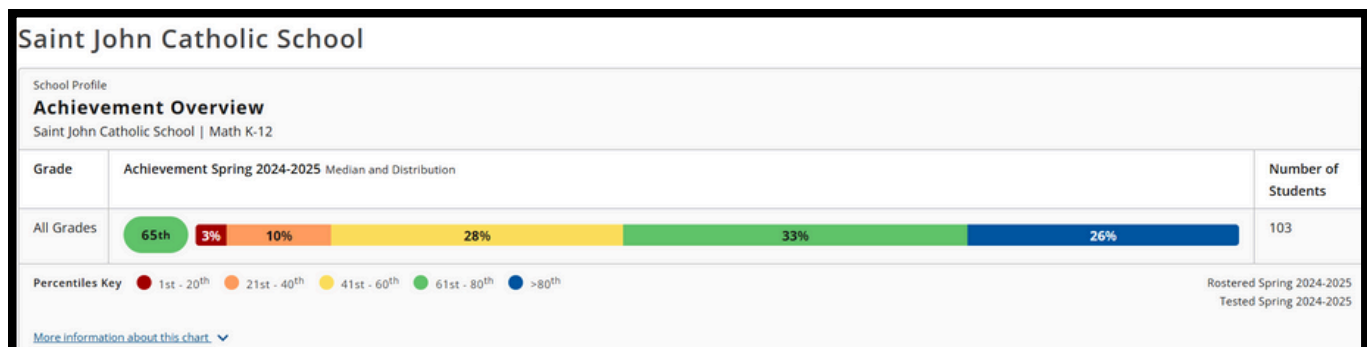


Performance Overview

We could not be more proud of our students. Thank you for partnering with us to ensure they receive the best education possible. To have a school average this high is amazing. Thank you to our dedicated teachers, parents, and students!



Spring School Average:





Home & School

- **Back to School Gathering**
- **Father-Daughter Dance**
- **Mother-Son Luau**
- **Reverse Draw Gala**
- **Cow Plop**
- **Special Lunches throughout the year**

At SJCS, we are blessed with active participation from our parents, grandparents, extended family, and teachers working together for the educational and spiritual enrichment of our children.

The Home and School Association is the primary vehicle to mobilize parental support for St. John Catholic School. HASA supports the school and enhances the school's mission through the active participation of the SJCS community. Through this hard work, HASA has created events and programs that both those at SJCS and our community as a whole have grown to love.

The HASA creates opportunities and coordinates volunteerism, bridges communication between parents and the school, shares knowledge of school activities, creates social interaction within the SJCS community and provides supplemental income to strengthen the financial health of the school.

Every SJCS parent/guardian is automatically a member of the Home and School Association of St. John Catholic School and is encouraged to take an active role. Meetings occur four times a year.

Thank You For Everything You Do For St. John School!





School Advisory Board

By its nature, the board is advisory. It is accountable to the pastor and to the principal in its operation. It agrees to follow the policies and administrative procedures of the Diocese of Savannah and the Office of Catholic Schools (OCS). Members agree that they will use their talents, gifts, and insights for the common good of the community to promote the mission and goals of Catholic education. They will defer their personal agendas in order to discern with other members the issues, concerns, and challenges they face in meeting the educational needs of the students. Not only will they take seriously their role as advisors to the pastor and principal, but they will accept the conditions of membership on the school advisory board, namely, the Code of Ethics for Board Members, which describes the parameters of their collaboration and responsibility. The members model the faith community to their constituents.

Members

- Daniel Storey
- Courtney Gooding
- John Joseph
- Meg Giddings
- William Wright
- Missy Sherwood
- BJ Wortman
- Cheri Carter
- Fathers Adam
- Sheryl Dasinger
- Katherine Gonos
- Hank Majeski
- Leo Larios
- Isabel Boatright

2024-2025 Focus was to gather alumni contact information, find ways to promote The 41 Fund, and generate a possible list of donors.



Reverse Draw Gala



Community Engagement

SOLD OUT venue! Businesses and individuals purchased sponsorships and tickets. We could not be more pleased with the turnout and attendance of this event.

Couples Fundraiser

Thank you to the Murphy, Vins, Storey, and Puckett Families! You made us laugh until it hurt with your 007 antics.

2026 Reverse Draw Gala

Mark your calendars for April 18th, 2026. Our Diamonds and Champagne theme is sure to be a hit!

School Support

Our parents ensured tickets were sold, businesses knew about sponsorship and/or donation opportunities, and prepared the venue for a beautiful event.

Church Support

Our Priests, Father Adam and Father Robert, promoted this event to St. John parishioners. We thank them for their support and for joining us at the Gala. We would like to thank the parishioners as well for attending and purchasing tickets.

Finally, congratulations to Celeine Gladwin, our Reverse Draw Gala Chair, for over 10 years of commitment to make this event successful for our school!





The 41 Fund

We were proud to introduce The 41 Fund this school year. This is St. John the Evangelist Catholic School's new annual fund.

Why The 41 Fund:

Established in 1941, St. John has provided a quality Catholic education for decades. While tuition covers the basic costs of education, the margin of excellence, which is the hallmark of the entire St. John experience, is provided by The 41 Fund.

Why Donate:

Contributions from donors, parents, grandparents, alumni, faculty, and friends ensure that our school continues to be a pillar in our community. This fund plays a crucial role in maintaining and enhancing the educational experience. Donations through this fund support academic excellence in the form of faculty support, curriculum enhancements, academic equipment, cultural and arts enhancements, and student opportunities. Your support of The 41 Fund contributes to the continued success and growth of the school.

Total Number of Donors

55

Total Amount Donated

\$25,672.70



2024-2025 Donors

The 41 Fund

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2024-2025 Reverse Draw Gala Donors

Reverse Draw Sponsorships

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Reverse Draw Donors

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ALMOST HOME CHARITIES
The Need is Always There. Let's Get Them Home.

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TAVERN



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MOM & DAD'S
Italian Restaurant

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, School Families, & Anonymous

Our Fundraising Couples: The Murphys, Vins, Pucketts, and Storeys

Ways To Give

Financial Contributions:

- Direct Donations: Donate directly to the school office, QR Code, or Website. www.sjcsvaldosta.org
- Planned Giving: Make long-term financial commitments through bequests, trusts, or charitable remainder trusts.
- Stock Donations: Donate stocks, bonds, or mutual funds to charities, which can offer tax advantages.
- Matching Gifts: Take advantage of employer matching programs to double the impact of your donations.
- Monthly Giving: Make regular, smaller donations to support organizations consistently.

Time and Skills:

- Volunteering: Donate your time and skills to St. John Catholic School, must be Virtus trained, and 21 years of age.
- Fundraising: Help during events or campaigns.
- Advocacy: Use your voice to support our school via word of mouth and social media.

Goods and Services:

- Donating Items: Donate items to classroom teachers.
- Providing Meals: We have special meals planned throughout the school year: serve in the kitchen, prepare meals, or provide the food.

The 41 Fund





Our Mission



Empowering all students to
reach their full potential and
to follow the model of Christ.



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Thank You

