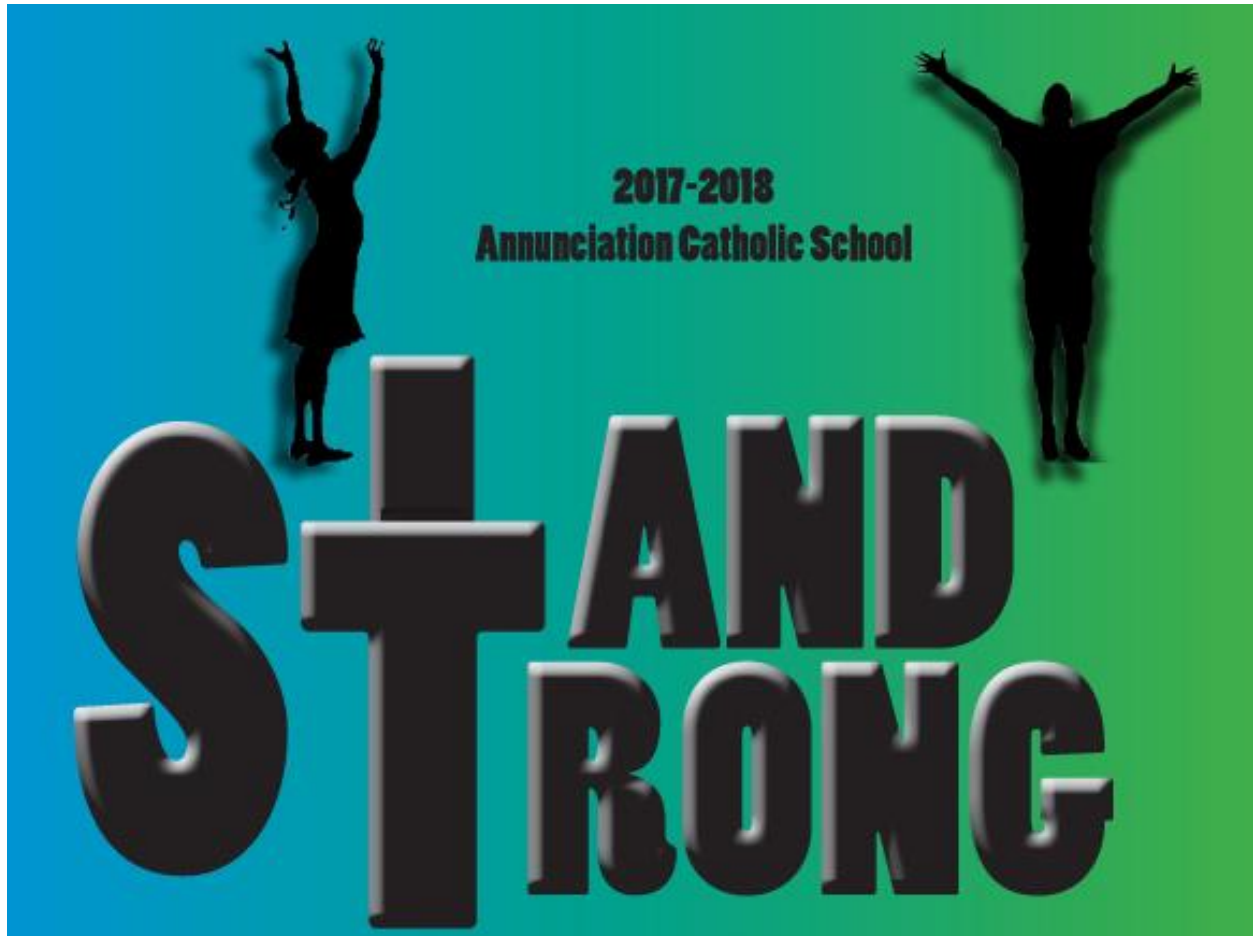


2017-2018 State of the School



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Character and Virtue Focus

A word cloud of character and virtue terms on a light blue background. The words are arranged in a roughly rectangular shape, with some larger and some smaller. The colors of the words range from dark blue to light blue. The words include: Optimism, Perspective, Enthusiasm, Kindness, Creativity, Transcendence, SelfControl, Fairness, Forgiveness, Love, Humility, Humour, Courage, Justice, Initiative, Empathy, Honesty, Bravery, Temperance, Leadership, Perseverance, AppreciationofBeauty, Prudence, GrowthMindset, SocialResponsibility, LoveofLearning, Wisdom, Teamwork, and Spirituality.

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State of the School Report

2017 – 2018 School Year

July 2018

Dear Annunciation Families,

Happy summer! We hope you are enjoying the summer with family and friends. The 2017/18 school year was filled with both joy and sorrow, accomplishments and struggles, winning and losing the “big game.” Our students laughed, cried and learned about themselves and their faith through it all. We have an amazing community and thank God every day that Annunciation Catholic School is our home away from home.

Living our mission statement, *To provide a Christ-like and learner friendly environment to better serve God and community*, is always at the forefront of whatever we do with and for our students, teachers and parents. This year we incorporated the use of virtues/character strengths to help us in this endeavor. Wisdom, Courage, Humanity, Justice, Temperance and Transcendence are the headings for the 26 virtues upon which we focused. As you read through the State of the School, look for elements of our mission statement and virtues embedded in what we accomplished this year. Our goal for next year is to continue on our path of incorporating virtues in our everyday life at school and home.

Thank you for all you bring to Annunciation Catholic School, we couldn't accomplish what we do without your help, energy, prayers and children! We wish our outgoing 8th graders the best of luck in their freshman year. Stand Strong!

We hope you have an enjoyable, faith-filled summer and please remember to ***always be kind, loving, caring and sharing.***

~ Jennifer Riordan

Yours in Christ,



Cindy Shields, Principal



Amy McCarty, Asst. Principal

Vision

Annunciation Catholic School's Vision is to provide a Catholic Education that recognizes and respects each student's uniqueness as a member of the Body of Christ. We awaken, recognize and honor the God given abilities of each student by providing active learning experiences using innovative techniques and cutting edge technology. We challenge students to accept responsibility to continue Jesus' mission by being people of prayer, service, wisdom and compassion.

Mission

Annunciation Catholic School's mission is to provide a Christ-like and learner friendly environment to better serve God and community.

School-Wide Learning Expectations (SLE's)

Annunciation Students will be faith-filled, active Catholics who

- Value that prayer is an integral part of their lives
- Participate in the sacraments and prayer experiences
- Have personal relationships with God
- Are knowledgeable of the teachings of the Catholic Church
- Demonstrate conviction of their beliefs
- Active in the Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching

Annunciation students will be engaged learners who

- Communicate effectively
- Collaborate with adults and peers
- Think critically
- Exhibit creativity

Annunciation students will be self-aware, well rounded people by demonstrating

- Perseverance
- Self-sufficiency
- A willingness to take risks without fear of failure

Annunciation Catholic School Accreditation

In the spring of 2016, a visiting committee from Western Catholic Educational Association (WCEA) reviewed our Self Study document, including our Action Plan, for ongoing improvement, and gave us the highest accreditation status. We have been accredited until 2022 with no interventions necessary.

Interesting Things to Know about the 2017-2018 School Year

Enrollment

- 418 students were enrolled in grades JrK – 8th grade
- 82 new students and 42 new families were welcomed into the ACS community
- ACS student retention rate: 93%

Faculty & Staff

- The school staff consists of 44 employees.
- Staff retention rate: 93%
- All core content and elementary teachers hold NM teaching licenses.
- Teachers participated in over 1460 hours of professional development (Capturing Kids' Hearts, professional learning community development & best grading practices).
- Collectively the Annunciation staff has over 378 years of teaching experience with 326 years in Catholic School.

Facility Enhancements

- Security system installed which includes locked/approved entry main door and campus wide security cameras with funds from 2017 Jog-A-Thon.
- Technology infrastructure, interactive white board and 5th grade iPads purchased and installed with 2017 Fall Benefit earnings.
- *Buddy Bench* added to playground with donated and operational funds.
- Three picnic tables donated by the 2018 graduating class and MJ Thomas Photography.

8th Grade Class

The graduating class of 2018 consisted of 47 students. These students fared well in placement for high school.

- **St. Pius X High School** - ACS is the largest feeder school to St. Pius X. All of our students who tested were accepted and 29 will be attending.
 - **Sartan X Scholarship** \$1000 for scoring in the 90th %ile or above on placement test: Dylan Rivas, Daniel Marsh, Frances Ochs and Alexis Patalan
 - **Sartan Scholarship** (\$500 for scoring 85th – 89th %ile on the placement test): Audrey Dominick, Melissa Gomez and Julia Rivera
- Entering St. Pius freshman qualify for honors and higher levels of classes based on placement test scores, grades and recommendations. Below are the number of students who qualified and are enrolled:

Honors Spanish 1: 5	Honors English: 7
Honors Spanish 2: 6	Honors Biology: 4
Honors Alg1/Geom: 8	Honors World History: 12
- While our graduates attend many different high schools, the second most common is Sandia High School. Seven will attend SHS, seven of whom qualified for the International Baccalaureate Program.

Student Learning

Assessment of Catholic Religious Education (ACRE) is administered annually to 5th & 8th grade students. It is used by Catholic Schools throughout the nation. The results show where our students rank nationally.

ACRE Results		
4 Pillars of Catechism of Catholic Church		
5 th	8 th	Pillar
70%	69%	Profession of Faith
74%	70%	The Celebration of the Christian Mystery
77%	76%	Life in Christ
71%	73%	Christian Prayer

STAR is administered 5 times per year and is nationally normed. These scores are from the final STAR test administered in May 2018.

STAR Results										
		1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	
STAR Math	National Percentile	77	83	80	79	78	60	67	62	
	Grade Level Equivalent	2.4	3.9	4.7	5.8	7.3	8.3	10.2	11.6	
	Number of Students by Quartile	99-75%	27	34	28	26	29	12	13	20
		74-50%	11	7	14	14	14	19	11	19
		49- 25%	10	5	2	3	5	6	6	5
24-1%		0	1	1	0	2	4	1	4	
STAR Reading	National Percentile	73	71	81	73	68	50	71	55	
	Grade Level Equivalent	2.3	3.7	5.2	5.5	6.6	6.7	9.8	9.5	
	Number of Students by Quartile	99-75%	22	26	33	19	21	7	18	16
		74-50%	10	11	7	16	18	14	7	12
		49- 25%	8	6	3	4	7	14	10	10
24-1%		3	4	3	4	4	6	1	9	

Student Involvement, Awards and Accomplishments

Athletics

Our students are very involved. All interested students are given the opportunity to participate.

Sport	Elem Students	MS Students	Middle School Recognition
Flag Football	N/A	20	
Tennis	N/A	18	2017 Mix & Match Winner
Soccer	34	22	APIAL Champions
Cross Country	N/A	16	APIAL Championship Meet <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JV Boys – 3rd Overall JV Girls - 1 top 10 finisher JV Boys – 2 top 10 finishers
Girls' Volleyball	10	40	Undefeated APIAL Varsity Champions
Golf	N/A	10	
Girls' Basketball	12	25	
Boys' Basketball	33	69	APIAL Varsity Runner-Up
Track and Field	4	41	APIAL Varsity Boys' Runner-up APIAL Varsity Girls' Runner-up

Several Annunciation students were invited to run in the Great South West Track Meet. The results include:

Audrey Dominick, Gabby Jeanete, Mia Garcia & Alexis Patalan: 1st Place
Girls 4x100 Relay

Dylan Rivas, Joaquin Medina, Christopher Coash & Aidan Pollock: 1st Place
Boys 4x100 Relay

Gabby Jeantete: 5th place 100m dash **Mia Garcia:** 6th place 100m dash
Dylan Rivas: 1st place 100m dash **Joaquin Medina:** 2nd place 100m dash
Christopher Coash: 3rd place 100m dash

Art

Approximately 2,700 pieces of student artwork were exhibited at the 2017-2018 Art Fair created by Annunciation students in grades JrK–8. Seventy (70) of those pieces were displayed at the Archdiocese of Santa Fe Catholic Schools' Art Festival, 45 of which were awarded 3rd place or better or special recognition.

Academic Competitions

Several of the academic competitions are open to all students. Some are limited to a specific number based on maximum number of allowed participants or due to a limited number of coaches.

Team	Participants	Recognition
Chess	8	2nd Place (2 students) Elementary Team
Speech & Debate	10	3rd Place Duo Drama
Faith Challenge Bowl	8	4th Place Elementary Team
Geo Bee	24	Max Steingreaber (7) Winner, Mia Olivas (4) Runner Up
Spelling Bee	29	Frances Ochs (8) Winner, Mia Richards (5) Runner Up
Science Fair	30	1st Place: Winners Physics: Gavin Richards (7) Chemistry: Maya Daly (7) Zoology: Amalia Montoya (7) Earth, Space & Environmental Science: Logan Ayarbe (8) Behavioral Science & Social Science: Justine Castro (7), Medicine & Health: Wyatt Sterba (8) Botany: Ryan Hidalgo (8) Engineering: Evan March (8)
Entrepreneur Expo	48	1st place overall: <i>Team Git Fit</i> – Max Steingreaber (7), Johnathan Pham (7), Gavin Richards (7)
Future City	30	6th – 8th Grade Regionals: 1st Place Overall, Best Virtual Design, Best Model, Best Presentation - <i>Vida Sana</i> 7 th Grade Team: Malachi Pena, Cohen Mulville, Bryan Deller, Brian Kalb, Lucas Martinez Best Financial Design, NCEE Award - <i>Elderado</i> 8 th Grade Team: Daniel Marsh, Nolan Esterly, Nicholas Ainsworth, Dylan Rivas National Competition: Special Award – Best Incorporates Cultural and Historical Resources - <i>Vida Sana</i> 7 th Grade Team
Battle of the Books	8	2nd Place (Tied) Elementary
NM Kids Magazine	1	Cover Contest – Clara Strow (5)

Spiritual, Leadership and Musical Activities

Group	Participants	Notes
Altar Servers	30	Daily Mass, School Mass & Sunday Mass
Student Cantors	12	Support congregation at School Mass
Talent Show	29 Individual Acts 10 Class Acts 12 Stage crew	Talent Show is open to all students
Band	22 Beginning 9 Middle School 5 Guitar	Beginning and Advanced offered

All Annunciation students participate in a musical performance at least once per year. Middle School presented the Christmas Program. Grades 3-5 & 1-2 performed for parents in May. Kindergarten and JrK performed at their graduation ceremonies.

Special Recognitions

Teacher of the Year: Rose Haley, 3rd grade teacher, was Annunciation's Archdiocese of Santa Fe Teacher of the Year Honoree.

Distinguished Disciple Honorees: Josh Vigil (8) and **Crystal Megofna** (parent) were selected as this year's Distinguished Disciples Honorees.

St. Gabriel Award: Matthew Montano (8), and **Mia Garcia** (8) were presented with the St. Gabriel Award. This award honors 8th graders who exemplify the qualities of St. Gabriel and the Blessed Mother.

Athletes of the Year: Alexis Patalan (8) and **Dylan Rivas** (8) earned this award for their dedication and involvement in our athletic program.

Catholic Award for Teachers Presented by The Catholic Foundation: Margaret Rouse awarded \$1000 as well as \$100 toward Annunciation School's Endowment.

Alumni Academic Recognition

Danny Stotzer: St. Pius Valedictorian Class of 2018, Outstanding Senior, Senior Choice Award, Excellence in Social Studies, Sliver Community Service Silver Medal & National Merit Scholarship Finalist

Jacqueline Pinon: St. Pius Salutatorian Class of 2018, National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholar & Senior Choice Award

Samuel Gervais: St. Pius Class of 2018 Top 10 & Excellence in Social Studies

Teresa Moorhead: St. Pius Class of 2018 Top 10

Haley Rizek: St. Pius 2018 Female Athlete of the Year & National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholar

Frankie Coyle: West Point Service Academy Appointment & Commended National Merit Scholarship

Nam Nguyen: DECA Pin

Jordan Kroeter: Model UN Letter

Briana Enriquez: Liturgical Pin & Community Service Bronze Medal,

Nicholas Deprest: Community Service Silver Medal

Michael Statzula: Outstanding Sports Medicine Student

St. Pius 2018 Top 10: Junior Class 4 ACS Graduates, Sophomore Class 4 ACS Graduates, Freshman Class 3 ACS Graduates

People of Service

We are called by the Church to be people of service. During the 2017-2018 school year the majority of our service projects supported various local divisions of Catholic Charities. The generosity of our school community is something of which to be proud.

2017-2018 Social Justice Projects		
Grade	Benefactor	Gift
JrK/K	APD: Stuffed Animals for Kids in stress	Truckload (~400)
1 st Grade	Catholic Charities: <i>Homeless Housing and Refugee Program</i>	108 Bags of Beans 119 Bags of Rice
2 nd Grade	Catholic Charities' Refugees & Homeless	Spring Cleaning Supplies: 3 brooms, 1 mop, 2 pkgs rags, 40 bottles of cleaning solution
3 rd Grade	Catholic Charities' Refugees & Homeless	536 Dignity bags; toiletry items
4 th Grade	Catholic Charities' Children's Learning Center	\$1,460 raised to purchase; art supplies, toys, dress-up clothes, sports equipment
4 th & 5 th Grades	Hurricane Harvey & Irma	\$3,314.23 for hurricane relief
6 th Grade	<i>End it with Orange</i> - Road Runner Food Bank Mobile Food Pantry & Blessings in a Backpack program.	\$4,863 raised to help feed the hungry plus 640 hours distributing food
7 th Grade	Catholic Charities' Children's Learning Center: <i>Project Give</i>	\$1834.13 used to buy warm clothing for pre-school students plus 180 service hours
8 th Grade	Cross Catholic Outreach "Box of Joy"	38 boxes mailed to Central America; dolls, cars, balls, toys, art supplies, water bottles
Jr. K – 8 Families and Staff	Families in Need - St. Vincent DePaul	20 Thanksgiving Family Meals for 113 individuals plus 173 boxes of food
	Annunciation Parish – Lenten Soup Supper	26 pots of soup 20 bread donations
	MAD Against Hunger	\$800.00
	Catholic Relief Services <i>Operation Rice Bowl</i>	\$1132.17

Parent Involvement

St. Gabriel is Annunciation's parent organization. The goal of each St. Gabriel Committee is to show Christ-like qualities through volunteering, prayer, community support and participation in school functions. Parents had many opportunities to volunteer during the 2017-2018 school year such as being a room parent, helping in classrooms, organizing parties, coaching, participating in a rosary group, acting as host family, assisting with fall benefit, organizing talent show acts, etc.

Financial Statement

The School follows the fiscal year of the parish. We are fortunate that Annunciation Parish supports our school with a \$200,000 subsidy to help make Catholic Education more affordable to those who attend. We are grateful to all the parishioners who generously contribute to the subsidy through their regular contributions and financial aid by tithing specifically toward tuition assistance (green envelope).

2017-2018 Revenue		2017-2018 Expenses	
Tuition: parish subsidies, tuition insurance, registration fees, tuition assistance donations	\$2,744,242.10	Instructional Expenses: textbooks, materials, supplies, technology, printing, furniture, etc.	\$125,825.00
Instructional Donations: Fall Benefit, community events, grants, technology fees, employer matching programs, etc.	\$120,928.32	Operational Expenses: salaries, benefits, insurance, office supplies, savings, recognition, postage, etc.	\$1,979,270.94
After Care	\$17,783.31	Student Activities: field trips, athletics, yearbook, program expenses, etc.	\$90,990.29
Student Programs: athletic fees, field trips, Book Fair, yearbook, interest earned, etc.	\$39,656.56	Plant Operation & Maintenance: utilities, maintenance services, repairs, etc.	\$576,955.53
Total	\$2,922,610.29	Total	\$2,773,041.76

*As of May 2018

Additional Resources

City Support: The City of Albuquerque allocates two crossing guards to assist Annunciation. The safe environment they provide is invaluable.

Volunteers: Volunteer hours are not required but certainly appreciated as it makes a significant difference in the education of our students. Over 1510 hours were documented during the 17-18 school year although many more are not documented. Volunteers put forth numerous hours helping in classrooms, coaching, organizing community events and assisting with sacramental preparation, service projects, talent show acts, etc. A local community college assists each year in screening all of our students' vision and hearing – spending 200+ hours.

Money Makers: Annunciation does not conduct any mandatory fundraising. However, there are numerous activities and community functions from which our students are able to benefit from the money raised. Ten percent of all donations (unless specified) go toward tuition assistance.

- Halloween Happening: \$7081.72
- Fall Benefit: \$22,224.00
- Jog-A-Thon: \$17,700.00
- Balloons Aloft: \$892.00
- Private Donations: \$12,661.58
- *Box Tops for Education*: \$895.30
- MJ Thomas (photographer): \$1,431.80
- Tomato Café Family Night: \$200
- California Pizza Kitchen Event: \$431.03
- Chick-Fil-A Family Night: \$186.31
- Bahama Bucks Family Night: \$238.77
- Fuddruckers Family Night: \$91.00
- Jersey Mike's Event: \$187.49
- Kroger (Smith's): \$260.19
- Wells Fargo *Community Support Campaign* and a *Matching Gift Campaign*: \$665.37

