



# **Assumption Academy**

A St. Albert the Great School Partner

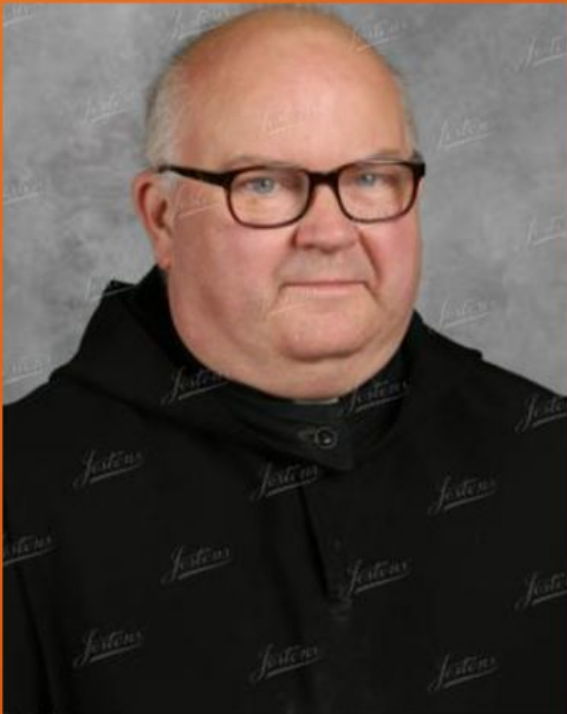
# State of the School

Year of “LOVE”

October 1, 2025

# Prayer and Welcome

- Fr. Justin



# OUR MISSION

*Anchored in faith and guided by our Heavenly Mother Mary, the Assumption Academy family prepares future leaders through faith formation, academic growth, and service to others.*



# *Our* FAMILY Keeps GROWING



NIKKI  
KRAWCZYK

5th Grade



JENNIFER  
SUECHTING

Phys. Ed



JAMIE  
PURCELL

Kinder Aide



KELLY  
WETULA

Intervention



Andrea  
Mandat

Marketing

# Spiritual Family



# OUR EDUCATION LEADERS

RICK KALISZEWSKI  
PRINCIPAL



ED VITTARDI  
HEAD OF SCHOOL



DR. FRANK O'LINN  
SUPERINTENDENT



MONICA DIETZ  
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT



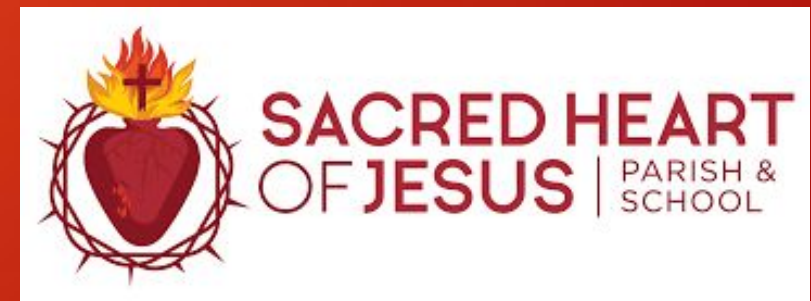
TRACEY ARNONNE  
ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT



McKenna Corrigan  
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT



# “Collaboration is a Force Multiplier”





# *Be Still and Listen*



**TOP  
WORK  
PLACES**  

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**2020-2025**

**THE PLAIN DEALER**  
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*Time to  
Celebrate!*

# Principal Panel



Megan Bender  
Denise Murtz  
Noel Abou-Mitri  
Sophia Lijoi  
Kristin Smigelski  
Jennifer Burke  
Kim Piskur  
Melanie Thuemling  
Taryn Krupa  
Jessica Halscheidt  
Angela Smudz  
Adrienne Turner  
Tom Ludwick  
Holly Woytek

The Clarity logo, featuring a stylized checkmark icon followed by the word "Clarity" in a white sans-serif font, set against a dark blue background.

# NEW School Behavior System



**PBIS Rewards**

**FAMILY APP**

GET IT ON  
Google Play

Download on the  
App Store

Available at  
amazon

**FREE**

A cartoon illustration of a man with glasses sitting on a large armchair, holding a tablet. A speech bubble from the chair points to the word 'FREE'.

The advertisement features the PBIS Rewards logo at the top left, followed by a rounded rectangle containing the text 'FAMILY APP'. Below this are three black rectangular buttons with white text and logos: 'GET IT ON Google Play' (with the Google Play logo), 'Download on the App Store' (with the Apple logo), and 'Available at amazon' (with the Amazon logo). To the right of these buttons is a large, stylized speech bubble containing the word 'FREE' in bold red letters. A cartoon man with glasses is sitting on a large armchair, holding a tablet. A speech bubble from the chair points to the word 'FREE'.

# Preschool and K, 1, 2 Teams



**KRISTEN  
DZIEDZIAK**



**CHRISTINE  
SIEGEL**



**ERICA  
YACOBOSZI**



**THERESA  
KIRBY**



**JACQUELYN  
ELBIN**



**MEG  
CANFIELD**



**EILEEN  
KUKLA**



**JAMIE  
PURCELL**



**MARY  
CORBO**



**LISA  
STASEK**



**COLETTA  
THELLMANN**



**SARAH  
CVITKOVICH**



**NIKKI  
KRAWCZYK**

3, 4, 5

&

6, 7, 8

Teams



**JILL  
MURRIN**



**MIKE  
ROTH**



**ROBERT  
BROWNFIELD**



**TRACY  
GUTKOWSKI**

# Specials Team and Office



**SHELLY  
ORZEL**



**AMY  
SCHNEIDER**



**SHARON  
SCHREINER**



**RICK  
KALISZEWSKI**



**KRISTIN  
SMIGELSKI**



**KAREN  
FOX**



**DAWN  
BROADWAY**



**ELIZABETH  
WORTMAN**



**JENNIFER  
SUECHTING**



**Theresa  
Basch**

# Our Support Team



**GINA  
TANNENBAUM**



**EILEEN  
HARRIGAN**



**KELLY  
WETULA**



**ELIZABETH  
ARMS**



**SHELLY  
ORZEL  
INTERVENTION AIDE**



**EILEEN  
HARRIGAN  
SPEECH PATHOLOGI...**



**MRS. MARKS**



**TERRI  
FLANAGAN**

# STUDENT COUNCIL

## LEADERSHIP TEAM



Co-Presidents: Lexi  
Kleinholz/Reagan  
Smigelski  
Vice President: Ava Sholtis  
Secretary: Callie Young  
Treasurer: Amelia Nehlsen  
Chaplain: Patrick  
Hinchman  
Photographer: Phoebe  
Smigelski  
VikingAM Liaison: Larissa  
Liszniansky

# STUDENT COUNCIL

## Homeroom Representatives

Chloe Shoemaker  
Alexa Sprenger  
Evelyn Evans  
Maria Bender  
Jocelyn Turner  
Madelyn Bender  
Aubriana Ollie  
Selena Naguib  
Emily Holub  
Alexander Ross  
Madasyn Meisterics  
Judy Sirek  
Fallon Watson  
Max Hrytsyuk  
Nolan Piskur  
Aerabella Brink  
Marco Sekerak  
Henry Halscheidt



AMY  
SCHNEIDER



ROBERT  
BROWNFIELD



## Moderators

# *Our SMALL* BUT MIGHTY PARISH FAMILY



Fr. Justin – Pastor

Fr. Louis – Assistant Pastor

Fr. Finbar – Weekend Assistant

Al Pytel – Business Manager

David Bird – Parish Music Director

Debbie Dosen – General Ledger / Payroll

Andrea Mandat – Director of Communications

Jeanete Provenzale – DRE Secretary

Mary Zabrecky – Director of Religious Education (DRE)

Nancy Borisz – Housekeeping

Roza Hering – Associate Business Manager

Brian Csornok – Director of Youth Ministry

Mary Ann Defranco – Parish Secretary

# Maintenance Team



JIM  
JAROSZ



DAN  
THYRET



SAM  
NIRO



JIM  
FEKETE

Not Pictured:  
John Skrodzki



# PARENT CORPS

- President – Rob Holub
- Vice President – Melanie Thuemling
- Treasurer – Tom Ludwick
- Assistant Treasurer – Jodie Sholtis
- Recording Secretary – Kate Kleinholz
- Room Parent Coordinator – Adrienne Turner
- Strategic Liaison – Tina Ciocca
- Pastor – Fr. Justin
- Parish Business Manager – Al Pytel
- Principal – Rick Kaliszewski



# PARENT CORPS - Events



- ❑ 9/26 Popcorn Fundraiser
- ❑ 9/26 - Mother/Son Bowling
- ❑ 10/9 Donuts w/ Dad
- ❑ 10/17 Jr. High Fall Dance
- ❑ 12/4 & 12/5 Santa Shop
- ❑ 12/6 Christmas Bingo
- ❑ 1/25 Catholic Schools Week - Open House
- ❑ TBD (Feb) Jr. High Tobogganing
- ❑ 2/7 Father Daughter Dance
- ❑ 2/20 Fish Fry Bake Sale Starts (every Friday during Lent)
- ❑ 5/2 Regatta
- ❑ 5/7 Muffins w/Mom
- ❑ 5/4-5/8 Teacher Appreciation Week



**The Regatta will be held  
on May 2, 2026 this year!**



**\$23,000 Profit!**



*SMALL* BUT MIGHTY

# IMPROVEMENTS AS A RESULT OF WeGiveCatholic

2019 New secure lobby  
2019 New Office location  
2019 New Door Locks  
2019 New Badge System  
2019 Security Cameras  
2019 iPads for 6–8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
2020 PA System  
2020 Parking Lot  
2020 New Textbooks  
2020 White Boards in all rooms  
2021 New Computer Lab (tables, chairs, iMacs)  
2021 Additional Security Cameras  
2021 iPads for K–5 students  
2021 New HVAC mini-splits for grade 5  
2021 Extensive church renovations  
2022 New Pavement front of School  
2022 New HVAC mini-splits for ½ school  
2022 Increased Internet Access in all rooms

2023 New Textbooks

2023 New Ambo in the church

2023 New Stairs North Side of the church

2023 Fellowship Room Renovation

**2024 Resurfaced Parking Lot**

**2024 Dumpster Relocation**

**2024 New LED Lights in Gym, Cafeteria, Halls**

**2024 Lockers in Jr. High**

**2024 90 New iPads**

**2024 Fresh Landscaping**

**2024 New Carpet in P3/P4 +New Lockers**

**2024 Teacher's Lounge Upgrade**

**2025 Teacher Laptops**

**2025 Playground + Technology**

**Over 7 years we have raised  
\$2.5 Million!**

# SAFETY AND SECURITY

\$100,000 GRANT

PARTNERSHIP WITH BROADVIEW HTS. POLICE

- NEW MAGNETIC LOCK FOR BACK DOORS – DONE
- SAFETY FILM FOR GLASS DOORS AND WINDOWS – DONE
- ADDITIONAL SECURITY CAMERAS – DONE
- EXTERIOR DOOR IMPROVEMENTS
- EXTERIOR LIGHTING
- NEW LOCKING & AUTOMATIC DOOR FOR CHURCH – DONE
- CRISIS ALERT SYSTEM – IN PROGRESS





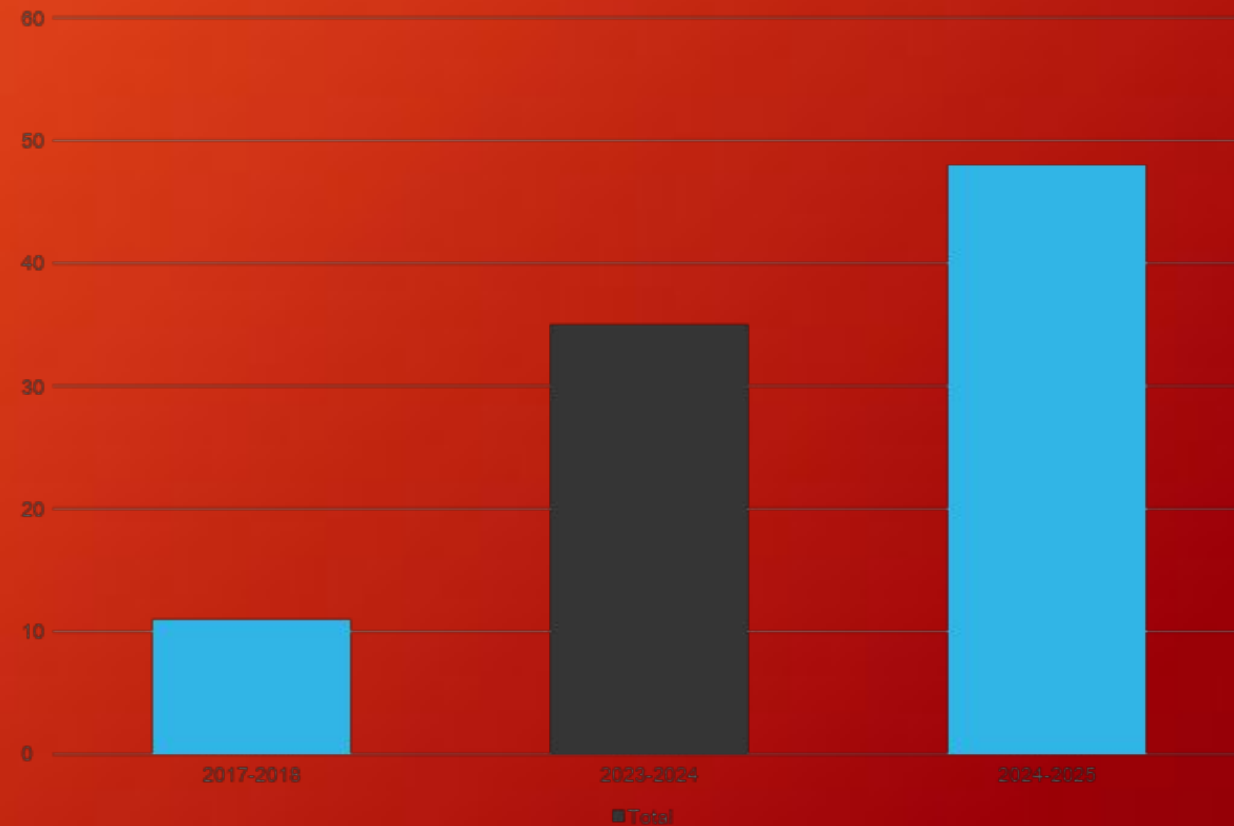
# Preschool Enrollment

2017-2018 - 11

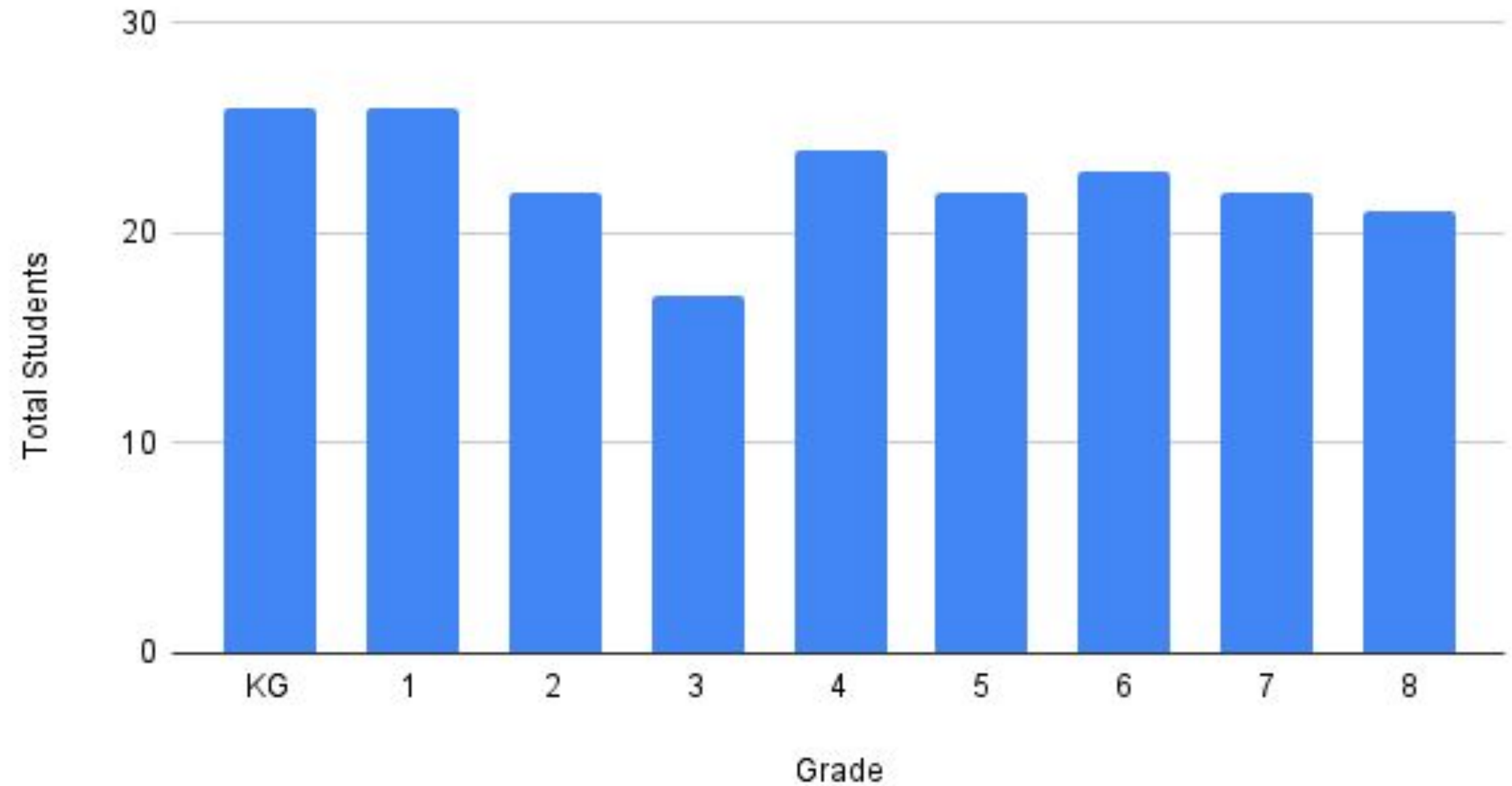
2020-2021 - 32

2025-2026 - 51

Preschool Enrollment



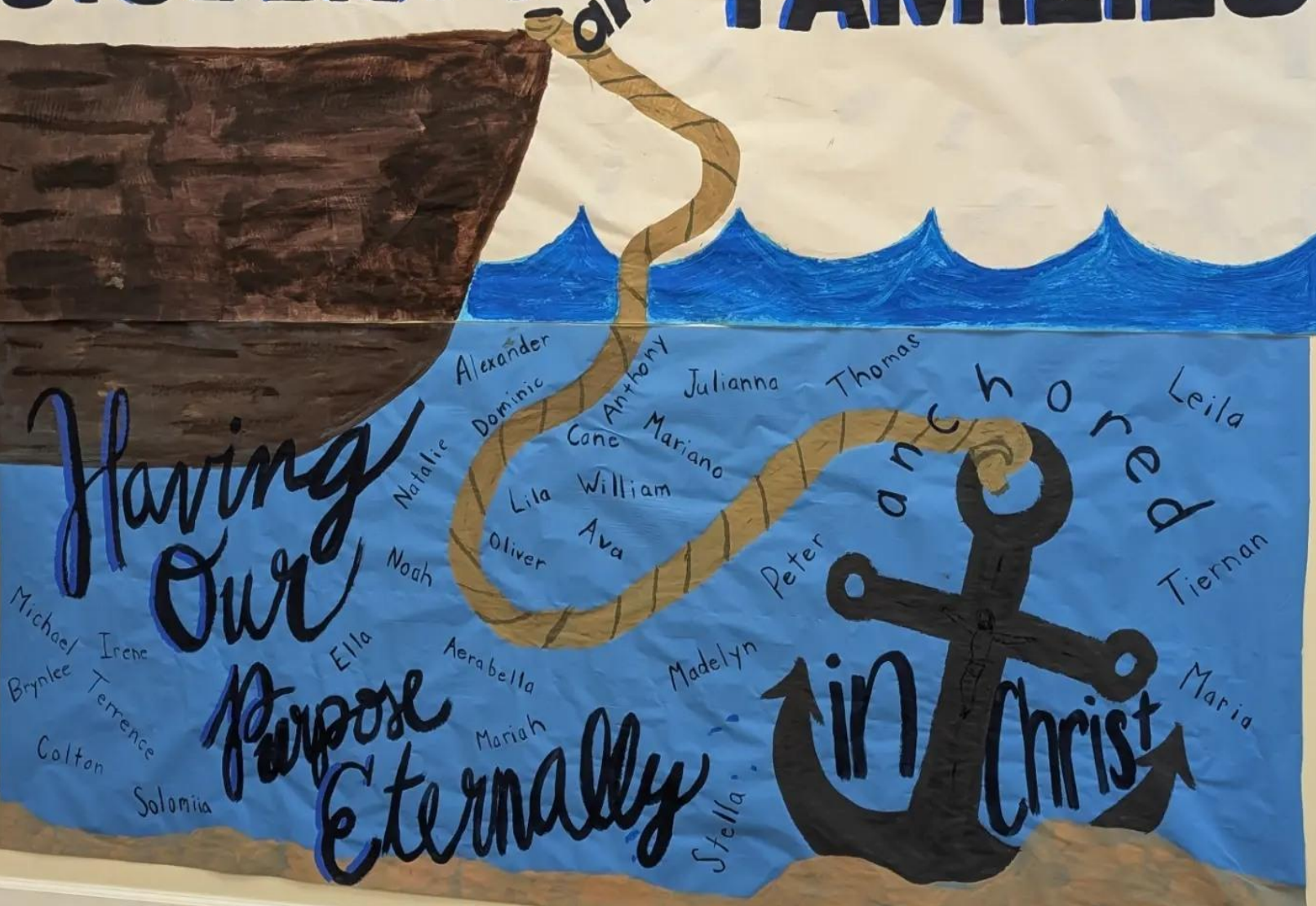
## Total Students vs. Grade



# ENROLLMENT

	K - 8	Preschool	Total
2017-2018	168	11	179
2018-2019	141	22	163
2019-2020	134	16	150
2020-2021	189	32	221
2021-2022	165	54	219
2022-2023	151	40	191
2023-2024	171	35	206
2024-2025	205	48	253
<b>2025-2026</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>254</b>

# WELCOME **NEW** STUDENTS **and** FAMILIES



## K-8 New Families

Hoegler

Hogan

Lijoi

Main

McPherson

Ollie

Robertson

Rose

Thompson

Costandi

Khoury

Bida

Polak

Archacki

Kappler

Weber

Began

# INCREASED REVENUE & SERVICES



• 2018–2019	\$0
• 2019–2020	\$70,656.67
• 2020–2021	\$179,212.42
• 2021–2022	\$196,554.17
• 2022–2023	\$197,043.00
• 2023–2024	\$236,469.00
• 2024–2025	\$255,735.00
• 2025–2026	\$In Progress

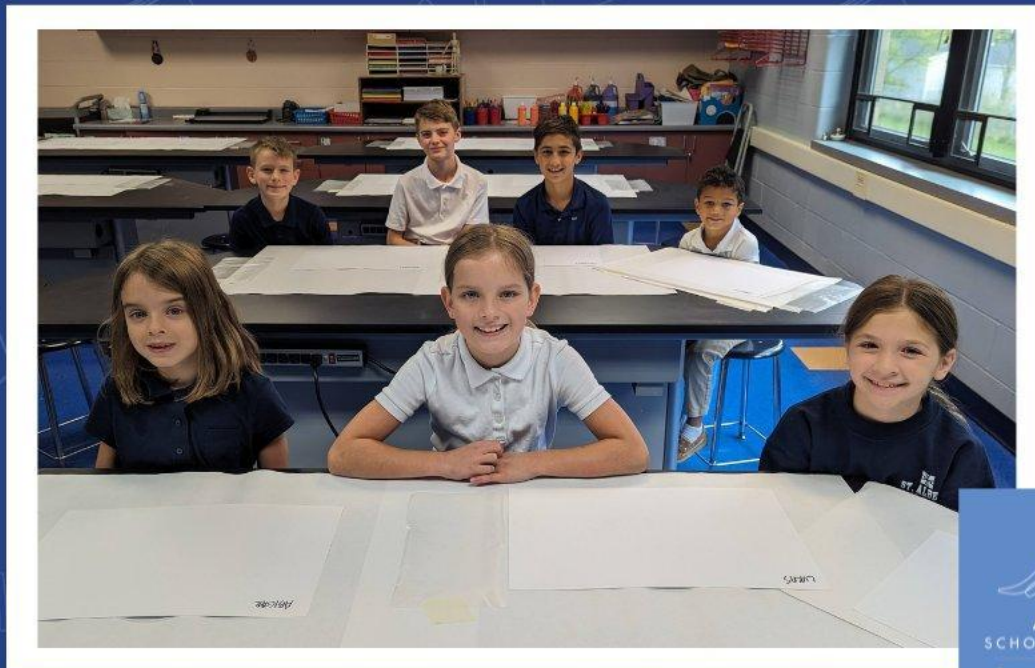
**Jon Peterson**  
— Scholarship —

**Resulting in 7 additional staff  
positions to serve our students!**

ANGEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

*today*  
DONATE

YOUR TAXES. THEIR TUITION. **OUR FUTURE.**



Dollar – for – dollar  
Ohio Tax Credit

Benefits Taxpayers:  
Up to \$750 or \$1500  
if married filing  
jointly

**We have raised  
\$80,000 so far for our  
families!**

# EdChoice Expansion

A high-quality, Catholic  
education just became  
even more *Affordable!*

# State Scholarships by the Numbers

**11 of 203 are receiving Jon Peterson Scholarship (5.4%)**

**185 of 203 have been awarded EdChoice Expansion & Cleveland Scholarship (91.1%)**

**7 of 203 are not receiving a scholarship (3.4%) – these have chosen not to participate or are in process of getting awarded**

**89 students (43.8%) are receiving \$6,166.00 (highest scholarship)**

**35 students (17.2%) are receiving \$616.60 (lowest scholarship)**

**61 students (30%) are receiving something between \$6,166 and \$616.60**

**\$727,167 EdChoice Expansion & Cleveland Scholarship expected in 25/26**

**\$698,079 EdChoice Expansion & Cleveland Scholarship received in 24/25**

**\$407,877 EdChoice Expansion & Cleveland Scholarship received in 23/24**



# EdChoice

## Facts...

- Our Catholic school funding via EdChoice was not at the expense of public education
- Public education saw even more significant increases in funding in the recent budget than Catholic education.
- Public Schools will also benefit from recent home appraisals and the significant increases in home values and thus taxes benefits benefitting public schools.

What  
does  
this  
mean  
for us?

- Increased affordability for all families desiring a Catholic education at Assumption
- Continued investment to the highest quality education possible
- Rise in tuition = greatest possible benefit from the EdChoice Scholarship.

- Closing the GAP between true cost to educate and what we collect per student

# Tuition Rate

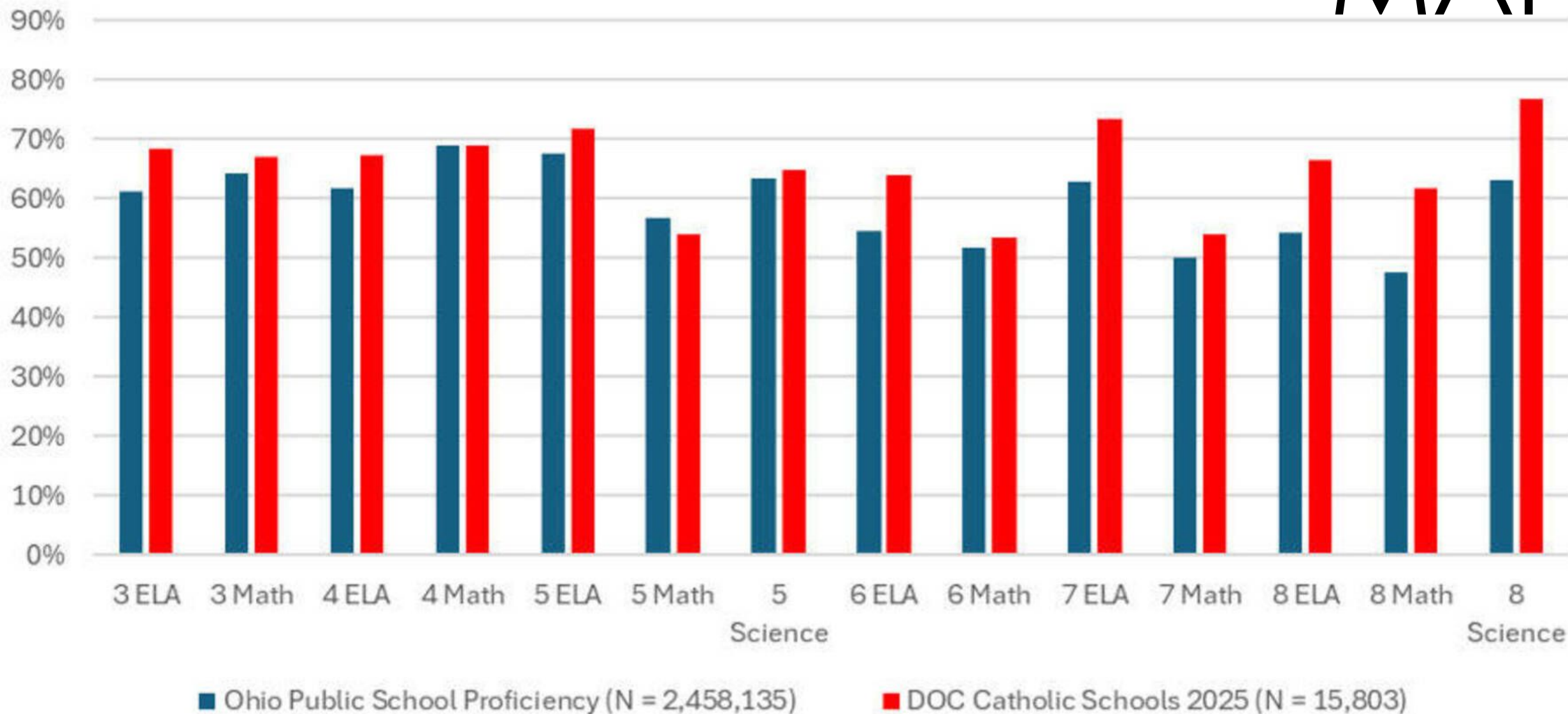
<b>2022-2023</b> Tuition per Student	\$3,800/\$4,700 Parishioner/Non Parishioner
True Cost to Educate Per Student 2025-2026*	\$7,839* *Estimate based upon projected costs (as planned for in our 25-26 budget)
2025-2026 Restructured Tuition Rate Per Student	\$6,250

# Budget

- In 2024-2025 Assumption Academy had a surplus of \$119,273
- Two years ago, the academy was subsidized by the parish \$135,607.
- \$250,000 IMPROVEMENT
- 2025-26 we will be plus \$53,000
- WE ARE VERY HEALTHY!

# 2024-25 Cleveland Catholic and Ohio Public Elementary Student Proficiency by Subject and Grade

# MAP



# Spreading Love...



“Once a Viking, always a Viking”

# Service Day

• Friday October 10, 2025



# Catholic Academic Challenge



Winners:  
Ariana and Evelyn!

# Drama Club Expansion

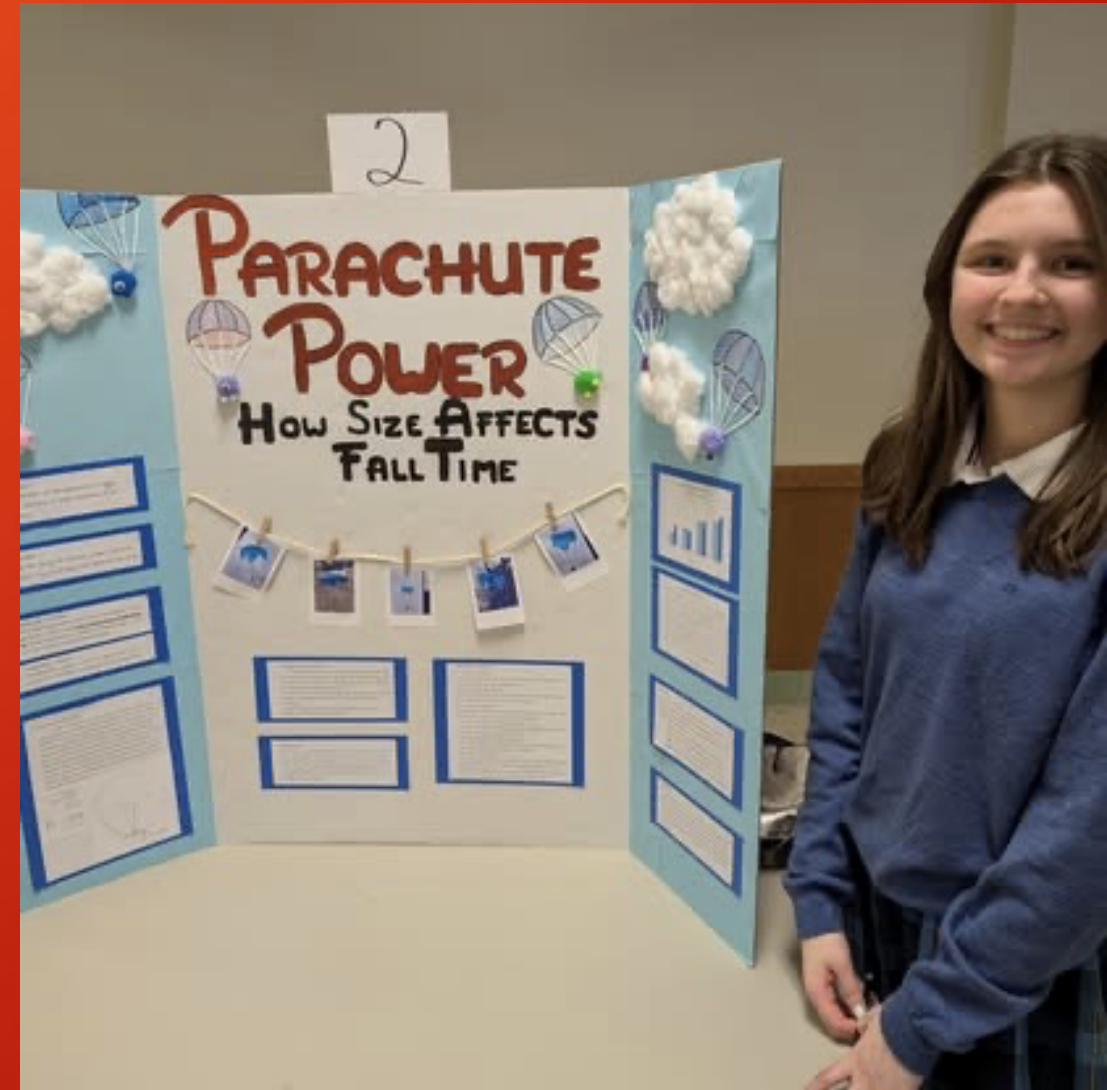
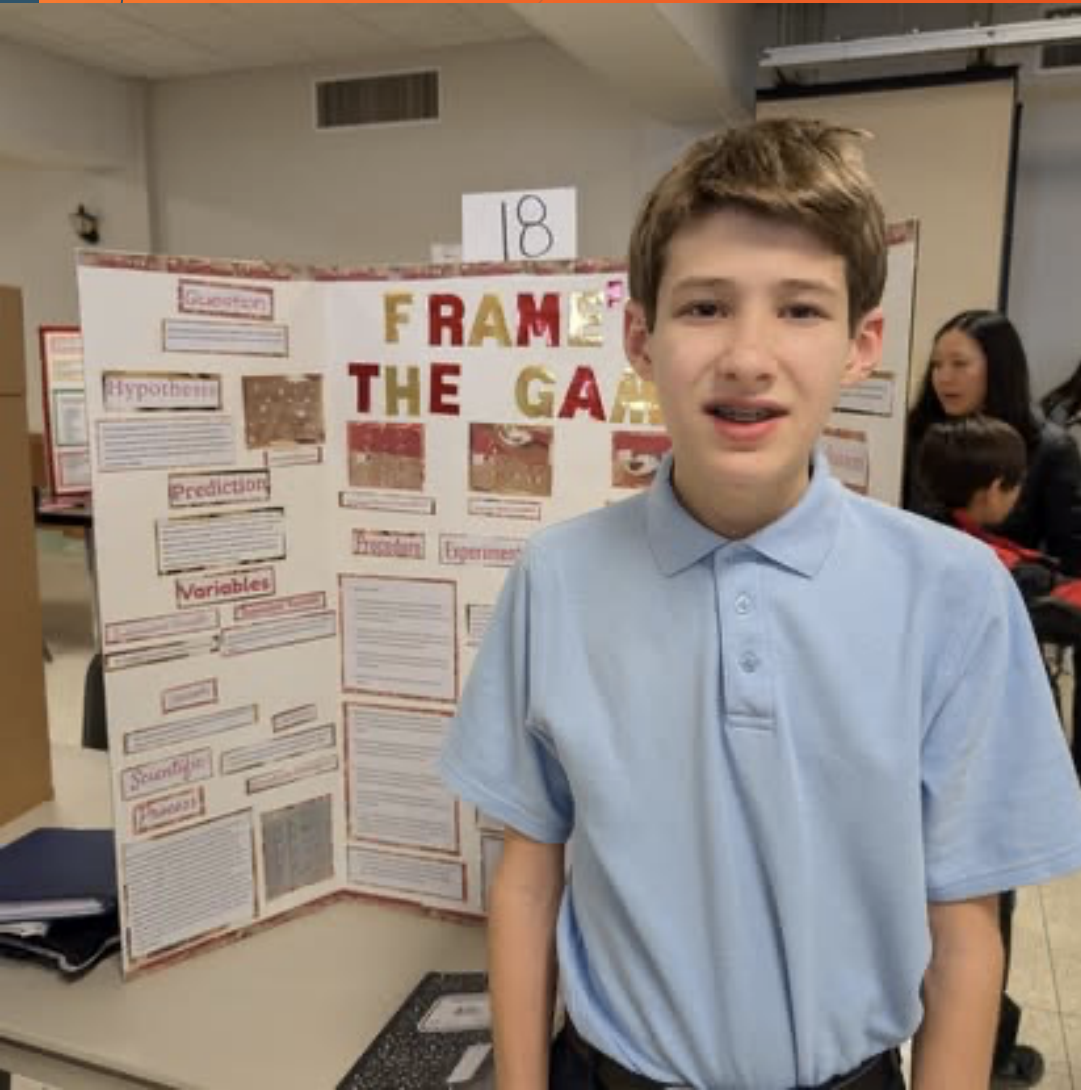




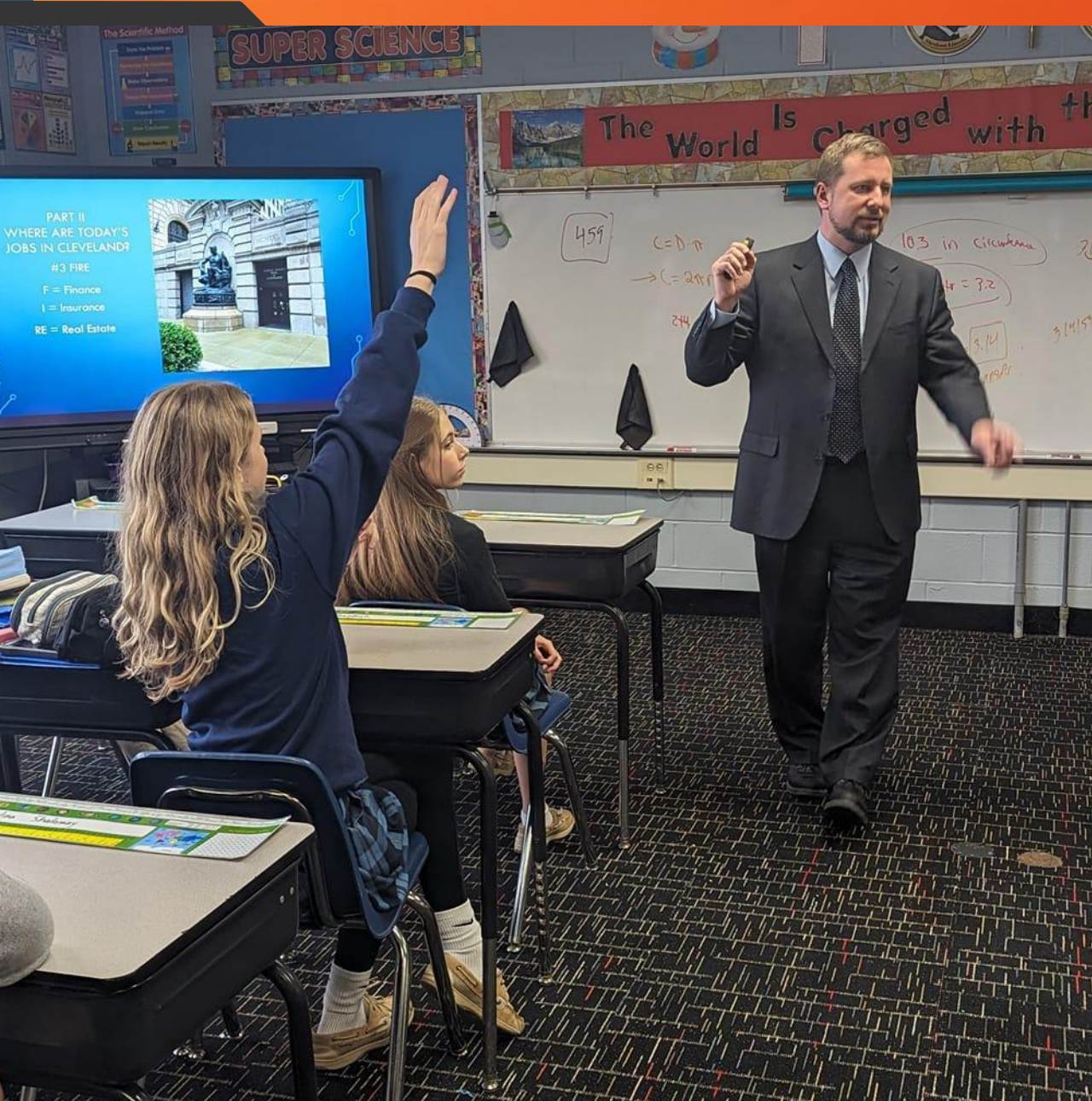
# XSTREAM GAMES



# SCIENCE FAIR



# Career Day will be Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-11:00am



# LEPRECHAUN FAIR



Thank you Mrs. Schreiner  
For Leading Leprechaun Fair!



*Proud to be Named a  
Purple Star School*



**PURPLE UP DAY**  
**April 16, 2026**



**Thank you Mrs. Schreiner  
For Our Purple Star Initiative!**

# Veterans Day Celebration

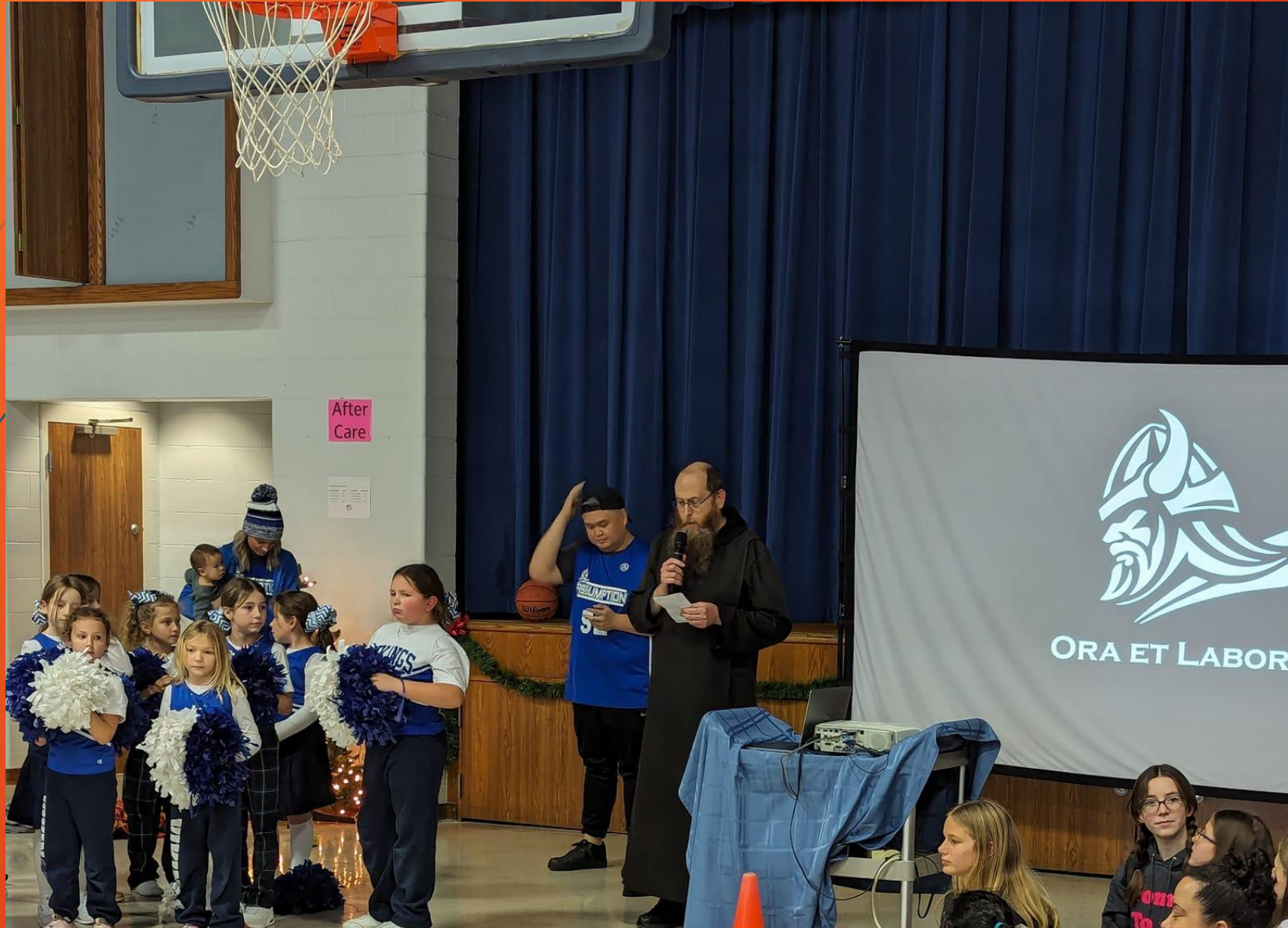


Thanks Mrs. Schreiner for organizing!

# Viking AM



# CYO Sports Rallies





Can you  
say  
Buddies!



# Mr. Edward Vittardi

## Head of School



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= LOVE



Yes this video shows just a tiny snapshot of our Head of School announcing his retirement as principal of St. Albert the great.

To Mr. Vittardi, As you close this meaningful chapter of your life, we want to express our deepest gratitude for your years of dedicated leadership, unwavering commitment, and the positive impact you've made on the Assumption school community.

Your vision, integrity, and passion for education have left a lasting legacy—one that will continue to inspire students, teachers, and staff for years to come. You have not only guided us with wisdom but led with heart, shaping an environment where excellence and kindness could thrive hand in hand.

While it's hard to say goodbye, we are excited for you to enjoy the well-deserved peace, joy, and adventures that retirement brings. May this next journey be filled with new experiences, relaxation, and all the things you love most.

You will always be a cherished part of our story. Thank you for everything.

# The Journey Continues



Looking behind, I am filled with gratitude  
Looking forward, I am filled with vision  
Looking upward, I am filled with strength

Looking at the students, WE are filled  
with LOVE

That being said, I want to make an announcement of my own. I want to take a moment to personally thank Fr. Justin for his leadership, support, and trust during my time at Assumption. Working here has truly been a blessing, not just professionally, but personally as well. The families, staff, and overall community has become a second home to me and my family. I really feel like I come to work each day with my family members. The history we share, the inside jokes, the way that we care for one another and for the students is beyond compare.

This decision is one that has been carefully discerned. This is not something that I take lightly, as you know how much love and effort I put into being the principal of Assumption Academy for the past 7 years. It's a decision grounded in what's best for my family and where we feel called to go next. This decision will allow me to continue to grow as a principal and as a leader—but that doesn't make it easy to step away from such a meaningful place. Leading this school has been one of the greatest honors of my life. It has been a privilege to work alongside such dedicated staff, passionate students, and supportive families. Together, we have faced challenges, celebrated triumphs, and grown in ways I will forever treasure.

I am incredibly proud of what we've accomplished as a community — the culture we've built, the progress we've made, and the lives we've touched. It's been more than just a role; it's been a calling, and it's been home.

While I am stepping away from this chapter, my belief in the heart and future of this school remains stronger than ever. I have no doubt that the incredible momentum we've built will continue.

Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your stories. I will carry the memories, lessons, and love from this community with me always.

This will be my last year as principal of Assumption Academy. Next year I will be joining the staff of St. Albert the Great as their new principal.

I have nothing but gratitude for everyone here, and out of respect I am announcing this early to allow time for a smooth transition for what is coming next.



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