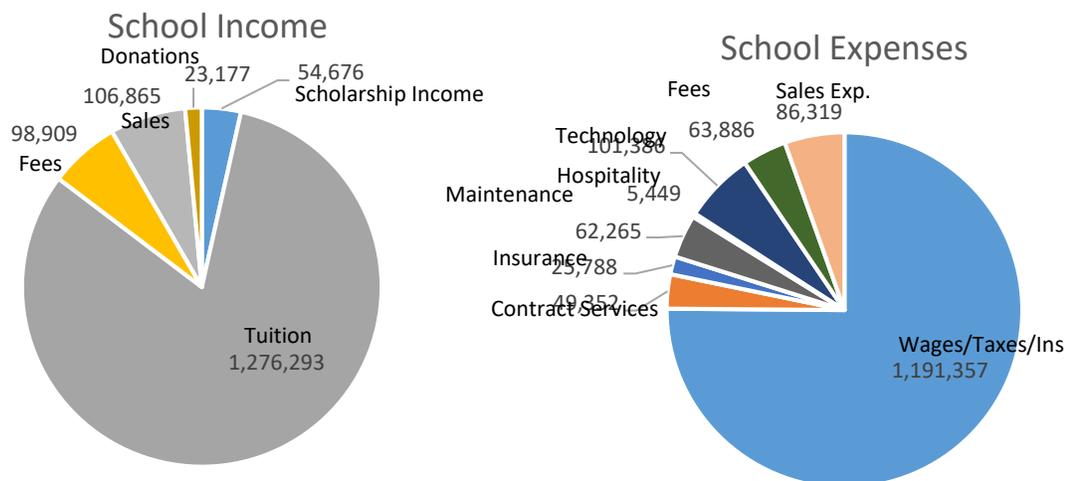


## Principals Report – September 2019

### St. Anthony's Catholic School Mission Statement: Growing God's children in faith to build a lifelong relationship with Christ.

- Why is the Mission Statement important here at PTG Meetings? It's important to remember that all of the activities that we do, are working towards a greater purpose of relationship building. Are the PTG events important? Absolutely! Because they provide the opportunities for parents to build relationships with other parents within our Catholic community. These relationships set an example for our students. Parents, as the primary educators of your children, teach best through example. And if we are able to raise money for our students, that's a great side benefit.

### 2018-2019 St. Anthony School Financials:



### PTG Overage Report:

- Bathrooms: Positive statements were used in both boys and girls bathrooms. We were unable to paint and thought this would be an improvement in both color and impact on students. Mirrors were in good shape in girls bathroom. Boys bathroom mirror, we were able to use vinyl as a border and mirror looks brand new. Updates still pending: boys bathroom needs new light switch and coving at door area. These should be taken care of by Thanksgiving.
- Purchased lockers for upper wing , for both ease of use and safety
- Benches for grass area have not been purchased due to Harvest Festival – still looking to complete this before the end of the school year.

- Projectors were purchased for all classrooms with school funds and is no longer needed as a PTG expense.
- TV was purchased for Kindergarten room with school funds and is no longer needed as a PTG expense.
- Fund set asides for clubs and projects will be voted on as needed during the school year.
- The long term project of cement near the trees is still under consideration of Fr. Chad.

### **Wednesday Specials**

The Wednesday Specials have seemed to have worked out the glitches and we will continue to improve where we can. We thank everyone for your input on how to make improvements and welcome additional ideas. We also would welcome additional volunteers in order to give our students more offerings.

- Why are we doing this – We have decided to have Wednesday Specials for a couple of reasons. 1) This is our writing year for accreditation and teachers will be kept busy analyzing data and writing to that data. 2) The arts are disappearing in the public schools and we feel that this is an important part of your child’s education. This has been a successful program in many of our diocesan school and felt that it would be great for our students as well. Additionally our choir group has doubled to over 50 students due to having it during the school day, rather than 3:00 to 4:15.
- I admit it – I messed up. When we introduced the specials and in following the lead of our other diocesan schools, I introduced this as a “minimum day”. In reality, it should have been introduced as an extension of the school day as we would like all students to participate. Our participation rate has been hugely successful in students staying for the entire day – unlike other schools that only have about 25-30% of their students stay. I am so sorry for the confusion on this and take full responsibility on the communication errors.
- Please consider volunteering – We can only get better with help. The time commitment would be 7 Wednesdays per trimester for either one or two hours. The more volunteers we have, the more offerings we can make to our students.

### **Math Curriculum**

As you are aware, this year we have changed the math curriculum school wide from Saxon to Pearson – EnVision. What excited me, the other principals and teachers who previewed EnVision was the robust material, practical hands on projects, and online supplements that assist in teaching the material.

I understand that parents are struggling with the new curriculum and teachers are still trying to find their groove with it. If you don’t see as much homework coming home, know that this is intentional, until we are sure that the students have a firm understanding of the expectations for the math work. Professional Development has been provided and is continuing to be provided to teachers for EnVision throughout the school year. It’s important to realize that with any new curriculum there

are going to be struggles – with Saxon there was the struggle in the beginning of 8-12 topics coming home to be reviewed with each homework practice. Also, understand that we have learned from what we had with Saxon. We know the importance of practicing those math facts, spiraling the material to continuing to practice what we have learned, in addition to knowing why  $2+2$  always equals 4. I ask that you are patient with us and your children as we continue to transition with the math curriculum.

### **Non Profit Organization (NPO) opportunities**

We have the opportunity as a Non-Profit Organization to work with some of our neighboring amphitheaters and stadiums to earn income for our school that can be used in a variety of ways such as Science Camp, Washington DC or even tuition. The way it works is – we work the concession stands for the various properties and in return we are either given a percentage of the profit earned at that stand or a flat rate of \$125-\$150 **per person**, depending on the property and the greater of the two amounts. A check would be made out to St. Anthony's Catholic School and your amount earned would be placed in your FACTS account for use towards your designated fund. If you would be interested in this, we would need for each person (over 18) that would be working, to complete a ServeSafe certificate for food service and for alcohol. Once that is completed, we can set up an orientation time for the different locations we would like to work. You are not limited to the amount of people from your family that can work and each member working would receive the per person profit share to your FACTS account.

I will start posting the links to ServeSafe on our school newsletter and once we have enough participants to warrant an orientation, we can start contacting venues.