

saint mary's catholic school

ANNUAL REPORT 2026

YEAR OF HOPE

Tradition ✦ Virtue ✦ Excellence



Saint Mary's Catholic School Mission Statement

The mission of Saint Mary's Catholic School is to invite our students to follow the Lord Jesus Christ as faithful disciples and to prepare them for outstanding achievement in high school and later life.

Our rigorous curriculum integrates academic excellence, athletic challenge, artistic expression, and character formation in service of the evangelical mission of Saint Mary's Catholic Church and School.

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Dear Family and Friends of Saint Mary's Catholic School,

Thank you once again for your continued support of our school. As our enrollment continues to rise, so do our financial obligations. It is of the utmost importance that we hire the highest quality teachers, maintain the beauty of our campus, provide adequate supplies and materials for instruction, and invest in capital projects to improve and expand our facilities. None of this would be possible without the immense generosity of our parish and school families, alumni, and the greater Greenville Catholic community. Thank you for helping Saint Mary's Catholic School to fulfill our mission and help our children thrive.

Last year our Annual Fund raised over \$45,000 to provide tuition assistance to families in need, particularly those facing financial hardships; our annual Gala and Golf Classic together raised over \$231,000 toward the completion of the beautiful Gwynn Garden plaza outside Gallivan Hall; and our PTO raised over \$27,000 to support our teachers and to provide fun social events for our students. Through this generosity, our donors serve as living examples of the charity that we strive to instill in our young people.

As we embark on the 2026-2027 school year, our school continues to grow. Our anticipated enrollment will again set a modern record even as our students continue to excel academically, athletically, and artistically. We are ever grateful for the numerous blessings that God has bestowed upon us and seek to be good stewards now and in the future.

Please plan to join us for the **Saint Mary's Gala on 6 March 2027**, and for the **39th Annual Saint Mary's Golf Classic on 4 June 2027**. Please contact our Director of Development, Mrs Sarah Ratcliff (sarah.ratcliff@smsgvl.org), for more information about tickets, sponsorships, or registering your team. We can't wait to see you there!

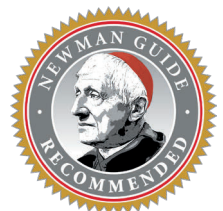
Thank you for being a part of the Saint Mary's family. May God bestow upon you and your loved ones every grace and blessing for your generosity and charity.

In Our Lady of the Sacred Heart of Jesus,

Mr Steven Zimmerman
Principal



2026 Newman Guide Recommended School
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SCHOOL AWARDS

2009, 2020 National Blue Ribbon School
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FACULTY WITH ADVANCED DEGREES

59% hold Masters Degrees
5% hold Doctorate Degrees

SCHOOL POPULATION

318 students enrolled
197 families
4 parishes

STUDENT/TEACHER RATIO

1 : 14

CLASS SIZE

Average 29 students



CURRICULUM/CLASS STRUCTURE

PRE-KINDERGARTEN-FIFTH GRADE
Self-Contained

MIDDLE SCHOOL (6TH-8TH)
Departmentalized:
Religion, Language Arts, Math, History,
Science & Foreign Languages
High School Credits:
English, Algebra, French & Spanish

CO-CURRICULAR INSTRUCTION

Music, Art, Physical Education, Spanish,
French, Computer & Library

MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Boys Basketball
Girls Basketball
Girls Volleyball
CoEd Cross Country
CoEd Golf
CoEd Track & Field

FAITH FORMATION

Adoration
Daily Prayers
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Virtues in Practice
Weekly Mass
Mission Projects
Rosary Club
Sacramental Preparation
Middle School Retreats
Stations of the Cross

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Spelling Bee	Band & Orchestra
Oratorical	Mass Choir & Show Choir
Student Council	Parish Cub Scouts
Science Day	Church League Basketball
8th Grade Play	Youth In Government
MATHCOUNTS®	Beta Club
Lector Team	Coding Club
Yearbook	Art Club
Chess Club	Middle School Girls Bible Study
Fraternus & Fidelis	Middle School Boys Bible Study



WHAT'S NEW AT ST MARY'S THIS YEAR

God continues to pour out his blessings upon Saint Mary's Catholic School. This past year, our enrollment swelled to 315 students as we welcomed our largest 6th grade class in many years. This posed a welcome challenge for our classrooms and bell schedules which were updated to accommodate the increased enrollment. It is our great hope that this will become the new standard in our middle school so that we may continue to shape the hearts and minds of these students through 8th grade and to better help them practice virtue and achieve excellence in all that they do.

Similarly, our elementary school remains at capacity with waiting lists in most grade levels. We attribute this high and consistent demand to the strength of our parish, the faith of our families, the explosive growth that Greenville has seen in recent years, and our continued focus on providing the highest quality Catholic education at a truly affordable price centered around our core values of Tradition, Virtue, and Excellence.

During the 2025-2026 school year, Saint Mary's Catholic School was recognized by The Cardinal Newman Society as a Newman Guide Recommended K-8 Catholic School. This is a tremendous honor that highlights the strength of our faith formation and Catholic culture. Every decision we make, from policies to textbooks to teacher recruitment, flows from this strong foundation of faith and embodies our commitment to the truth of the Gospel.





This past year also saw the completion of Gwynn Garden, a newly constructed covered walkway and green space in the plaza outside Gallivan Hall. Not only is it a beautifully designed structure, but it has been an immense boon to our faculty and students. Our children can avoid the harsh midday sun or sudden rainfall during drop off and dismissal, teachers have utilized the space for comfortable outdoor instruction, our PTO has centered school events around the meeting space, and more.

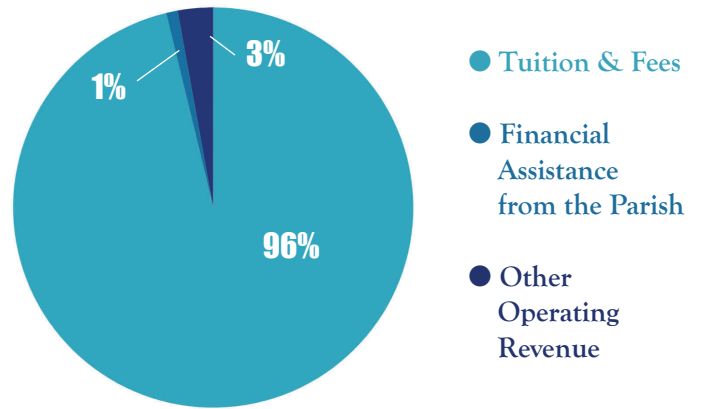
And of course, everything we do, we do for our students, who continue to excel academically, artistically, and athletically. This past year we honored seven of our graduating students as SC Junior Scholars, our Elementary Beta Club brought home three trophies from the National Convention, our athletic teams won multiple trophies across our conference and the Diocese of Charleston tournaments, and our NWEA MAP standardized test scores were higher than the state, national, and Diocesan averages in all subjects at all grade levels.

As we look to the future, we are filled with immense gratitude for these blessings. Thanks to the time, talent, treasure, and prayers of our parish and school community, we can continue in our mission to invite our students to follow the Lord Jesus Christ as faithful disciples and to prepare them for outstanding achievement in high school and later life.

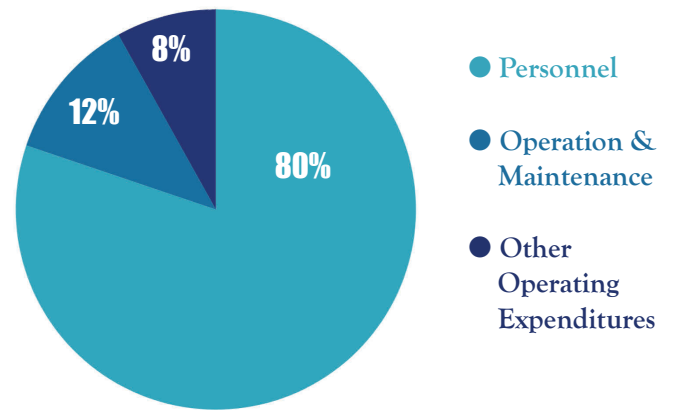


**FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2025-2026****REVENUE**

Tuition & Fees	\$	3,142,597
Financial Assistance from the Parish	\$	30,152
Other Operating Revenue	\$	93,242
Total School Revenue	\$	3,265,991

**EXPENDITURES**

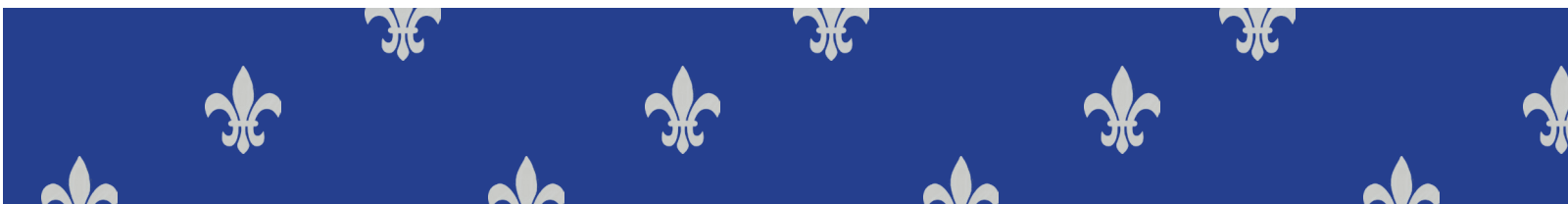
Personnel	\$	2,610,967
Operation & Maintenance	\$	381,153
Other Operating Expenditures	\$	263,701
Total Expenditures	\$	3,255,821
Net Surplus	\$	+10,170



Golf/Gala : \$231,415
Project Funded
Gwynn Garden - New Plaza
and Canopy Construction

Annual Fund : \$45,179
Project Funded
Need-Based Scholarships

PTO Easy Button : \$27,275
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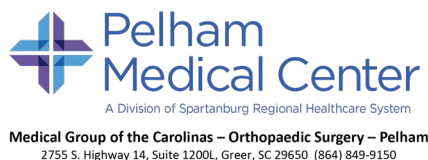
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