



# COMMUNITY OF SAINTS

State of the School 2019-20



## **Our Updated Mission and Vision:**

We are **committed** to providing **every one** of our students a sense of **belonging** within a community rooted in **faith, inclusivity, and love**. Together with their families, we create a foundation to achieve excellence by developing each student's unique God-given talents.

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## Principal Kramer

The 2018-19 school year for Community of Saints was a memorable one. After securing a twenty year lease with St. Michael Church in the fall of 2018, Community of Saints was later given the opportunity to purchase the property of St. Michael's campus this past May. As our Board Chair Melinda Frias states, this opportunity "...provides long-term stability to our school community. Some people weren't sure what would happen to COS after St. Michael's suspended operations in 2016, and this makes it clear, we're here to stay. It's an important guarantee."

In addition to the milestone of owning our own property, our school has received several other blessings this school year. We continue to grow professionally so we can effectively serve our mission to educate the whole child--and we strive to make this unique educational experience affordable for all.

I am extremely proud of all that we have accomplished in the 2018-19 school year, and I am overwhelmed by the opportunities and gratitude I feel as we look ahead to 2019-20.

Warmest Regards, Bridget Kramer

### **Faith Through Servant Leadership**

Isaac's Blessing Bags

NEGU Coin Drive

Local Food Drive

Meals on Wheels Cards and Crafts

Minneapolis Sandwich Man

Parish Fish Frys

Cards and Crafts for Senior Care



COS student Isaac Garcia was an honored guest speaker at the 2018-19 AIM Higher Foundation gala. His was recognized for his leadership in our school service project "Isaac's Blessing Bags"-which distributed essential items to people in need.

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## Educating the Whole Child



Community of Saints was one of five schools in the Twin Cities partnering with the University of Notre Dame this year as part of the Alliance for Catholic Education's (ACE's) Higher-Powered Learning Program. This is a three-year program guiding teachers and school leaders through the implementation of excellent and sustainable blended-learning programs.



COS was selected as one of nine schools nationally to participate in a three-year fellowship sponsored by The Center for STEM Education of the University of Notre Dame (STEM--Science, Technology, Engineering, Math).



Latino Enrollment Initiative (LEI) of Notre Dame identifies and assists Catholic schools with offering a framework to transform schools in order attract and serve Latino families. Administration attended the Institute of Latino Studies' Adelante Conference last summer and plans to continue this work by collaborating with the LEI into the future.



COS has continued its work with culturally proficiency by partnering with St. Mary's University Center for Culturally Responsive Engagement. Through these professional development opportunities, the COS staff has focused on culturally responsive means that promote engagement and inclusion.



COS has collaborated with Boston College City Connects for the past three years. A City Connects counselor services the school by helping to build a network of support for students and their families through the four domains of academics, social/emotional, family, and health.



CATHOLIC  
CHARITIES

COS school is fortunate to have a 3-day a week counselor from Catholic Charities. This counselor helps support students with mental health and academic needs that are integrated into the student's everyday school experience. These partnerships provide a "safety net" for students and families.

## Governance Restructure: Board of Directors



- Phil Boelter
- Roy Ferber
- Melinda Frias
- David Hottinger
- Marshall MacKay
- Tom McKeown
- Emily Reckinger
- Dawn Reding
- Leti Silva
- Mike Smeby
- Gary Wilmer
- Father Brinkman

### Board of Directors Committees

**Development:** David Hottinger, Doug Lieser, Tom McKeown, Paul Ramos, Leti Silva

**Facility:** Gary Wilmer, Fr. Andrew Brinkman, Steve Kowal, Bridget Kramer, Marshall MacKay, Michelle Youness

**Finance:** Dawn Reding, Phil Boelter, Roy Ferber, Bridget Kramer, Mike Smeby

**Marketing/Enrollment:** Emily Reckinger, Melinda Frias, Doug Lieser, Angie Lopez, Maricruz Hernandez Martinez



**Home & School Association** gives parents and guardians an opportunity to be a part of and support the students' experiences at Community of Saints.

#### Home & School Sponsored events include:

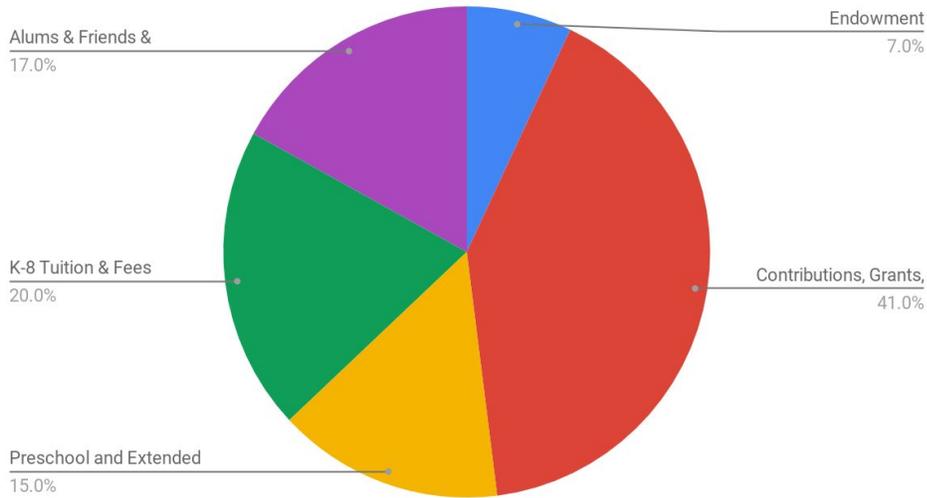
- Halloween Dance
- Cinco de Mayo Parade Float
- 8th Grade Graduation Dinner
- Community Restaurant Fundraisers
- Bake Sales
- Uniform Exchange
- End of the Year Picnic

# Our Proud Partners



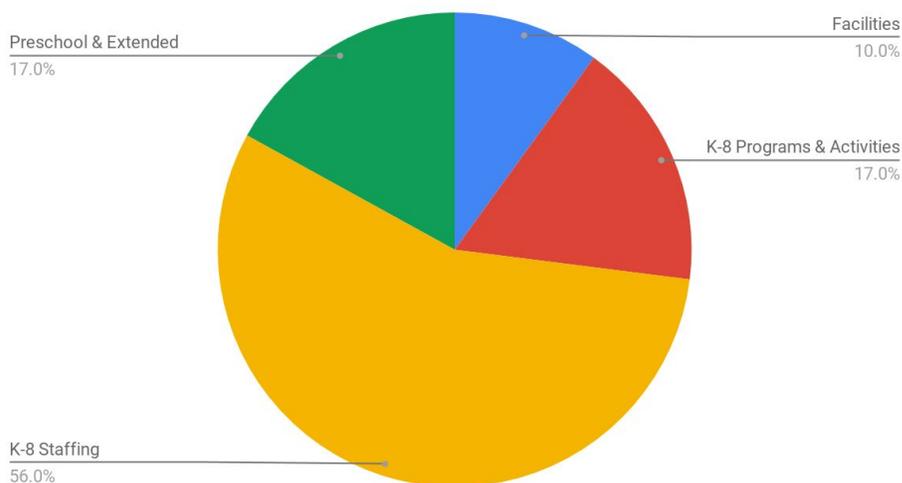
## Finances: Budget 2018-19

### Income



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## Expenses



## A Community Committed to Our Students

Our Alums & Friends & Families annual fund for tuition assistance brings our community together in support of our students. Our mission wouldn't be possible without their commitment!

**524** - Unique donors in 2018

**\$275,827** - Raised in 2018

**69%** - Donor retention

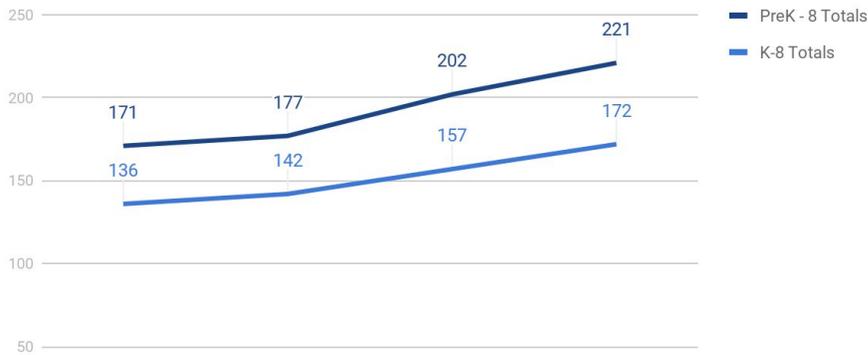


Above are a few of the Alums and Friends and Families board members receiving a Community Champion Award from Minnesota Independent School Forum (MISF) in 2016. This group was founded in 2007 at St. Matthew's School, and since has raised over \$2 million in tuition assistance.

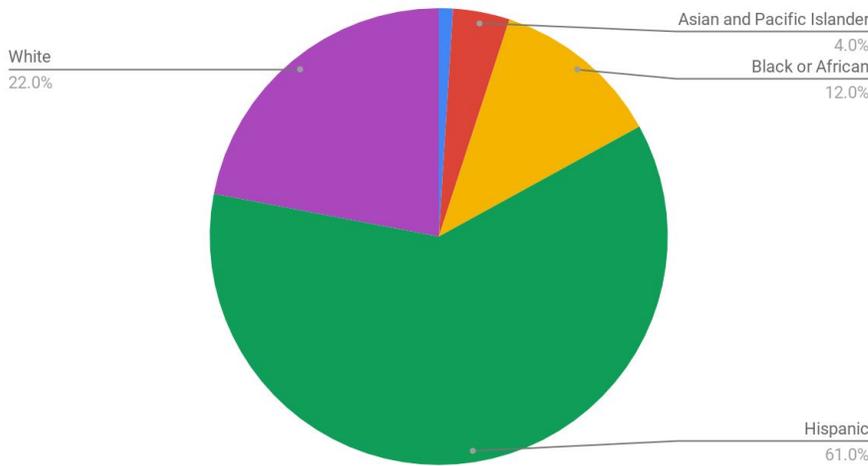
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# Our Students

## Enrollment Growth



## Student Race



## By the Numbers

**63** - Percent of students receive free or reduced price lunch

**12** - Zip codes where our students reside

**90** - Percent receive need based tuition assistance

**26** - Percent enrollment increase the past three years

**27** - Percent of students who are English Language Learners

