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OUR PRESIDENT

everyday miracles

AT LAKEWOOD CATHOLIC ACADEMY

It has been said that gratitude is a magnet for miracles. I agree. I am thankful for Lakewood Catholic Academy every day and because of that, I see beautiful miracles everywhere. Some miracles come in the form of a simple student smile at the front door in the morning, others come by way of academic or athletic success, completion of a piece of artwork or a solo instrumental performance. Some miracles happen quietly when a student gets the tutoring or mental health support they need.

The children on campus also experience miracles when they have the chance to learn in a newly transformed classroom or play on a renovated gym floor or playground. Ultimately, our student Saints are themselves the miracles for which we are most grateful.

In the pages of this Annual Report, we celebrate these miracles and many more. We share our deep gratitude for a school community made up of incredibly generous parents and tremendously talented teachers who are committed to prayer, innovation and excellence each day.

As we look back in thanksgiving for all the miracles of this past year, we recognize how blessed we are, and in turn we dedicate ourselves to being a blessing for others. In so doing, perhaps in our own small way, LCA can become a miracle the world needs.

With a grateful heart,

Brian



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a home away from home

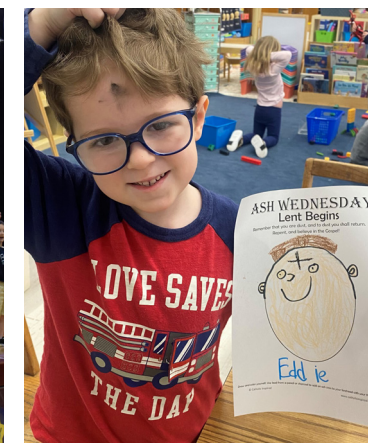
For over 35 years, children as young as six weeks old have found their home away from home on LCA's campus. What began as Holy Family Learning Center has now become Lakewood Catholic Academy's Early Childhood Program where children develop the skills necessary to be lifelong learners.

Five years ago, we combined all early childhood programs under the direction of a designated early childhood administrative team. This change has had a positive impact within our program, resulting in a 20% enrollment increase and a fully enrolled center. The retention rate of children in the Early Childhood Program continuing on to kindergarten has increased from 15% to over 85%, which proves that when families enroll their children at LCA, many of them intend to remain with the community through the primary and middle years. Families are not only drawn to LCA because of the high-quality education and faith-based community, but because it is a place where they can bring their infants and school age children to learn and grow together.

Due in part to the support of the greater LCA community, we have been able to retain dynamic and talented staff that have been here for many years. Our average tenure for lead teachers is 15 years and 5 years for assistant teachers. Although the pandemic of 2020 brought about closures, high staff turnover rates and lack of staff throughout early childhood programs across the nation, LCA has been able to thrive and become more vibrant now than ever. We continue to hire and recruit exceptional teachers, offering bonuses, competitive salaries, ongoing recognition, high quality professional development, faculty meal plans, tuition benefits and ongoing support of the whole person. We invest in our staff because they have the largest impact on the success of our program.

As we continue to grow and expand, so do the programs and resources. We offer ongoing support to families through our Parent Support Series. In addition, we look for ways to engage families to allow them opportunities to be involved in their child's education and within the LCA community. Our program has adopted and implemented Creative Curriculum, Conscious Discipline and Heggerty that is aligned to the early learning standards and promotes learning and development in each of the following areas: social, emotional, physical, language, and cognitive. We believe in developing the whole child here at LCA because

in the end, it's the beginning that counts!



honor roll of donors

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At Lakewood Catholic Academy we believe that in the end, it is the beginning that counts. Usually, we are referring to a student's full experience on our campus, which is their first home away from home and the school at which they will spend more time than any other school in their educational journey.

But this phrase also has significance as we consider our Early Childhood Program and the primary years of elementary school. From tea parties in preschool and art shows in pre-kindergarten, from kindergarten spa day to our fourth grade water walk, our young student Saints and their families have the opportunity to be a part of some amazing school traditions that spark joy and create memories that will last a lifetime.

Whether you join our first graders on their trek to the tree farm or salute our Veterans at Lakewood Park; whether you pray with our second graders at their First Communion retreat or travel around the world at Christmastime with our third grade globe trotters, you will find joy and magic in the experiences we create and celebrate here at Lakewood Catholic Academy. Be sure to follow us on social media for a real-time look at life at LCA. The joy our students experience each day is contagious,

so come along for the ride and be a Saint!



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20/20 VISION

FAITH + VISION + COURAGE

These are the virtues at the heart of the Lakewood Catholic Academy story and our school's mission. As a school family, we rely on these same virtues as we strategically chart the future direction of LCA. Remaining committed to our Catholic Faith, we will continue to develop new ways to form our young boys and girls into men and women inspired to serve the Church and the world.

FOUNDATIONS FOR GROWTH

The example of generosity set forth by the individuals listed below have made LCA's first-ever capital campaign possible. Their bold leadership has set the **foundation for growth in three key areas:**



INSPIRING STUDENTS:

Support the Saints of Lakewood Catholic Academy as they learn and grow into faith-filled leaders.



THANKING TEACHERS:

Contributing to more competitive salaries for our faculty and making world-class professional development available to our outstanding educators.



BUILDING THE FUTURE:

Investing in our ongoing work to update our campus and reimagine learning spaces for our student scholars.

If you would like to be a part of this important work, please contact **Brian Sinchak, President, at 216-521-0559.**

**Donor has included Lakewood Catholic Academy in their estate planning.*

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GAME ON!



Lakewood Catholic Academy's 2023 Spring Gala

GAME ON!

As guests arrived on campus on April 1, they toasted to LCA and browsed beautifully presented auction packages and baskets. They enjoyed delicious food from Lago East Bank, cocktails, and decorations that made it seem like they had been transported back to their favorite childhood arcade.

Later in the evening, guests had the opportunity to take to the stage as teams of teachers, parents, and other supporters competed against each other in LCA Family Feud. A memorable time was had by all! Most importantly, the greater LCA community joined together to raise important funds that will allow us to continue our innovative programs that make LCA the leader in Catholic elementary education.

By the time the games were over and we said goodnight to our guests, **over \$320,000 was raised** to benefit the students and staff of Lakewood Catholic Academy.

THE PRICE IS RIGHT: \$10,000

The Finucane & Castro Families
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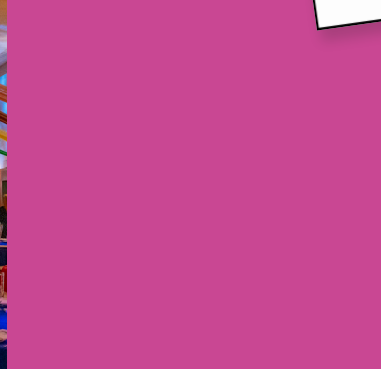
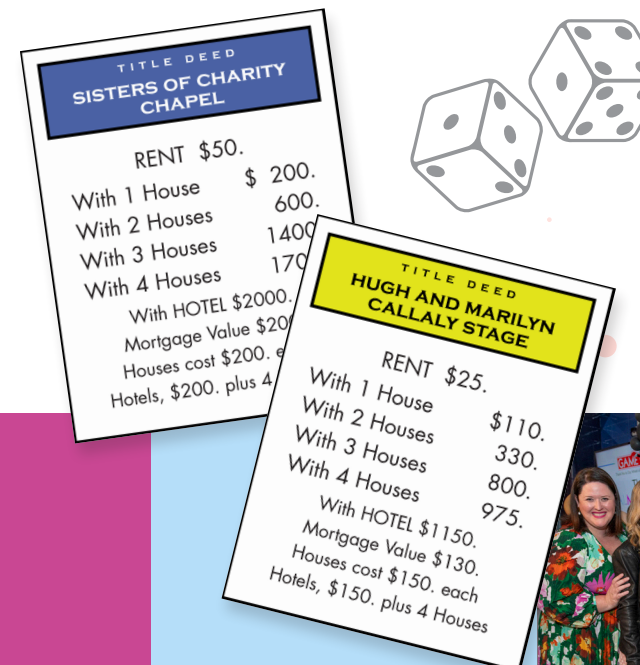
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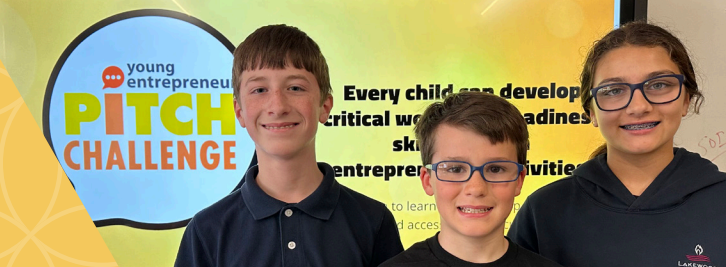
tomorrow's entrepreneurs

As LCA strives to educate tomorrow's global leaders, part of that commitment includes equipping students with the skills that will also prepare them to be tomorrow's best and brightest business leaders. As our Design class continues to evolve, an emerging theme includes entrepreneurship and business studies.

Students enjoy exposure to business and entrepreneurship activities at various stages during their educational journey at Lakewood Catholic Academy. From extracurricular opportunities like our Pitch and \$100K clubs, to in-class projects like Lemonade Stands in 4th grade, the Christmas Market in 5th grade and Saints Startup in 7th grade, students fine-tune their creative, problem solving, and presentation skills while preparing for high school and beyond. Year after year, students are recognized in local and regional competitions for their imagination, grit, and innovation.

The entrepreneurial skills our students learn in the classroom and from community mentors, coupled with experiences from other unique communication-focused experiences like the Great Lake Shake, Arguably the Best, and Prophetic Voices, give LCA students the edge that sets them apart in the classroom, on stage, on the athletic field, and

skills that set them apart in life.



cleveland guardians

Lakewood Catholic Academy has partnered with the Cleveland Guardians to provide volunteer help at the stadium gates, passing out giveaways during home games. For our efforts, the Cleveland Guardians Baseball Company contributes to our Annual Fund, which supports all aspects of our school's operating budget, including student scholarships. We are grateful for the leadership of our Technology and Design teacher, Mrs. Laura Crabb, for coordinating this remarkable partnership where moms and dads, aunts and uncles, grandparents, friends, parishioners, LCA teachers...Saints of all ages come together to not only support LCA, but to also cheer on the team! Thank you to the following individuals who volunteered at one or more games between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023.

golf outing for the saints

In September 2022, friends of LCA participated in the 13th Annual LCA Golf Classic. The outing raises important funds to support our athletic program for uniforms, participation in tournaments, equipment, and coach development. Thank you to our sponsors and all those who hit the links with us last year!



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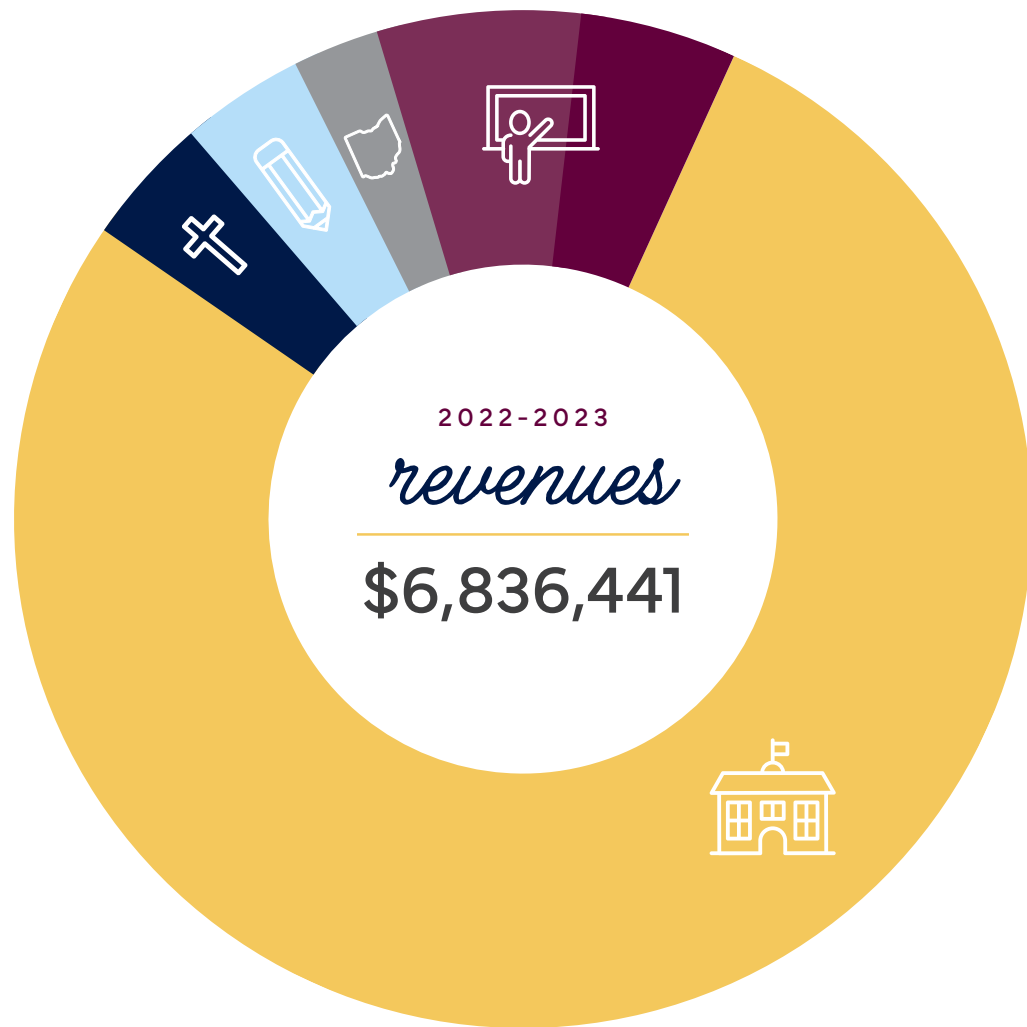
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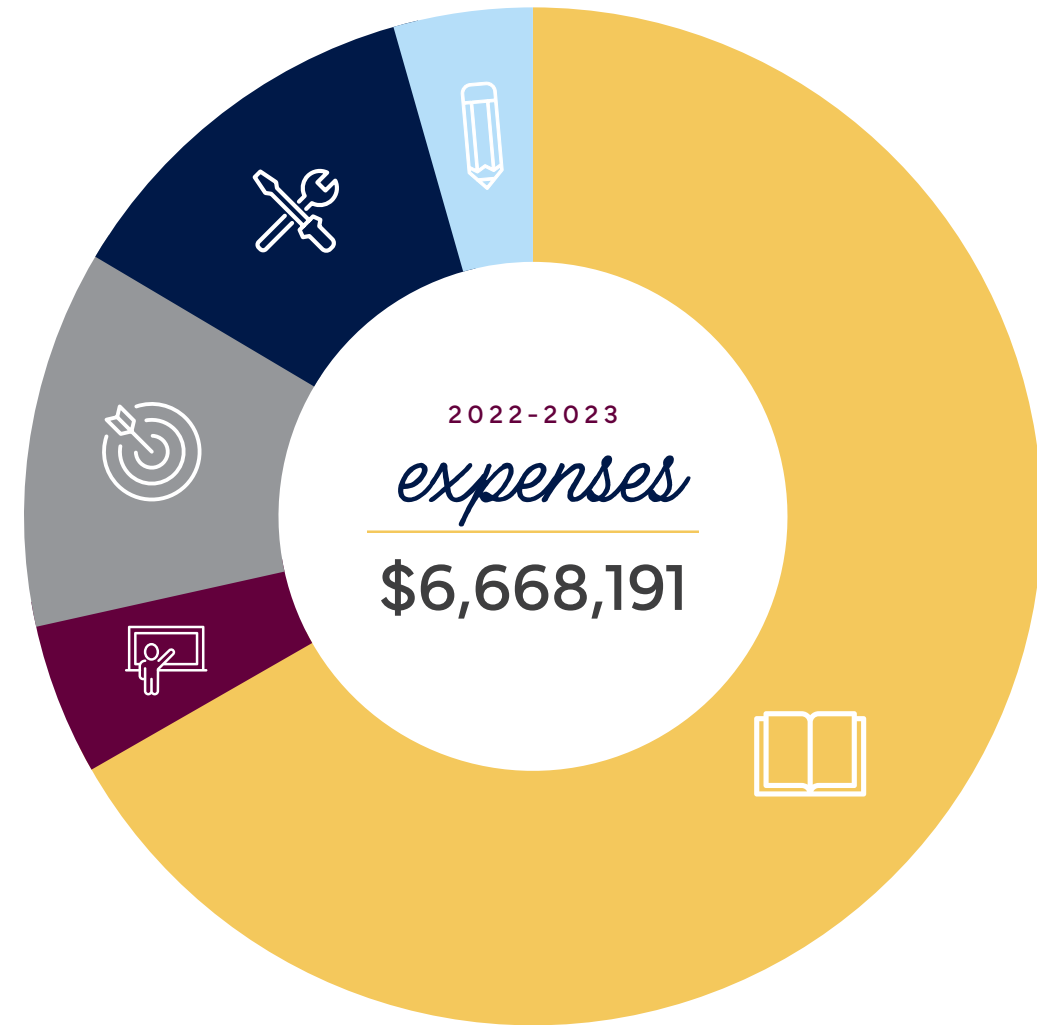


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|  | PARISH SUBSIDIES: | \$278,250 |
|  | STUDENT SERVICES: | \$286,001 |
|  | STATE FUNDING: | \$187,033 |
|  | DEVELOPMENT: | \$780,229 |
| | Special Events: | \$440,730 |
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|  | INSTRUCTIONAL: | \$4,448,336 |
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