

# THE GOOD NEWS

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2023-24      ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN



## 71 YEARS STRONG

**St. Frances Cabrini School**  
Since 1953



**MISSION STATEMENT**  
*St. Frances Cabrini School provides a quality Catholic Education which inspires academic excellence, supports a diverse community, and motivates students to become respectful, responsible individuals, who are active disciples of Christ.*

### Message from the Principal Mrs. Deborah Dewar

Dear Parishioners,

As September draws to a close, the one thing that has been overwhelming is the truly amazing people there are at St. Frances Cabrini School. The fantastic faculty, the wonderful families, and of course, the children. I am so proud and grateful to be a member of this school. The outpouring of love and support has been inspiring, and it is that inspiration that pushes us forward into the future. That inspiration helps us to strive to be the best Catholic school that we can be, teaching our students to know, love and serve our Lord Jesus.

We offer so many programs to our kids, including in-house catechesis for the sacraments of Penance, First Communion, and Confirmation. We have state-of-the-art math and language arts programs that allow our students to excel as they graduate and move on to high school. Each class is carefully designed to bring out the best academically in our students. This year, we have introduced the Education in Virtue program from the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist. This helps us give a strong, traditional voice to some complicated social and emotional issues. From this program, we discuss how to incorporate virtues into our everyday lives. Our next goal is to look deeply at our history/social studies program to update our textbooks and resources, bringing our past to the forefront to help us become better citizens of the future.

We work hard to bring the children of this parish the best of both worlds: an excellent academic foundation and an exceptional Catholic experience. Students of St. Frances Cabrini Catholic School understand that the virtues that we discuss daily can be easily practiced and incorporated into daily life. They are challenged by academic rigor at every turn. And they learn how to assimilate their love of the Faith into every aspect of their lives. We ask that you consider giving to the Annual Giving Campaign this year, to help us in our efforts to build educationally successful Catholic students - the best of both worlds.

**Many Blessings,**  
Deborah Dewar  
*Principal - St. Frances Cabrini Catholic School*

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# Greetings from Father Lou Cunningham

Dear Parents,

Jesus Christ loves your child. That is the reason why we want to collaborate with you to help them grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ in the Catholic Church. Our school is meant to be a locus where they encounter all of the different avenues that God has touched their education, firstly in growing in the virtues (<https://openlightmedia.com/education-in-virtue>), secondly in growing in fidelity and trust in God and all of the gifts He has given to them, and thirdly using those gifts to develop their intellectual knowledge and curiosity of God's great world He has given to each of us.

Mrs. Dewar and I are excited to collaborate with you, the primary teachers of your children, to assist you and them in this great task. We will have great opportunities in the coming year to know each other, to pray with each other, and to grow in our knowledge, love, and service of Jesus Christ with each other. Our task is not easy, but nothing worthwhile ever is! From the many distractions your children face with social media and a self-inventing culture, our school will help your children know the truth found in Christ and then to virtuously respond to it with a joyful orthodoxy that proclaims our reason for life: Jesus Christ.

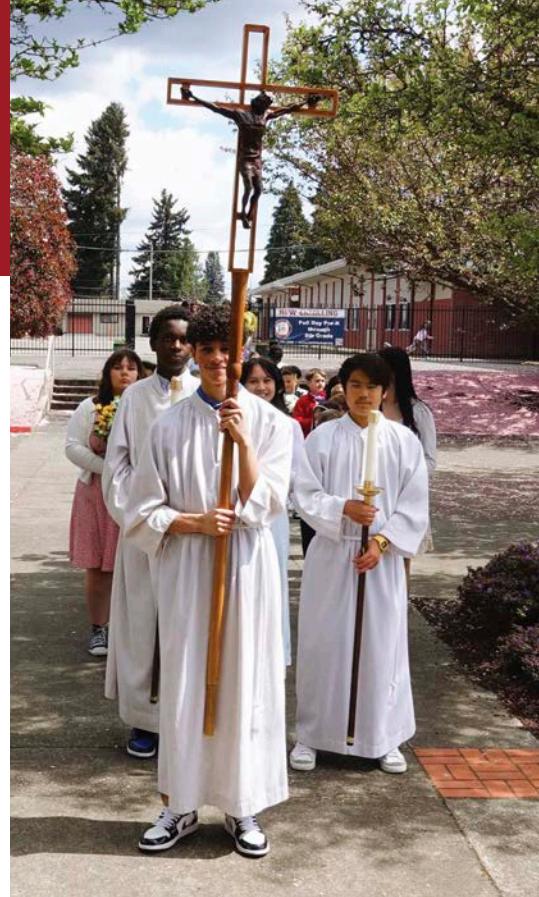
Our parish school is an apostolate of our Lakewood Catholic Parish Family. It is one of the many ways that we seek to bring all of Lakewood into the deep friendship that Jesus desires with each of us. Please know of my prayers for you in this upcoming academic year and I look forward to meeting you and your children.

Christus vincit, Christus regnat, Christus imperat!

**Jesus conquers, Jesus reigns, Jesus rules over all!**

Father Lou Cunningham

Pastor, St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Parish





# We Say Goodbye – We Say Hello

## We Say Goodbye to Our Teachers and Staff

**Linda Burke**, our cherished second-grade teacher since 2007, has made the heartfelt decision to bring her passion for teaching to Catholic schools closer to home. We send her our warmest wishes as she embarks on this new chapter, and her presence will be greatly missed.

**Monica Davis**, our former principal for four years at St. Frances Cabrini School, decided to retire after 23 years in Catholic education. During her tenure many school improvements were completed, including renovating the kitchen, updating the Wi-Fi, painting the building, installing two playgrounds, adding a new licensed Pre-Kindergarten classroom for 3-year-olds, and installing a security fence. She ensured that Cabrini students had a quality, faith-centered education that challenged, inspired, and motivated students to be active disciples of Christ, lifelong learners, and respectful, responsible citizens. We wish her the best in her retirement.

**Tanner Scanlan** was a 7th-grade teacher. He has chosen to pursue his passion for teaching at the high school level. We extend our warmest wishes as he begins this new chapter.

**Mrs. Lacey Zinsu** relocated to Washington, D.C. with her husband and three children. She taught first grade and Pre-K for two years at Cabrini.

**Mrs. Violeta Herrera** has embarked on an exciting new journey as a Pre-K teacher, utilizing her expertise as a development and Pre-K assistant.



*We stand for something greater than ourselves.*

*United we are stronger.*

*And united in God we will be protected.*

*May God's grace go before each of them to prepare new avenues for spreading the Gospel in all they do!*



**Welcome to the  
St. Frances Cabrini  
Community!**



# Financial Funding Sources

## 2023-24 Annual Giving

Campaign	\$134,575
Fulcrum Foundation	\$41,425
21 <sup>ST</sup> Century Fund Endowment	\$61,626
Seton Fund	\$11,747
Three Family Endowments Scholarship	\$27,811
St. Frances Cabrini Parish	\$80,000
Pierce Alliance for Catholic Education (PACE)	\$9,000
<b>Total Financial Aid Given:</b>	<b>\$366,184</b>



## We Give Thanks for Our Many Supporters!

Dear Friend of St. Frances Cabrini School, We are blessed to see the smiling faces of over 170 students every day. Your school would not operate without your support.

The **Annual Giving Campaign** is a yearly giving that supports the school's general operating expenses, financial assistance, staffing, and maintenance of our facilities.

The **Annual Giving Campaign** helps us keep tuition affordable while meeting the school's needs. In addition, these gifts are unrestricted, meaning that we can use them to meet our most pressing needs. The gift of education is forever; it fosters personal growth and Catholic values and empowers these students to achieve their fullest potential. Your generous donation will **impact** a child and their family by giving them the gift of a bright future built on a strong foundation of values that will carry them on their life's journey so that they can attend St. Frances Cabrini School! Thank you ❤!

*Your gift will help fund...*

## Make a Gift Today

**Scholarships** are needed to provide tuition assistance for students, enabling them to remain enrolled at St. Frances Cabrini School, an environment where they feel safe and loved.

**Facilities improvements:** The fund is an opportunity to show students for years to come that you value their education, their surroundings, and their needs as they study here.



**An operating budget** for teachers and staff salaries is needed to support St. Frances Cabrini School's strong academic program and allow students to receive the foundation they need to succeed in high school and beyond.

## This year, our Annual Giving Campaign Goal is \$125,000

We want to continue to thank our generous donors, including Mr. Kattergahen, who has been instrumental in our school's annual giving Campaign, as well the Catholic Daughters, Knights of Columbus, and Mr. and Mrs. Lott for their generous donations. Your contributions have played a crucial role in shaping a child's and their family's future, giving them the gift of a bright future built on education and opportunity. As we look to the future, we hope we can continue to count on your support, as it is essential to our continued operation and the fulfillment of our mission.

**We ask you to consider a financial gift of any amount.**

**Every Donation is important.**



**Thank You For Supporting Catholic Education!**



MATERNITY  
CENTER

5705 MAIN STREET SW



# We Give Thanks for Our Community!

## Students Making a Difference

St. Frances Cabrini Catholic School faculty and students worked together to live out our Mission statement in person every day. Our students grow academically, spiritually, and emotionally.

### Community Service Projects

Our PreK through 8th grade students have made a significant impact on our community. They collected winter items for the Tacoma Rescue Mission and donated baby products to Guadalupe Maternity Center. They also engaged in various community service activities such as creating "angel" cards, collecting socks, maintaining a clean school environment, and organizing school-wide recycling. Additionally, they visit and play games with Patriot Landing residents, make cards for the homebound, and support Christmas outreach. The 8th grade also holds a year-round fundraiser for the Water for South Sudan project, providing essential water to those in need.

**Join us and be a part of a community that lives by the Mission statement every day, no matter what the circumstances!**



**Mrs. Jordan and Ms. Van Leuven**

*Thank you for your all your love and dedication to our students as co-principals!*

## Alumni News & Auction



### Joel Katterhagen – Class of 1978



St. Frances Cabrini Parish and School have been an integral part of my family's life since its inception in the early 1950s. My parents were charter members of the parish in 1952. My sister was part of the second 1st grade class of 1954, followed by my brother in 1958. Over the past 70 years, St. Frances Cabrini School has blessed several members of my family with a wonderful Catholic education that serves as the foundation of our faith. I thank God for touching my parent's hearts and providing the resources to enable my siblings and me to experience a faith-based education that made all the difference in our lives. In addition to my Catholic education, friendships I developed in the 1970s while attending SFC remain as strong today as they were over 50 years ago. These are just a few of the reasons my family continues to support St. Frances Cabrini's mission of developing our students into individuals who are active disciples of Christ. Please consider supporting St. Frances Cabrini School by making a donation.

Sincerely,

Joel A. Katterhagen - Class of 1978

**Tacoma Country & Golf Club Gala Auction**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**March 8, 2025**



# Our Donors for The Annual Giving Campaign 2023-24

## CABRINI CLUB — ALL GIFTS OF \$2,000 +

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Joel A. Katterhagen A'78  
Merton A'65 and Sharleen Lott

### \$5,000 - \$10,000

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### Special Designations:

A'79 - indicates Alum & Grad Year  
+ - indicates deceased  
M - Matching Gift  
(name) - Alum's Maiden Name

Invest in Catholic Education and the Future of Our School

## In Memoriam & In Gratitude for the Presence of these "Friends of Cabrini"

- ❖ Bill Smith A '60 ❖ Lynda Lovely-Wright A '59
- ❖ Margery Ann Lovely A '68 ❖ Thomas Wutzke A '60
- ❖ Joseph Smith ❖ Christopher Hoss ❖ Joseph Nikolao
- ❖ Katherine Chappell ❖ Daniel Fall
- ❖ Cindy Cornwell ❖ Rose Marie Hansen ❖

### Special Designations:

A '64 - indicates Alum & Grad Year  
❖ - indicates deceased

M - Matching Gift  
(name) - Alum's Maiden Name

## Memorial Gifts Given For

We give thanks and praise for the alum, former parents, grandparents, and friends listed below who, since our last Annual Report, have passed away. May they rest in peace.

### IN MEMORY OF LORRAINE JONES

Angela Kunkel  
Susan Mitchell A '64

### IN MEMORY OF JAMES & MARY MURTHA

### IN MEMORY OF REBECCA WALZ (YONG SUK)

### IN MEMORY OF CINDY CORNWELL

Northcutt Family - Vivienne and Warren A '23

### IN MEMORY OF ROSE JAMES

Jane James A '67

## Save The Date For 2024 – 2025 School Calendar Events

- **October 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> – Annual Giving Phone-a-thon**  
**October 22<sup>nd</sup> – Walk-a-Thon** 8:30 am to 3:00 pm at the school
- November 1<sup>st</sup> – All Saints Day Mass** at 8:30 am.
- November 7<sup>th</sup> – Veterans Day Program** on Thursday at 1:30 pm
- November 13<sup>th</sup> – Mother Cabrini Celebration** at 8:30 am All School Mass

- **March 8<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) – Havana Nights Gala Auction**  
– Tacoma Country & Golf Club at 5:30 pm
- April 18<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday - Living Stations of the Cross** at 11 am
- April 25<sup>th</sup> – Multicultural Mass** at 8:30 am
- April 25<sup>th</sup> – Spaghetti Dinner** 5:00-7:00 pm in the school gym

- **December 17<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Program** (Tuesday)
  - 10:30 am Christmas Program rehearsal
  - 6:00 pm Evening Program

- **May 1<sup>st</sup> – May Crowning Living Rosary** on Thursday at 1:00 pm
- May 23<sup>rd</sup> (Friday) – Grandparents' Day Mass** at 8:30 am
- May 30<sup>th</sup> – Pass the Torch Mass** at 8:30 am

- **January 26<sup>th</sup> – Open House** on Sunday from 9:30am – 11:30 am
- January 26<sup>th</sup> to January 31<sup>st</sup>**  
– 2025 National Catholic Schools Week
- January 31<sup>st</sup> – St. John Bosco Day** at 8:30 am All School Mass

- **June 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation** on Friday at 5:00 pm
- June 21<sup>st</sup> (Saturday) – Alumni Social event**  
at the school gym from 3 pm to 5 pm
- Don't miss this opportunity to connect with your Cabrini family!**

### How can I support the Annual Giving Campaign Fund?

Supporting the annual fund is easy. There are a couple of different ways of making a donation. **Making a gift or pledge is easy!**

#### 1. Donate Online

You can make an online donation by visiting our school's website and clicking on the Donate Now button.

#### 2. Mail a Check

payable to SFC School:  
St. Frances Cabrini School  
5621 108TH ST SW  
LAKEWOOD, WA 98499-2205

#### 3. Make a Pledge

by Phone by calling  
the School  
Development Office:  
**253-584-5748**

#### 4. Match Your Gift

Many employers offer matching gift programs and they will match charitable contributions. To find out if your employer has a matching gift policy, check with your company's human resources department.

All gifts made on or before December 31, 2024, are tax deductible. This year's campaign runs from October 1st to June 30th, 2025.

### We Give Thanks to Our 2024 Auction Sponsors!

- ❖ Drangsholt Orthodontics \*\*
- ❖ Mosaic Real Estate – Jessica Taylor
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- ❖ Gaffney Funeral Home
- ❖ Dahlke Orthodontics
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  - ❖ Ram Restaurant and Brewery (Puyallup)
  - ❖ Celaeno Winery by Brian Countryman A '67 \*
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