

THE GOOD NEWS

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2024-25 ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN



Celebrating 72 Years of Catholic Education!

Message from the Principal Mrs. Deborah Dewar

Dear friends and benefactors,

I am blessed with the most wonderful job - that of helping the children of our parish become the Catholic leaders of tomorrow. The faculty and I strive every day to guide our students through an increasingly confusing world of outside influences toward what is beautiful, true, and good. Our goal is to lead our students into the future with the skills of 21st-century students and the hearts of confident Catholic leaders committed to a better tomorrow.

Our parish school is thriving right now. Our hallways are full of smiling children and excited teachers. Our curriculum has grown to include a brand-new hands-on science textbook series and weekly technology classes, and our main classrooms all have brand new interactive display boards. Our test scores have grown as diagnostic information has become more readily available and been used to drive daily lessons. And our children have grown in their abilities to understand themselves as both learners and community members.

But we still need your help. In an effort to keep tuition affordable enough for all of our parishioners, we depend on the generosity of our community to help us meet our budgetary goals. In order to help our children become better, stronger students with a Catholic backbone that becomes embedded in their identity, we depend on gifts from people like you to bring all of our wonderful programs to life. Please consider giving to St. Frances Cabrini School to help bring an exemplary education to all of the children of our parish.

Many Blessings,
Deborah Dewar



Message from Father Lou Cunningham

Dear Parents and Benefactors,

Jesus Christ desires to have a deep friendship with every single person in our parish and school and the whole world! We are honored that Jesus has given us a share in his life through the Church in tangible concrete ways: using little humble things like bread and wine and water and oil to transform not only them into His Body and Blood but to then give us a share in His life as well! In our school, our teachers and staff are constantly finding ways to collaborate with you, parents, to show your children the importance

of this friendship with Jesus, and how our Catholic Faith illuminates all of those areas of knowledge that we teach: from God's wonderful natural world and the intricacies He designed in mathematics to the great depth of the human condition that longs for the infinite and transcendent. We are grateful for your continued 'yes' to the Lord, to your children, and to our parish community. St. Frances Cabrini, pray for us!

In the affection of Christ Jesus,
Fr. Lou Cunningham

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Making a Difference Year after Year

Celebrating 55 Years of Milestones with Love and Learning

This year, St. Frances Cabrini School is proud to honor two outstanding educators whose combined service reflects 55 years of commitment to Catholic education.

Ms. Patti Delgado, a beloved Pre-K teacher, is celebrating 30 years at St. Frances Cabrini School, starting her journey on October 22, 1995. Before teaching, she spent two years in the school office supporting the community. Her first Pre-K class graduated in 2007, and many former students now return as parents.

Mrs. Delgado's Pre-K class, known as the "Pre-K Band of Angels," shows care by creating heart and angel crafts to support others. With her joyful spirit and deep faith, she remains a cornerstone of the Cabrini community.

Ms. Brenda Ryan, a dynamic and dedicated fourth-grade teacher, marks 25 years since joining the Cabrini faculty in the 2000–2001 school year. She is especially known for bringing Washington State History to life through field trips to Olympia and the Harbor History Museum, and through student-led events like the All Saints Day presentations and the Learning Fair. Mrs. Ryan also leads an after-school Math Club, offering extra support and enrichment to her students.

Together, Mrs. Delgado and Mrs. Ryan represent 55 years of love, learning, and faith—a legacy that has shaped generations of Cabrini students. To our alumni: if your early school memories bring a smile, chances are these two extraordinary women were part of them. We thank them for their dedication and celebrate this milestone with gratitude and joy.

We are thrilled to introduce the newest members of our St. Frances Cabrini School family! Each brings unique talents, experience, and passion for education that will enrich our community. Please join us in giving them a warm Cabrini welcome!

Enny Fortt – Second Grade Teacher - Originally from Peru, Mrs. Fortt brings **28 years of teaching experience** to St. Frances Cabrini School. She creates a warm, enriching classroom where students grow both academically and personally. Outside the classroom, she shares her passion for culture as a **Spanish tutor** and **folkloric dance teacher**, inspiring students to embrace language, tradition and creativity. She looks forward to a joyful year of learning and prayer.

Patrick Coons – First Grade Teacher - He is excited to join us as our new 1st Grade Teacher! Now in his second-year teaching in the Archdiocese of Seattle, he previously taught at Holy Family School in Auburn. A University Place native, he holds a BA in Elementary Education from Western Governors University. He loves helping students grow and especially enjoys seeing the confidence and joy they gain as they reach their goals.

Chastity Louis – Lead Pre-K 3 Teacher - Ms. Louis brings over two years of experience in early childhood education and a passion for nurturing young learners. As the lead Pre-K 3 teacher, she creates a joyful, hands-on classroom where children explore, learn, and grow. She's excited to guide her students through a year full of discovery and fun!

Rin Kleeman – Pre-K 3 Aide - With over 10 years of experience working with children, Rin began in an in-home daycare at age 18 and later expanded her skills at a daycare center. She loves supporting children as they grow and is excited to assist our Pre-K 3 class this year.



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

Serving the South Sound With Excellence in Education Since 1953



We Give Thanks for Our Community!



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.

Students Making a Difference

At St. Frances Cabrini Catholic School, faculty and students work together to live out the school's Mission Statement every day, helping students grow academically, spiritually, and emotionally while putting their faith into action. From PreK through 8th grade, students have made a meaningful impact in the community by collecting winter items for the Tacoma Rescue Mission, donating baby products to Guadalupe Maternity Center, creating "angel" cards, collecting socks, maintaining a clean school environment, organizing school-wide recycling, and donating food to the food bank to help feed those experiencing hunger. They also visit and play games with residents at Patriot Landing, make cards for the homebound, and support Christmas outreach initiatives. In addition, the 8th grade class leads a year-round fundraiser for the Water for South Sudan project, providing essential clean water to those in need. Through these acts of kindness, Cabrini students are not only learning about responsibility and compassion but are also living their Catholic values and extending the spirit of Cabrini into the wider community.

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

Save The Date School Calendar Events for 2025-2026

- Oct. 31st – All Saints Mass at 8:30 am
- December 18th – Christmas Program at 6:00 pm
- January 25th – Open House on Sunday from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
- April 25th – Italian Dinner 5:00-7:00 pm in the school gym
- May 21st (Thursday) – Grandparents' Day at 8:30 am
- May 6th – Living Rosary at 10:00 am
- May 29th – Pass the Torch Mass at 8:30 am
- June 5th – 8th Grade Graduation on Friday at 5:00 pm





Financial Funding Sources

Annual Giving 2024-25

Campaign	\$160,000
Fulcrum Foundation	\$46,200
21 ST Century Fund Endowment	\$48,776
Seton Fund	\$11,747
Three Family Endowments Scholarship	\$23,757
St. Frances Cabrini Parish	\$80,000
Pierce Alliance for Catholic Education (PACE)	\$7,000
Total Funding Given to Support Catholic Education:	\$377,480

♥ A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Generous Donors

Dear Friend of St. Frances Cabrini School, we are blessed to see the smiling faces of over 160 students every day, and we are reminded that our school would not operate without your support. This year, our **Annual Giving Campaign Goal is \$150,000**, and with your generosity, we are confident we can reach it together.

The **Annual Giving Campaign** is a yearly initiative that supports the school's general operating expenses, financial assistance, staffing, and maintenance of our facilities. It allows us to keep tuition affordable while meeting the school's most important needs. These gifts are unrestricted, which means we can use them to address the areas where support is needed most. The gift of education is forever. It fosters personal growth, builds Catholic values, and empowers students to achieve their fullest potential. Your generosity impacts not only a child but their entire family—offering them the gift of a bright future built on a strong foundation of faith and knowledge that will carry them throughout life's journey.

We want to extend our deepest gratitude to:

- ❖ Mr. Kattergahan, whose leadership and dedication to our Annual Giving Campaign has been instrumental in its success.
- ❖ The Knights of Columbus, for their steadfast commitment to supporting our mission and families.
- ❖ Mr. and Mrs. Lott, for their heartfelt generosity and investment in our students' futures.

Your contributions are not just gifts—they are life-changing investments. Because of you, our students can learn, grow and thrive in an environment rooted in faith and excellence. You are shaping futures filled with hope, purpose and possibility.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to providing every child with the gift of a Catholic education. We hope we can continue to count on your partnership—because together, we are building a brighter tomorrow.



**2025- 2026 Campaign
Goal \$ 150,000**

- ❖ **Cost to Educate one child: \$14,817**
- ❖ **Average Tuition Paid \$7,815**

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.

Thank You For Supporting Catholic Education!

Our Donors for The Annual Giving Campaign 2024-25

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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

❖ Col. John A. Pagel Sr. A'77
❖ Susa
Carl T. Knecht Const. A'59
❖ Rebecca Walz (Yong Suk)
Leroy Walz
❖ Lynda M. Lovely-Wright A'59
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IN MEMORIAM & IN GRATITUDE FOR THE PRESENCE OF THESE "Friends of Cabrini"

❖ Cheryl Lehman A'58
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❖ Josefina Quimosing
Grandchildren Kevin A'05
and Marvin A'01
❖ Sheila Ann Bennett
Grandchildren Brandon A'21
and Jaden A'23
❖ Fr. Michael Augustine
Dominic Garcia
❖ Sophia Guffey A'13
❖ Col. John A. Pagel Sr. A'77
Children Mary Langendorf
and Catherine Jaquish.
Grandchildren Bryce
Deline A'00 and Kyle Deline A'02

❖ Dr. Ralph Vincent
O'Connor nine children
(Roch A'71, Erin A'73,
Beth A'74, Bart, Barry A'75,
Carrie, Chad A'78, Cort A'79,
and Kyle A'84). Grandchildren
Hailey A'09, Connor &
Colin Drangsholt A'13

❖ Yolanda Garcia Macias
Grandchildren Kerrigan
Hills A'17 and Delaney Hills A'10

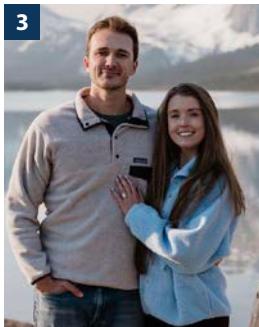
Special Designations:

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

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Once a Student, Always Family



WE ❤️ TO CONNECT WITH OUR SFC ALUMS!

1. Ryan A'08 & Erin Lester
2. Taylor Paige A'09 & Marshall Green | June 6, 2025
3. Katherine Gallagher A'10 & fiancé Alex Nowjack
4. Riley Paige A'13 & fiancé Gary Wilson

CLASS OF 2021

5. Sallyann Kinyua and Jessica Aguilar
6. Ethan Vlad, Bryce Kiguru, Cal Tsuneyoshi & Nixon Karega
7. Cal Tsuneyoshi, Brandon Bennett, Ethan DeVera & Ethan Vlad

8 GABBY ROARTY – CLASS OF 2013

Gabby graduated from Central Washington University in 2021, with her Musical Theatre BFA. A proud Filipino American, she is committed to telling stories that expand beyond stereotype. After growing up in the very lakey, very woody, Lakewood, Washington, she moved Midwest and is currently based in Chicago, Illinois (singular GIANT lake, no woods).



CHARLIE CANTU – CLASS OF 1966

Years Attended: 1959 - 1963
(5th grade, Ms. Chapman's class
5B, 1962-63)

Charlie Cantu attended St. Frances Cabrini while his father served as an Air Force fighter pilot at McChord AFB. He fondly remembers classmates, including Fr. Mike Garcia (a Jesuit/Franciscan priest), John Bader, Alan Delafield, Alan Manning, John Foster, and Christine Kittredge. Despite attending nine different Catholic schools as a military child, St. Frances Cabrini is the only school where he still remembers classmates by name.

Charlie and Mike Garcia maintained a lifelong bond despite frequent moves; Charlie honors his friend, Fr. Michael Augustine Dominic Garcia, who passed away earlier this year after battling Parkinson's disease, by sharing memories and inspiration with current students and alumni.

Charlie later graduated from Antonian High School in San Antonio in 1970 and attended Southwest Texas State University, where he was active in Air Force ROTC. He continues to enjoy reconnecting with classmates and contributing to alumni history.

SISTER ISABEL MARY – GRADE 2-A, 1959-1960



We have an amazing Alumni Association here at the Development Office – and we want to hear from YOU!

Alumni News & Stories



CLASS OF 1971 AND 1972

Back Row L-R: Ken Smolic, Molly Naubert Carey, Joe Liotta, Sarah Latimer Pilkey (Peter Pilkey's widow), Heidi Inderbitzin Mininger.

Front Row: Carol Wilson Farvour, Laurie Martin, Kim Myers Prentice, and in the very front is Carol's sister, Janette Wilson, who is brother Paul's grade a year behind us, Cabrini Class of 1972. This was on Friday night, 8/15/25, at Zesty's in Lakewood (the former Black Angus).



CLASS OF 1971 AND 1972

On Sunday, 8/17/25, the main reunion event was at The Adriatic Restaurant in Oakbrook. Some of us attended on both days.

Back Row L-R: Joe Liotta, Cindy Brigham Bassage (attended Cabrini church), Heidi Inderbitzin Mininger, Christine Johnson Kinzell, Peggy Mallon, Molly Naubert Carey. **Front Row:** Carol Wilson Farvour and her sister Janette Wilson (Cabrini Class of '72).



CLASS OF 1964

These 1964 alums gathered on the first Saturday of August for the fourth year in a row at Anne Pilkey Hansen's home in Olympia. What started as a simple get-together has now become a cherished annual tradition—filled with laughter, memories, and the joy of lifelong friendship.

Cabrini School has always fostered a strong sense of family and community, and this gathering—61 years after their graduation in 1964—is a beautiful testament to that enduring spirit.

Top row L-R: Rick Vendetti, Brian Swimme, Robin Hutchinson Dolson, Doug Hanel, and Paul Mitchell.

2nd row down: Robb Weller, Anne Pilkey Hansen, Susan Jones Mitchel.

3rd row down: Phylis Lott O'Farrell, Cathy Robertson Hennefer, Becky Zelenak Hibbs, Anne Crow, and Gary Fitzpatrick.

Bottom row: Kathy Williams Spencer, Emmy Murphy.

📣 What have you been up to?

Your journey inspires our community.
Whether it's a new job, a big move, or a personal milestone, we'd love to share your story.

✉️ Visit our **Alumni page** on the school website

💬 Fill out the **online form** to share your news

🔗 Connect with us on LinkedIn and grow the Cabrini network!

✉️ Email us at: **SFC@cabrinischool.org**

🏡 Or stop by any time for a visit – **We're always happy to see you!**

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We're always updating our social sites!

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
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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, 2025, are tax deductible. This year's campaign runs from October 1st to June 30th, 2026.

We Give Thanks to Our 2025 Auction Sponsors!

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