

# STATE OF THE SCHOOL

## *So Much to Celebrate!*



- Addition of new programs, such as Lexia and Success Maker, to assess mastery in reading, language, and math are being used in K-8 classrooms. They provide additional, detailed information on the strengths and weaknesses of the students and allow teachers to give specific instruction to meet individual needs.
- We have increased both our intervention (K-5) and enrichment programs (3-5). **Currently, 55 students receive intervention, and 21 get enrichment at those grade levels. Raising the Bar currently has 73 students in 1st through 8th grades.**
- Fundraising has again exceeded our expectations. These 4 events have brought in \$21,000 more than in 2022-23 because of the hard work of our volunteers and the entire school community!  
**Charleston Wrap - \$20,907 (+400)**  
**Oktoberfest - \$168,661 (+7,600)**  
**Boosterthon - \$49,236 (+11,000)**  
**Sip and Shop - \$8,991 (+1,700)**
- **iGiveCatholic** was used this year to raise money for much-needed gym renovations. We raised about **\$26,000**, but we will still need about \$80,000 more to complete the projects. We are also assessing if we need to replace our bleachers completely. They need about \$18,000 worth of repairs, but they are over 30 years old, and replacement parts beyond the wheels are no longer available. The priority items are fixing the safety concerns of the six goals and moving them to electric height adjusters. The bleachers, floor, and aesthetic upgrades will come as we raise more money to cover those expenses.
- The **PTO** aims to raise about \$20k-24k each year to be mostly used for student technology needs and to fund other student-driven needs. With still a few events remaining, the current income is **\$22,461**, less some expenses on hospitality and events.
- The **Christmas Toy Drive** successfully brought **over 1,000 gifts** for homeless children in the Lexington area.
- Natalie Schuler, our **School Accountant**, has been a wonderful addition, aiding us in day-to-day financial matters and executing detailed, long-range budget planning.
- Sharing an **SRO** with SPPS has been a wonderful addition to our safety protocols.
- Working with parish staff to find more meaningful ways of incorporating **Catholic Identity** and spiritual life activities into the school day.
- **Extracurricular** participation is growing in every area. We have had more students participate in sports, from cross country to volleyball, Faith First, and parochial basketball. Our Chess Team is competing across the city of Lexington. Our Academic Teams have succeeded greatly in dual meets and Governor's Cup competitions.
- Eight 5th graders participated in the **Fayette County Science Fair** in February. Four placed, advancing them to the Regional Science Fair in March!



# SAFETY & SECURITY



## Spring & Summer Projects include:

- Moving all the students Prek-8 into the school building for Fall 2024.
- Updating door locking hardware on all exterior doors
- Installing an electric gate in the breezeway area

The Kentucky Council of School Safety has advised us to hold on the front entrance renovation. They are helping us research truly effective ways to increase security at that location. They strongly believe that following safety protocols and having an SRO is far more important. I will update everyone as ideas surrounding the front entrance progress.

# BUDGET

- The 2023-24 budget is right on track.
- The **2024-25 budget** is being finalized, with the anticipation of larger expenses in some curriculum resources and technology as the EANS and EANS2 funding is ending.
- We worked very hard to keep the tuition increase as low as possible this year after last year's 9% raise due to increasing diocesan assessment and insurance costs, as well as other items directly affected by inflation. **The tuition increase for 2024-25 will be 4% here at CKS.** That, along with our budgeted fundraising, will help us give proper raises to faculty and staff while allowing us to fund facility needs, curriculum resources, technology, tuition assistance, and general utilities, all while more thoughtfully planning for the future.

# ENROLLMENT & TUITION FOR 2024-2025

- Currently enrolled: **509** students
  - 96** Preschool Students
  - 413** K-8 Students
- For the 2024-25 school year, we currently have a waitlist in 8 of our 12 grades, including PreK.
- Re-Enrollment will be launched in the next few days. This is vital to ensuring our numbers for 2024-25, updating our waitlists, and planning staffing needs. Moving this up to February will help us have sufficient time to do all of these things in a more timely manner.

**Catholic Parishioner** – \$7,600 (+\$290)

**Catholic Non-parishioner** – \$8,870 (+\$340)

**Other Faiths** – \$11,400 (+\$440)

