2017-2018 Annual Report

A Year of Accomplishments.





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MESSAGE FROM SISTER CHERYL



What a year we had! In December we learned that Fr. Frank Critch, OFM accepted a new assignment as Director of the UGA Catholic Center in Athens. GA and **Fr. John Coughlin**, **OFM** was appointed parochial vicar of St. Peter Claver Parish with ministry at both SPCCS and MDS. We miss Fr. Frank, but we joyfully welcome Fr. John. Of course, Fr. Frank and Louis, his dog and the unofficial SPCCS campus mascot, still visit us regularly.



We also welcomed **Sister Luanne Carmon**, **DC**, to SPCCS as our Vice Principal. Sr. Luanne comes to us with years of experience working with children as a teacher, principal and administrator. Sr. Luanne fell in love with SPCCS and our students have fallen in love with her. She spends most of her days mentoring lower students and tutoring. We are BLESSED to have your love and experience.



This year, we witnessed a total solar eclipse. But better still, our students eclipsed all of our highest expectations for them this this year. Three of our Middle Schoolers (Leah McClain, Johanna Rodriguez-Sanchez and Joshua Mittler) swept 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in Georgia's Right to Life Art Contest. Two others (Johniya Barnes and Kovin Batten) took 2nd and 3rd places in the Diocesan Region 6 Spell-Off. 8th Grader, Tyler Guy was the TOP 8th Grader in Georgia and in the TOP 50 Nationwide for First In Math! Ashton Etheridge was the TOP 7th Grader in Georgia for all schools. SPCCS ranks FIRST PLACE in First In Math for Small Schools in Georgia for the second year in a row. Our artists continued the streak of excellence in this year's Cherry Blossom Art Festival Think Pink Art Contest. Kamila Solis-Hernandez and Emily Vanderhayden were thrilled to receive 1st and 2nd place in the competition. 2nd grade worked with the UGA Agricultural Extension on gardening. Our 2nd and 5th graders showed their dedication, empathy and servant leadership in their year-long service project preparing sandwiches for visitors to our parish food pantry.



SPCCS is a very special family with deep roots and connections. This year **J.T. Thomas** (Class of 1965), four-time Super Bowl Winner came back to SPCCS as the Keynote Speaker at a very successful Alumni Luncheon Fundraiser and the whole school celebrated the life of our beloved staff member, the late **Mrs. Johnnie Smith** at the planting of a Crepe Myrtle tree in her honor in May.

We humbly thank all our friends and family who pitch in to make this school so special and to bless our children. Together, and with Our Father in Heaven, we can achieve anything!

Sister Cheryl Ann Hillig, DC

PRINCIPAL

ANNUAL OUTCOMES



14 Graduates



190 students enrolled from PreK3 - 8th Grade



1st Place in First In Math! for Small GA Schools



67 volunteers



1369 volunteer hrs from parents and friends



\$16,471 worth of volunteer hours



\$83,702 raised in Annual Appeal



17 GRACE
Scholarship Students



\$836,636 raised in Grants and Scholarships

FINANCIALS

SUPPORT & REVENUE	2017-2018
Tuition & Fees	\$1,140,869
Diocesan & Parish Support	\$ 65,125
Annual Campaign	\$ 83,702
Special Event	\$ 22,200
Family Fundraising	\$ 87,127
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 7,714
Fundraising	\$ 134,506
Financial Aid	
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Grants and Scholarships	\$ 836,636
In-Kind Administration Services	
Contribution from the Daughters	\$ 104,140
of Charity	
Total Support and Revenue	\$2,482,020
EXPENDITURES	2017-2018
Salaries & Benefits	\$1,325,655
Operational Costs	\$ 924,582
Instructional Costs	\$ 79,295
Total Expenditures	\$2,329,532

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Students in our Middle School Religion Class, under the direction of Mrs. Angela Larkin, entered the GRTL (Georgia Right to Life) Pro-Life Themed Art Contest. Mrs. Larkin was delighted to learn that our school won the first three places in the contest. Shown left to right is: Leah (First Place), Johanna (Second Place) and Joshua (Third Place). Congratulations.

SOLAR ECLIPSE

Students watched in awe as a total solar eclipse took place on August 21, 2017. For weeks prior to the event they learned all about the science, history and lore of eclipses. But no learning from books or telling of tales could beat the wonder of the actual event. WOW!





MAY FESTIVAL

You can always count on a good time at our annual May Festival. Our Parish Hispanic members and parents prepare a fiesta feast. The Knights of Columbus Council #925 fire up the grill and have the best fries in Macon - ask anyone. All our parents get involved with the games, treats and prizes and our kids have a rollicking good time.

PRAYERS ANSWERED

Keith Royal, Class of 2017 and currently at MDS received a heart transplant this Fall. He is healthy and back at school doing what he does best. We thank and bless the health care team that looked after him and of course, Our Father. We continue to keep Keith and his family in our prayers.



Alumni Benefit Luncheon

The culmination of two years' work by the SPCCS Alumni Committee resulted in an Alumni Benefit Luncheon whose Keynote Speaker was Mr. J.T. Thomas, SPCCS alum Class of 1965, four-time Super Bowl winner with the Pittsburgh Steelers, Christian motivational speaker and entrepreneur.

It was a banner day and Mayor Reichert proclaimed November 27, 2017, "J.T. Thomas Day" in Macon. Over 160 alumni attended a seated lunch and afterwards, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Marion McMillan, SPCCS Class of 1966 and Chair of SPCCS Alumni Committee were inducted into the SPCCS Wall of Fame. Thank you to the committee and each of the generous donors below who made gifts to the SPCCS Alumni Merit Scholarship Fund.

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Mr. J.T. Thomas in his playing days with the Pittsburgh Steelers

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Our generous friends, Fred and Kim Schnell, knocked it out of the park when they hosted a Mardi Gras Party for the benefit of scholarships at the school. All in attendance had a blast and the night was filled with fun and good cheer.

Thank you Fred and Kim for your tireless support and hard work.

Thank you too, to all the sponsors and donors below who contributed to the night.



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Meet Ms. Lauralen Avery, SPCCS Class of 1980.

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In 2013, 76 years after their existence, Lauralen was the first woman of color to be elected president.

Lauralen received her undergraduate degree in Political Science from St. Andrews University in Laurinburg, North Carolina and her MBA from Wesleyan College in Macon. She is pursuing a certificate in nonprofit management from Duke University in Durham, North Carolina.

Currently Lauralen serves as the First Steps Community Coordinator; Community Impact Team for the United Way of Central Georgia.

First Steps is a program that supports families that have young children and prenatal women. It is affiliated with the Georgia Home Visiting Network.



Lauralen was initiated into Delta Sigma Theta through the Macon Alumnae Chapter and is an active member.

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