



MONSIGNOR CLARKE SCHOOL

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2016 - 2017 Annual Campaign

Dear Friends,

Have you heard?Great things are happening at MCS!

I am truly enjoying my time here as principal. I am reminded every day that I walk through those doors of how blessed I am to be a part of such a great community. Monsignor Clarke School has a well-deserved reputation for having teachers, students and families who go well beyond what is needed to succeed. With your support, we are accomplishing so much and we are on our way to doing even greater things! This letter kicks off our 2016/2017 Annual Campaign and we are asking for your support in these important areas. **Every contribution - of any size-** makes a difference in fulfilling our mission and serving the needs of our children.

Outdoor Classroom

With your generous contributions we can bridge the gap between the small grant we received and the added expense to build an outdoor classroom and greenhouse. This would allow teachers of all grades an outdoor space to teach **Sustainability and Spirituality**. This new learning environment will allow teachers and students the opportunity to use vegetables they've grown to prepare meals for the homeless.

Transportation

It's become increasingly difficult to fund learning opportunities outside the classroom due to cost of bussing. Busses can cost the school up to \$400 per trip and this year we were unable to provide bussing for many of our off site sports. Your contribution will allow us more opportunities to provide reliable transportation so that every student has the opportunity to participate in sports and activities beyond the classroom.

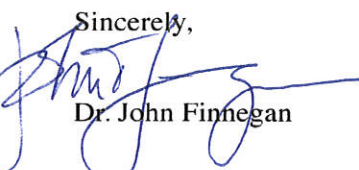
Tuition Assistance

Help make Msgr. Clarke School a reality for students through tuition assistance. Our retention rate last year was 97% and through our new enrollment and advancement initiatives, this year we welcomed **over 30 new students** to the Msgr. Clarke community and they are thriving! However, many families fall just outside the qualifications for financial aid, or their need exceeds their tuition assistance. Sometimes, families encounter unexpected life changing events and require support mid school year. Receiving financial assistance is frequently the deciding factor in whether or not these students are able to attend Msgr. Clarke and **your contribution could make all the difference**.

I ask you to continue to support our goals and aspirations because we have so much left to do! **Every penny we raise will directly support our students and ensure a positive financial future for our school.**

We hope that you will look into your hearts and prayerfully consider a gift to the Msgr. Clarke School Annual Fund. With your support, the impact of our Annual Campaign will be significant!

Sincerely,


Dr. John Finnegan



P.S. Your gift is an investment in our future, helping Msgr. Clarke grow and thrive in years to come. Payments may be made by returning the enclosed pledge or visit website at www.monsignorclarkeschool.org

Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow!