







State of the School Report

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From Mrs. Lovegreen

"I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future of hope" ~Jeremiah 29:11

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

God definitely has plans for the Presentation of Mary School and community. God has provided our community with many blessings during the 2023-2024 school year. He has a plan for the future of Presentation of Mary School, a plan that is rooted in our faith and extends beyond our hopes and dreams.

This school year we welcomed 47 new students and 32 new families to Presentation of Mary School, along with a 97% retention rate. With growth comes some additional growing pains, the need for additional materials, desks, chairs, Chromebooks, and more lockers for Middle School students for the next school year. Thankfully through the support from Catholic Schools Center of Excellence (CSCOE), we were gifted an Expansion Grant to help cover the cost of some of our needs.



We were also blessed with a donation from an anonymous donor who provided funds for a Kindergarten Aide.

The culture of our school continues to grow and change to reflect the community in which our school resides. Many of our students speak a different language at home. We continue to partner with the University of Notre Dame to work with our teachers on how to design lesson plans to create a learning environment that supports the acquisition of language for all students. Our dedicated teachers have been collaborating with each other and with our coach from Notre Dame to provide quality instruction for our students.

We are in the final year of our current 7 year Strategic Plan. Minnesota Non-Public Schools Association Accreditation (MNSAA) requires us to do a year of study to analyze and reflect on all aspects of our school's beliefs and instruction. The entire staff and School Board will review the data collected and create a new 7 year Strategic Plan that will take us to the year 2032. Our number one goal is to continue to increase enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year while still providing a quality faith-based education.

The School Board continues to support our school through their expertise and knowledge. Their focus has been to create a sustainable model for generations to come. The addition of a Gift Officer and the initiative to increase our alumni outreach are two ways to strengthen the support for Presentation of Mary School.

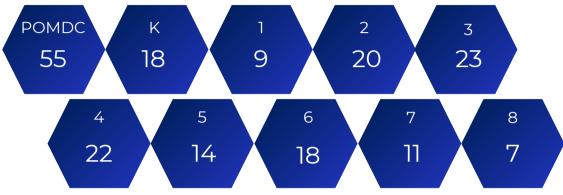
As we begin the final stretch of the 2023-24 school year, we are filled with hope for the future of Presentation of Mary School. God has plans for our school to continue to grow and thrive as the "Beacon on the Hill" for future generations to come. Please pray for our students, staff, and school families as we continue to navigate together whatever the future may bring. Thank you for your support and for walking alongside us on this incredible journey.

Blessings to you and your family, Sue Lovegreen, Principal

Enrollment Overview

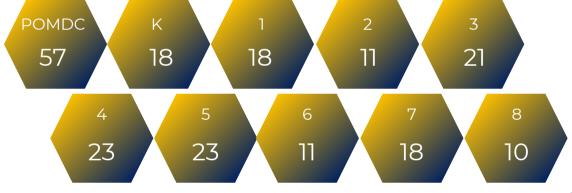


2023-2024 Enrollment



Total: 197

2024-2025 Projected Enrollment



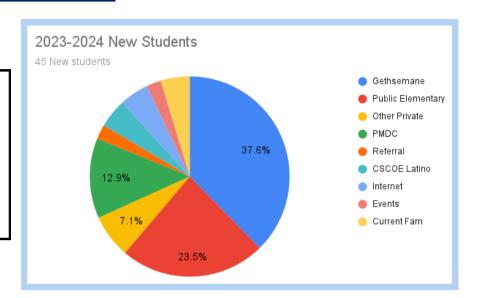
Total: 210

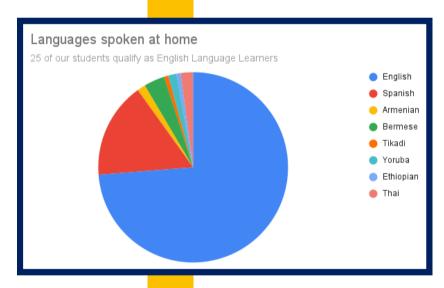
Even as our enrollment grows, we are committed to keeping class sizes (not grade sizes) at manageable levels so that students are able to get individualized instruction and teachers are empowered to give each of their students the attention they need and deserve.



Get to Know our Student Body

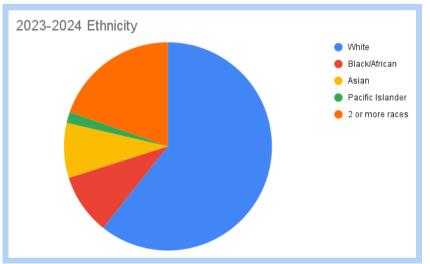
- We are proud to boast a 94% retention rate of students from 2022-2023 to 2023-2024!
- Our new students were referred from 9 different sources!
- We have new students in every grade except 7th!



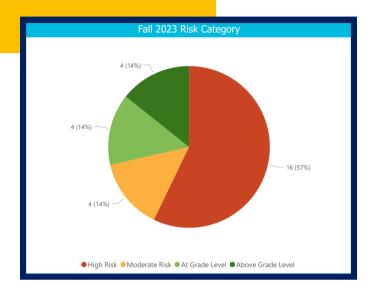




- 69% of our students are Catholic
- 47 new students from 32 new families (K-8)

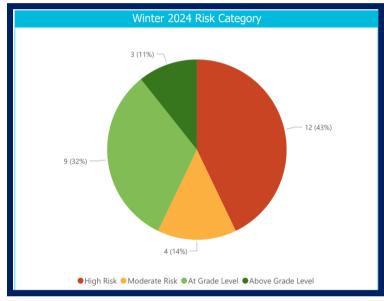


Believe and Read is generously funded by the Catholic Schools Center of Excellence and in partnership with Groves Learning Organization, a national leader in literacy instruction. This transformative initiative will bring the Groves methodology to Presentation of Mary through outstanding professional development and teacher coaching. Our goal is to ensure that every student reads at or above grade level by fourth grade. All students who participate in Believe and Read will benefit — struggling readers become proficient, and good readers become great ones!



Compared to the Fall National Percentile, 96% of our 1st and 2nd grade students had a positive change in their accuracy scores in oral reading fluency, and 57% of them are now reading at or above grade level, compared to 42% at the beginning of the year.

ORAL READING FLUENCY 1st & 2nd Grade Overview





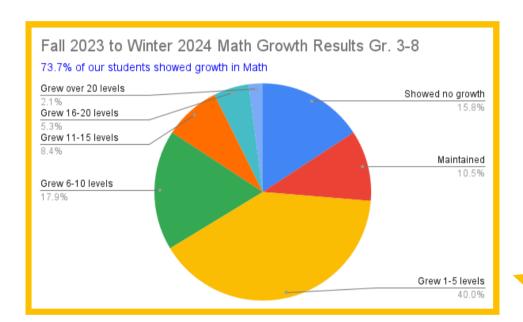


NWEA MAP Testing

Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) Growth assessments were developed by the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA), and are used to measure each student's progress or growth in mathematics, reading, and language usage.

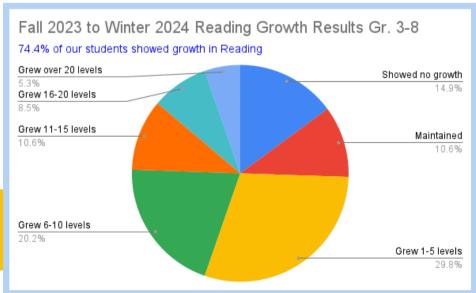
Our students take the MAP test twice a year to give teachers a clear understanding of what they know and how they are growing in their academic journeys. This enables teachers to reach students at their individual levels and work to strengthen skills that need improvement.

Below you will see the different levels of our student growth from Fall of 2023 - Winter of 2024 in both Math and Reading.



As evidenced in the graphs, the majority of students showed growth in both Math and Reading, and more than 80% of students either maintained or grew in levels in both categories!



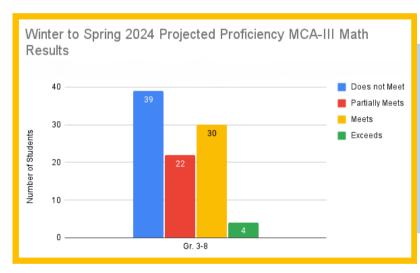


How do we compare to MCA?



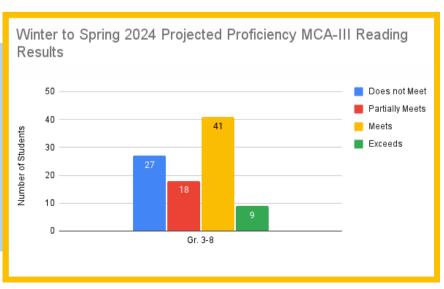


The Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA) are state tests in reading and mathematics that are used to meet federal and state legislative requirements. These tests are administered to students in grades 3-8 each year in public schools. While the NWEA MAP tests taken by students at Presentation are not the same as the MCA, we are able to compare results to determine the number of our students that would and wouldn't meet the MCA proficiencies. Those results are noted in the charts below.



36% of grade 3-8 students are projected to meet or exceed the expectations of the MCAs (this % does not include those that partially meet) in Math

53% of grade 3-8 students are projected to meet or exceed the expectations of the MCA (this % does not include those that partially meet) in Reading







Presentation of Mary's Discovery Center is proud to care for and educate our youngest learners. Our Discovery Program partners with parents to help each child become the unique and special person God has created them to be. As a Nationally Accredited program and Four Star Parent Aware, we offer the best environment for children to explore and develop their skills to prepare for kindergarten and beyond. Our qualified teachers and assistants guide children through the Creative Curriculum, assessing their growth and assisting them in reaching their learning goals. As a school-based model, we follow the school schedule with wrap-around care before and after school with an optional summer program as well. We serve infants through age 5. Contact us anytime to learn more about our amazing program or take a tour to meet our incredible team and see what makes the Discovery Program a special place for children!

We are CURRENTLY ENROLLING new families for 2024-2025. We have openings for infants, toddlers, and preschool-aged children!

Learn more about all the wonderful things Presentation of Mary Discovery Center can offer your family at https://presentationofmaryschool.org/preschool/.





Scan here to visit our website!





Middle School Magic



Our Middle School students have been enjoying a wonderful year, filled with fantastic opportunities.

- 1. **Haunted House**: For our Halloween Party, Middle School students put on a haunted house for younger kiddos, building the set and portraying spooky characters. It was spook-tacular!
- 2. **Boat Building Project**: Under the guidance of Sheer Craft, a woodworking organization, they built a 15-foot ultralight skin-on-frame canoe completely by hand, and then launched it at Wakefield Lake. The canoe will be one of our live auction items at the Panther Pride Gala!
- 3. **Mass of the Holy Spirit**: To kick off Catholic Schools Week, Middle School students and staff attended the Mass of the Holy Spirit at the Excel Center along with all Catholic Schools in the Metro area. It was an awesome celebration of faith for all!
- 4. **Living Stations**: Middle Schoolers are currently working hard on learning lines and songs in preparation for a portrayal of the Living Stations. Make sure to mark your calendar to come see them it's an amazing and incredibly moving experience!

Want to learn more about why Presentation's Middle School is a great fit for your child? Scan the QR code to read through our Middle School Decision Matrix!











Strategic Plan Update

We are currently in the final year of our 7 year Strategic plan, We are currently in our year of study in preparation of the MNSAA accreditation site evaluation which will be during the spring of the 2024-25 school year.

Objective 1: Presentation of Mary school will communicate effectively with stakeholders to increase enrollment and retention of students in the school.

- This past year we have updated our marketing efforts to reflect the community where our school resides by creating multi-lingual marketing materials.
- We have strengthened our partnership with our Hispanic Community by creating a Hispanic Enrollment committee.

<u>Objective 2</u>: Presentation of Mary School will meet the academic, physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of each student.

- We are in our second year partnering with the University of Notre Dame to strengthen our teaching staff's ability to address the needs of our English Language Learners. These techniques and strategies will impact the quality of instruction for all of our students.
- The Peace of Mind program continues to provide our students emotional support through training for our teachers, a counselor at school, monthly parent sessions, and additional resources to support the needs of our school community.

<u>Objective 3</u>: Presentation of Mary School will ensure that each of our students has the moral foundation to be leaders in the Catholic church as well as in society.

• Our Catholic Identity Committee, along with our Student Council, have planned several service projects to provide our student body with the opportunity to support those in need of God's love.

<u>Objective 4</u>: Presentation of Mary School will be a safe, inclusive, 21st century environment for student learning.

- Homeland Security visited our school in the Fall. Our staff received safety training from their team leader, and they did a Security site audit, resulting in various recommendations for helping us provide a safe environment.
- Through the support from the Catholic Schools Center of Excellence (CSCOE) and Bluum, our teachers continue to have a technology coach to work with each of them individually to broaden their knowledge of providing quality instruction using technology.
- CSCOE and Blumm continue to provide our teachers with a coach to analyze the NWEA test results and use this information to tailor instruction to the needs of their students.
- Our School Technology committee has expanded to include guidance from experts in the field of technology, one of them being the Director of Technology at Hill-Murray School.

<u>Objective 5</u>: Presentation of Mary School will be financially stable and sustainable for future students.

- The school board initiated an alumni outreach committee to engage more alumni and identify class leads.
- The school board advancement committee, along with a generous donor, have added a Gifts Officer to work with existing donors and to build our donor base.

School Board Update

Board Overview

The Presentation of Mary School Board was assembled in the Spring of 2021 in response to a partnership agreement between the Healey Education Foundation, the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, and Presentation of Mary School. The purpose of the board is to promote and advance the mission of this Catholic school for the education and instruction of students in assisting them to "reach the fullness of the Christian life."

In keeping with the principles of the Roman Catholic Church, this board ensures that this school fulfills its mission of forming the human person for our final end and for the common good. The board also ensures that the finances of the school remain healthy and ensures a course of education as prescribed by the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis and the applicable policies, rules, and regulations of the State of Minnesota.

Board Members

The Presentation Board currently consists of eight voting members and the School Principal. Current board members and assigned responsibilities are listed below:

- Jim Wold Board Chair
- Bob DuFresne Board Vice-Chair
- Denise Legato Board Secretary, School Family Organization (SFO) Liaison
- Chad Smurawa Finance and Facilities Chair
- Norb Winter Advancement Chair
- Bill Josten Alumni Outreach
- Father Peter Ly Canonical Administrator, Pastor
- Sue Lovegreen- School Principal







BOARD STRATEGIES AND ACTION PLANS

ADVANCEMENT STRATEGY

- **A.1 Donor Development** Create an effective development plan, including the fundraising done by the board, to include organizing, monitoring, and evaluating efforts by the Board to develop philanthropic revenue to ensure the school's ability to carry out its mission.
- **A.2 Alumni Outreach** Maintain connections with former students, engage alumni within the school and parish community, and foster a sense of loyalty and support.
- **A.3 Enrollment** Build an advancement, admissions, and engagement model to increase and sustain the number of families and students at Presentation of Mary Catholic School.

A.4 - Marketing, Communications, Engagement -

- <u>Marketing</u> Collaborate with and support the Advancement (Development and Enrollment) Committee efforts as they relate to initiatives.
- <u>Communication</u> Develop and implement a strategic communication and marketing plan to promote visibility for the school and increase internal communications with the school and parish community.
- <u>Engagement</u> Collaborate with Enrollment team and train School Family Organization (SFO) members in engaging new families using mission/vision/values language.
- **A.5 Development Support –** Support development and fundraising activities while building relationships with friends and donors of Presentation School.
- **A.6 Relationship Data Management (OneServiceHUB) -** Implement a relationship management database i.e., ONEServiceHUB to effectively manage donors, volunteers, and other key community groups.

FACILITIES AND SAFETY STRATEGY

- **B.1 Facilities and Safety Planning -** Develop and monitor a comprehensive campus master plan and maintenance program and ensure the safety needs of the students.
- **B.2 Technology Planning -** Design and implement a 1–3-year technology plan for Presentation of Mary School with consideration for related parish technology needs.

FINANCE STRATEGY

- **C.1 Expense Management and Planning –** Create a vision, structure, and process for managing school finances that enables the Presentation of Mary Catholic School to achieve its mission.
- **C.2 Business Processes and Reporting -** understand the school's financial health and translate financial data into meaningful terms that can be understood by those less familiar with finance terms and linking the financial health of the school with its goals and strategies.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS STRATEGY

- **D.1 Governing -** Ensure that governance model, board roles, and board structure support the school's mission and vision.
- **D.2 Monitoring and Reporting -** Systematically collect, accurately compile, and regularly report strategic plan action item progress to board and stakeholder community.

BUILDING OUR COMMUNITY STRATEGY

E.1 - School Family Organization - Establish collaborative relationship between the Presentation School Board and School Family Organization (SFO) to engage broad participation in sustainable and well-aligned programs that enhance enrollment, activities, and volunteer management in support of the Presentation School community.

School Board Outreach



Welcome to Sheila Blanda, School Advancement Officer!

Announcing Presentation of Mary School Community Engagement Support Role

To sustain the mission of Presentation of Mary School, the School Board has invested time and resources in developing and implementing a true School Advancement Model. The most recent step in furthering the building of that model was to add to

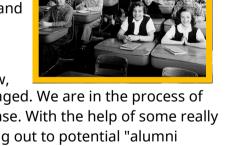
our engagement team Sheila Blanda, a long-time parishioner and passionate school advocate, to serve as a part-time School Advancement Officer. While the title is School Advancement Officer, Sheila's primary role is to build relationships and seek opportunities for additional sources of funding by gathering alumni stories about Presentation, sharing our current successes, and learning from alumni how Presentation has blessed and impacted their lives.

Please feel free to contact Sheila at <u>Sblanda@presentationofmary.org</u> to share your Presentation of Mary School Story.

"And GOD, who supplies seed for the sower and bread to eat, will also supply you with the seed you need and will make it grow and produce a rich harvest from your generosity." ~2 Corinthians 9:10

Alumni Engagement Initiative

The Presentation of Mary School Board is well underway with efforts to re-engage the school alumni community. Yet another consequence of pandemic upheaval, we've sadly lost touch with many of our valuable alumni and it's a key area of focus for the board to reinvigorate outreach to this broad community and emphasize their value in relation to Presentation's past, present, and future identity.



As part of this effort, the school has partnered with CSCOE to implement a new, state-of-the-art relationship management program to help us stay better engaged. We are in the process of migrating and cleaning our data, as well as adding new contacts to our database. With the help of some really wonderful volunteers, we've also begun the process of identifying and reaching out to potential "alumni captains," either from specific class years or to cover several classes, to help make more personal outreach to our alumni.

If you are interested in helping with this effort, either as an alumni captain or just as someone who is still in touch with a lot of former Pres friends, please reach out to board member Bill Josten at wjjosten@gmail.com.

With more than 75 years of history, the Presentation alumni network reaches much farther than any of us can even appreciate. Although we're still early in this effort, we've already been pleasantly surprised to find out how extensive this incredible network is and how far the reach of Presentation school has spread. We look forward to finding even more wonderful stories and old friends as this effort continues to ramp up.

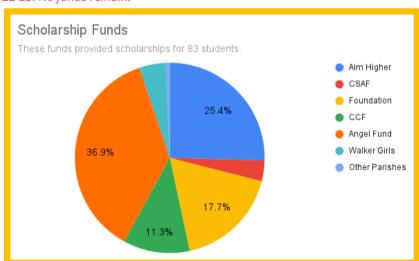
Whether you're a recently graduated Panther, or a Blue Jet from days gone by, we want to hear from you and let you know all the wonderful things happening at Presentation of Mary School!

SCHOOL INCOME	ACTUAL 2022-23	BUDGET 2023-24
School Tuition & Fees	385,958	543,235
School Development	250,016	210,405
Financial Aid—Angel Fund/Scholarships	132,498	144,000
Preschool Income & Prior Year Tuition	55,982	63,000
Extended Day/Summer Care	23,094	44,127
Hot Lunch	42,519	124,886
Athletics & Activities	31,406	35,524
Restricted Revenue Release	71,446	20,000
Total School Income	\$992,919	\$1,185,177
SCHOOL EXPENSE	ACTUAL 2022-24	BUDGET 2023-24
Salary/Benefits	714,912	832,118
Educational	25,017	19,505
Administrative, Technology, Bus Transportation	154,578	161,396
Building & Grounds Maintenance, Utilities	165,642	131,687
Development & Grant Expenses	136,759	59,006
Extended Care	16,238	10,965
Hot Lunch	38,317	85,381
Athletics & Activities	7,236	27,027
Total School Expense	\$1,258,699	\$1,327,085
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Subtotal School Income/(Loss)	(\$265,780)	(\$141,908)
Parish Investment in School	\$108,000	\$108,000
Employee Retention Credits (1x availability)	\$157,780	\$0*
NET SCHOOL INCOME/(LOSS)	\$0	(\$33,908)

^{*} Employee Retention Credits (ERC) —Final funds used in 2022-23. No funds remain.

Financial Aid

- Total amount awarded in 2023-2024 was \$223,662 (includes sibling discounts and discounts for children of staff)
- Church Subsidy Provided:
 - Multi-Sibling Discounts: (37 students) = \$28,400
 - Teacher discounts: (14 students) = \$47,091



Annual Financial Report

What's Next for Presentation?



Believe and Read Expansion

Next year, the Believe and Read Program will expand to include 3rd grade, and we will have a Reading Interventionist assisting grades K-5 to provide direct instruction to students who are reading below grade level.

Enrollment Initiatives

We are constantly working to expand our enrollment and marketing efforts. Some of our projects going forward include:

- Working to make our marketing material more multi-lingual
- Latino enrollment committee focusing on engaging more Spanish speaking families at school events and plans to host an open house for Spanish speaking families in Summer 2024.
- Launching a Hmong enrollment initiative during the 2024-2025 school year



School Family Organization

Our School Family Organization (SFO) continues to embrace its reimagined role in transitioning from the School Advisory Commission (SAC). The SFO focuses on growing community and volunteer engagement as well as helping our new families deepen their connection with and find their place in the Presentation of Mary community. A main area of focus for the SFO will be to create a Culture of Belonging; as enrollment grows, our SFO would like to provide opportunities for our community to come together to learn more about each other.



Math Initiative

We are currently in the running to be chosen for a Math Initiative sponsored by **t**he Catholic Schools Center of Excellence (CSCOE) and Bluum, an organization that helps unite educators with classroom technology. This initiative provides professional coaching to educators in grades 3-5 to enhance instructional strategies, with the ultimate goal being to strengthening student's Math comprehension.

Middle School Reading and Math Initiative

The Archdiocese will be funding a set of supplemental reading and math curricular resources for grades 6-8. The goal of this pilot is strengthening core reading and math skills for middle school students to ensure a strong foundation for high school and college, and to increase student engagement and motivation. Essentially, this program looks into ways to best address pandemic learning loss and re-engage students across the system







We are so excited for the new format for the Gala right in our own beloved school.

Let's come together as a community and make this the best event yet!!

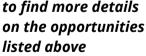
Great Scott!

The 2024 Presentation of Mary Catholic School Gala is coming back to Presentation on **Saturday, April 13, 2024**! Get excited for a delicious dinner, games, and live and silent auctions. Start planning your outfit now! Attire is semi-formal, or take a cue from "Back to the Pres Future" and go with 1950's or 1980's inspired clothing!

We need you to take action now, so you don't get left behind! Check out the different ways you can get involved below and visit the Gala web page to find important links and documents.

- **Save the Date**: April 13, 2024 at Presentation School invite friends and family to join you (invites coming soon!)
- Think about possible donations you can contribute for the LIVE or SILENT AUCTION
- Volunteer to help with the event! (Contact Linda in the office at lprazak@presentationofmary.org to learn more or get on a list to help)
- Consider becoming a Gala Sponsor: There are multiple levels of sponsorship available, and every dollar helps!
- **Donate bottles of wine and/or gift cards** to be used in various ways the night of the event (all items can be brought to the school office)
- Buy or sell Gala Raffle Tickets!
 - tickets are \$10 each and provide the chance to win one of 3 great prizes
 - students earn various incentives for selling raffle tickets









Why Our Students Love Presentation

"... the small faith-filled community has shaped me as a person"

"I have attended Presentation since preschool. In that time, I have made long-lasting friendships I will never forget."









"One of the plus sides of being in this tight-knit community is the close attention you receive from your teachers. It allows you to get the help you need when you need it."



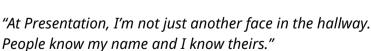
"Presentation is a very welcoming and accepting school."



"When I walk into the school hallways every morning
I am always greeted by at least one teacher."



"Presentation has taught me the importance of honesty, kindness, service, responsibility, and many other things."



"Before I came to Presentation I wasn't the closest to God, but now I'm closer to Him than ever before."



"Presentation of Mary has provided me with an inclusive, safe, and judge-free zone."



Help us tell the Presentation Story



LEAVE A LEGACY

A great option for alumni and supporters of Presentation is the choice to include a gift to Presentation of Mary School in their estate plans. This helps ensure future Panthers can get the same wonderful education experience as all of the students that have come before them.

If you believe in Presentation of Mary's mission and the work we do here, a planned estate gift is your chance to enable future children a place in this incredible community.

There are several options for making a planned gift: leaving a portion of your estate to Presentation of Mary in your will, naming Presentation of Mary as a beneficiary of a life insurance contract or retirement plan, creating a charitable trust, or establishing a donor advised fund.

If you would like additional information about including Presentation of Mary in your estate plan, please contact Principal Sue Lovegreen via slovegreen@presentationofmary.org or at 651-842-6032.

SPREAD THE WORD

Word of mouth is a highly impactful way that you can help us grow.

Invite family, friends, and neighbors to attend school events with you. Talk to other families you know about Presentation. Share your love of Presentation with everyone you know!





ENGAGE WITH OUR SOCIALS

Every time you save, share, comment, or like one of our posts or stories, more people get to see the great things happening at Presentation. So next time you're scrolling, make sure you take a second to interact with our posts and help us spread our community's story even further!



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RAISE YOUR HAND

This Annual Fund is a campaign to raise unrestricted funds for our school. Gifts received from this appeal help us narrow the difference between tuition and the actual cost of a Presentation education as well as allowing the school to address needs as they arise. To learn more, visit our website or scan the QR code.







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Thank you to our Panther Pride Gala Sponsors!

DELOREAN LEVEL (\$2,000+)

Bob & Diane DuFresne DuFresne Family Simply Secure Storage FLUX CAPACITOR LEVEL (\$1,000+)

Dental Health of Maplewood Mr. & Mrs. JJ McHenkwell Ground Tech, Inc. Sandberg Land & Cattle Co Mauer Chevrolet Close to My Heart Preschool 1.21 GIGAWATT LEVEL (\$500+)

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FRIENDS OF THE CLOCK TOWER LEVEL (UNDER \$500)

Color Me Mine – Woodbury Presentation Men's Club White Bear Eye Clinic