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CUES SCHOOL SYSTEM | SACRED HEART
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WE EDUCATE, SUPPORT & EMPOWER EAST OMAHA CHILDREN

ANNUAL REPORT
July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

Message from CUES Leadership

WHAT A YEAR! We started the 2021-2022 school year with masking and social distancing. We saw the introduction of vaccines and a transition to what normal could be.

Our team held a strategic planning session in July of 2021. CUES leadership, including **principals and teachers, board members, and outside educational experts**, collaborated to set the future direction of the CUES School System.

CUES will be recognized as a world-class model for providing transformative education through a faith-based culture, documented academic success, and community engagement and support. You will see our four strategic priorities at work throughout this report. They are:

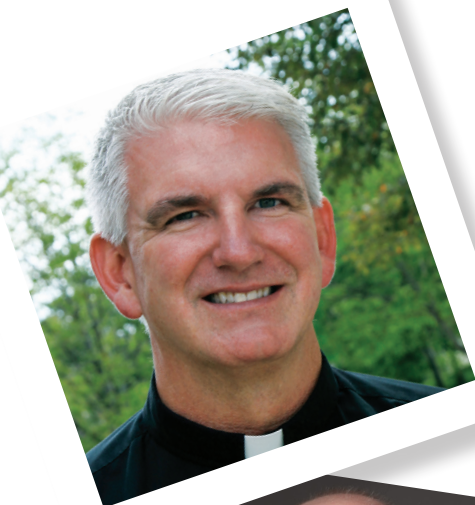
- Academic excellence
- Faculty and staff excellence
- Intensive student and family engagement
- Sustainability

These priorities ensure the culture of love, kindness and excellence. They will guide us as we educate our students and provide comprehensive support to our families.

Most importantly, we saw so much progress in our schools. Our Student and Family Support team grew, supporting our middle school students transition to public and private high schools. The Panorama Social and Emotional Health screening was implemented to assess knowledge, skills, and attitudes across all areas of social and emotional competence. The Boys Town LIFT Together pilot program launched at All Saints, giving our students and families social and emotional learning support.

Your generosity gives us the resources we need to continue our important work. Our future is bright because of your belief in CUES.

We change lives; you make it happen. Thank you for investing in the next generation.



Fr. David Korth

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President, CUES School System

Bob Glow

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CEO/Executive Director CUES Fund

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CUES
SCHOOL SYSTEM



We educate, support and empower east Omaha children.

Our Vision: CUES will be recognized as a world-class model for providing transformative education through a faith-based culture, documented academic success and community engagement and support.

Our Culture Statement: The CUES School System is rooted in Catholic faith and values. We share God's love, kindness and excellence.

YOUR INVESTMENT HELPS FUND:



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Establish a nationally recognized educational system that demonstrates strong academic performance and improved social and emotional performance.



FACULTY & STAFF EXCELLENCE

Create a work environment and benefit structure to attract, support, develop and retain quality teachers and staff.



INTENSIVE STUDENT & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Ensure families in the CUES system thrive, individually and as family units—personally, socially and financially—by connecting to the larger community.



SUSTAINABILITY

Increase annual fundraising to ensure ongoing support for operational needs. Build a restricted sustainability fund that supports long-term financial needs for CUES schools.

FAST FACTS 2021 - 2022 Academic Year

573

preschool-eighth
grade students

100%

qualify for free and
reduced meal
programs

93%

children of color

41%

are Catholic

100%

qualify for financial/
educational assistance

17

average class size

96%

of CUES alumni graduated
from high school compared
to approximately 74% of
Omaha Public Schools

100%

of our 2022 graduates
plan to attend public and
non-public high schools

SCHOOL PROFILES AND ENROLLMENT

Sacred Heart Elementary School

*Founded in 1904
2205 Binney Street*

Mike Jensen
Principal

Enrollment: **145**

Student demographics:
**92% Black, 3% Multiracial,
3% Latino, 2% White**

Average class size: **15**

100% of families qualify
for financial education
assistance

100% qualify for free and
reduced meal programs

14% of students are Catholic

All Saints Elementary School

*Founded in 1955
1335 S. 10th Street*

Angie Whitfield
Principal

Enrollment: **170**

Student demographics:
**49% Latino, 39% Black,
8% White, 3% Multiracial,
1% Asian**

Average class size: **16**

100% of families qualify
for financial education
assistance

100% qualify for free and
reduced meal programs

73% of students are Catholic

Holy Name Elementary School

*Founded in 1917
2909 Fontenelle Blvd*

Tanya Santos
Principal

Enrollment: **258**

Student demographics:
**51% Black, 23% Latino,
10% White, 9% Asian,
7% Multiracial,**

Average class size: **18**

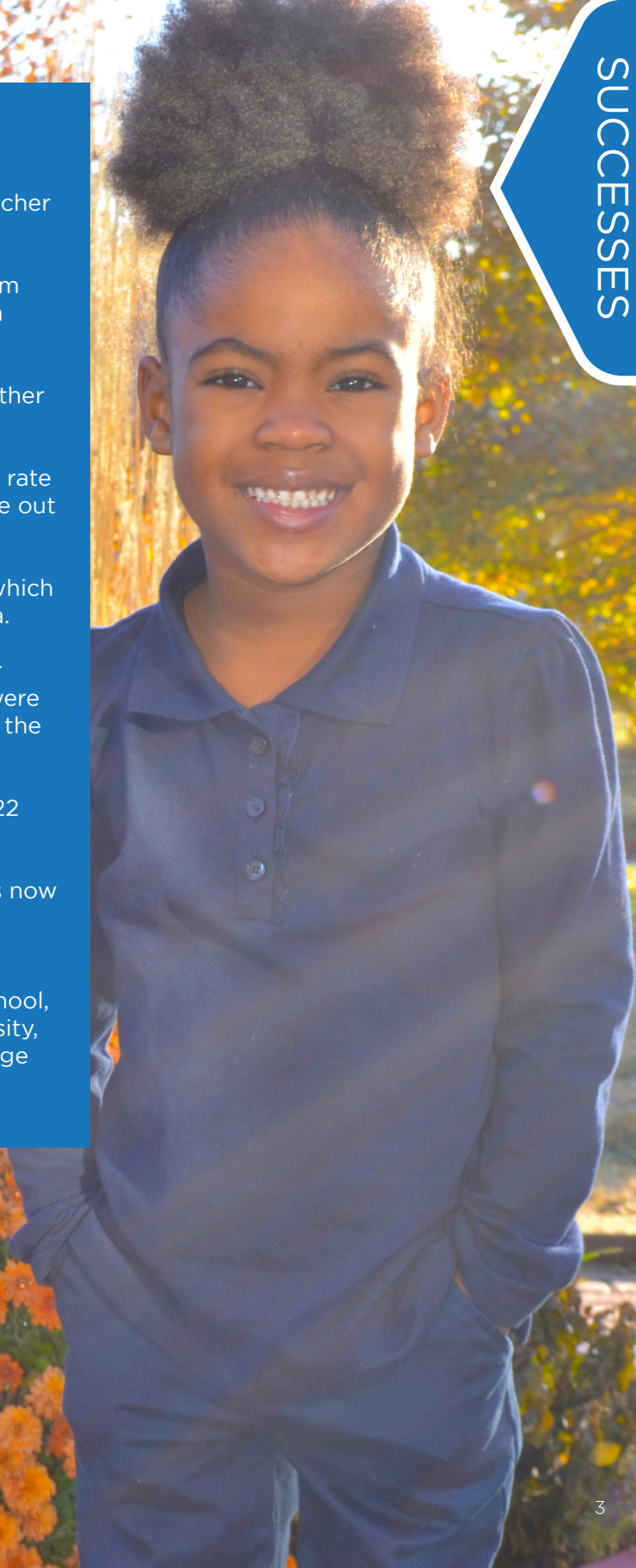
100% of families qualify
for financial education
assistance

100% qualify for free and
reduced meal programs

37% of students are Catholic

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ✓ 100% of families attended parent-teacher conferences
- ✓ Our Student and Family Support Team added a full-time and part-time team member
- ✓ We piloted the Boys Town LIFT Together Program at All Saints with a School Support Specialist & In-Home Family Services, decreasing the intervention rate from one out of three students to one out of 32 students
- ✓ CUES retained 82% of our teachers which is higher than the average for Omaha.
- ✓ 35% of our CUES students were at or above grade level in math and 38% were at or above grade level in reading on the STARS assessment
- ✓ 202 students attended the CUES 2022 summer enrichment program
- ✓ 22 CUES 2022 high school graduates now attend 11 different colleges:
 UNO, MCC-Omaha, Concordia University-NE, Midland University, Texas Tech, Wyoming Technical School, Texas A & M, Grand Canyon University, Howard University, University College Dublin, Bismarck State College



Conquering Math

The math struggle for Holy Name student Amani Bass began in third grade.

"Math was hard and confusing," Amani said. "I didn't want to ask for help, so I kind of treated math like a guessing game."

This continued through fourth and fifth grade. At the end of fifth grade, the pandemic sent everyone home for remote learning.

Sixth and seventh were dominated by the pandemic. Remote learning meant less homework and a focus on testing. Teachers and students worked together to get through remote and hybrid learning arrangements.

Amani's math grades have improved during the first quarter of her final year at Holy Name, though she will never love math. Her current math teacher, Hana Abbott, (Ms. Hana), motivates Amani to try her best, even in math.

"Ms. Hana is funny but serious," Amani said. "She makes sure I understand what I'm supposed to do. She is one of the best teachers I've ever had."

Ms. Hana, the CUES Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math Program Director and math coach for CUES Schools, believes everyone can do math. It's all in the way people approach things.

"It's about more than just learning math," said Ms. Hana. "All of us face life challenges. We have to figure out how to overcome those challenges. I teach my students this life skill through math."

At Holy Name, Ms. Hana stepped in to temporarily teach middle school math to help students problem solve and ask questions. Ms. Hana and her students discuss current progress and strategize solutions for understanding and completing the work.

"Amani's confidence has grown so much," said Ms. Hana. "She can now effectively ask questions and collaborate with me to find the answer. I'm very proud of her."



Amani Bass

Beyond CUES

Choosing a high school can be a major decision. To help middle school students through the process, the CUES Student and Family Support team holds a high school information night each fall. Metro high schools and community partners meet with families to answer questions and share information about continuing education. The CUES team also coordinates tours of public and non-public high schools.



Completing the Circle

All Saints Principal, Angie Whitfield, has nearly 30 years of education experience. She taught middle school math and science in public and Catholic schools, served as the Assistant Director of the Metropolitan Community College Adult Education Department, and was a pre-k – 12 administrator when she assumed the role of principal at All Saints.

This is Angie's second year as All Saints principal; however, she also taught here about 20 years ago.

“When I had to leave for family reasons 18 years ago, I vowed to return; I just didn't know I would return as the principal.”

- Angie Whitfield, All Saints Principal

Angie's faith is what ensured her return; she fully believes that the Holy Spirit gave her the direction that prepared her to fully serve the families of All Saints. Gaining experience as an administrator, as well as serving adult refugees and immigrants as they acclimated to life in Omaha, increased her admiration and respect for All Saints families.

“I treasure my relationships with students, families, and staff. Receiving hugs or high-fives from students is the highlight of each day.”

Positively impacting students and colleagues is a priority for Angie. From teaching students to make responsible choices to supporting her staff and school community, Angie will continue to serve with a heart like Jesus and Christ-like excellence.



Supporting Our Students and Families

"The All Saints environment allows students to learn and grow. The teachers are friendly, and the kids want to be at school every day. That's what I love the most about All Saints." Alex Paul, All Saints parent.

An immigrant from South Sudan, Alex and his family moved to Omaha from Texas in 2006 to be closer to family. Raised Catholic, it meant a lot to Alex and his wife to give their four children a faith-based education.

“All Saints has been great for my kids. My younger two are still there, and I can't imagine them going anywhere else.”

- Alex Paul

Sam, his oldest son, graduates from Creighton Prep next year. All Saints helped Alex enroll Sam into Loyola Scholars in sixth grade, which gave him a full high school scholarship. Nissi, his oldest daughter, is a sophomore at Duchesne Academy. Joy is an All Saints eighth grader, and Isaiah is a first grader.

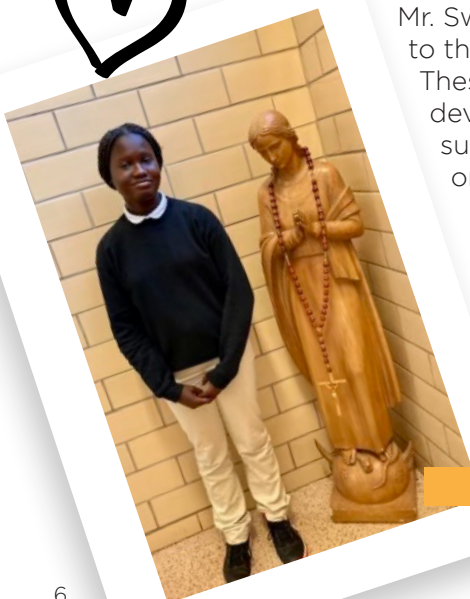
All Saints and CUES give Alex an extended family. He met Jim Swanson (Mr. Swanny), Director of Student and Family Support, while doing some volunteer work at All Saints. "I help with activities. I clean sometimes. All Saints has done so much for our family, so I give back when I am able. This is how I met Mr. Swanny. He is great to work with and cares about others," Alex said. "Mr. Swanny is always there when you need him."



Isaiah Paul

Mr. Swanny connected Alex's high school students to the Upward Bound program at Creighton University. These federally funded programs are designed to assist students in developing the academic skills and personal growth necessary for successful completion of high school and admission to a college or university.

From summer enrichment programs to tutoring when needed, Alex believes his kids have bright futures. "My kids benefited from the All Saints and CUES programs," said Alex. "They love learning."



Joy Paul

Showing Love and Kindness

Though CUES relies on donations, we could not do what we do without our generous volunteers. For over 10 years, Terri and Mark Laughlin have shown love and kindness to CUES in many ways.

After learning about CUES through mass at Sacred Heart Parish, Terri and Mark became involved to support our students and families and to be part of a Catholic presence in north and south Omaha.

Terri stays active on the Hearts of CUES Guild; she will be president again in 2023. She also helps coordinate the Guild's Bridge Fundraiser for CUES.

Terri volunteers at Sacred Heart and loves working in the library and tutoring students.

By supporting the Guild through activities such as teacher appreciation dinners and the Christmas Book Project and collecting books for the school library, Terri and Mark enjoy doing what they can to ensure bright futures for our students.

“The CUES Schools are important for the students, their families, and their neighborhoods. “We hope the students represent and model the CUES culture of love, kindness, and excellence.”

- Terri and Mark Laughlin



“I want to do my part to give east Omaha families a choice to pursue a faith-based, high-quality education for their children, regardless of their ability to pay. CUES makes a real difference, and I want to help expand our reach to more families in the future.”

-CUES Fund Board Member
Tim Kudron

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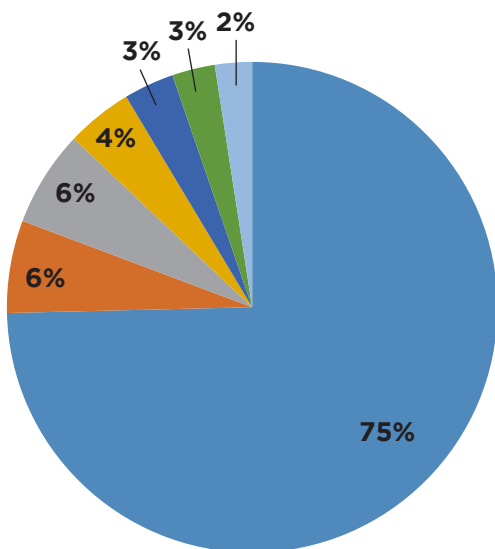
CUES never turns away a child due to inability to pay!

Underwriting the cost of education is our greatest need. The total cost to educate a child is \$12,200 per year. All of the CUES families qualify for financial education assistance.

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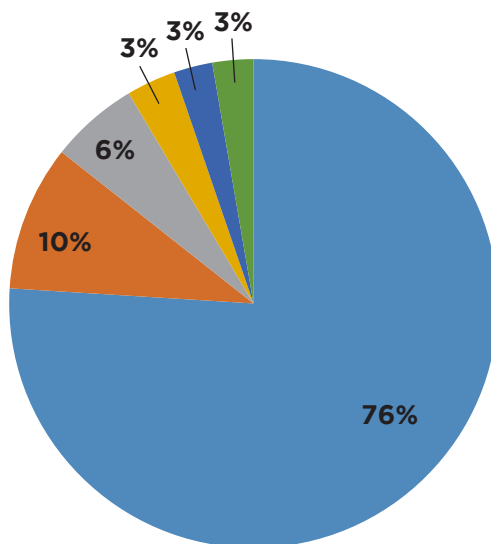
OPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENSES

Revenues



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|---------------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Appeals, Gifts & Events | 75% | \$ 5,405,314 |
| Scholarships* | 6% | \$ 441,639 |
| Government/Nutrition | 6% | \$ 458,784 |
| Grants | 4% | \$ 315,793 |
| Archdiocese of Omaha | 3% | \$ 240,000 |
| Tuition and Fees | 3% | \$ 204,798 |
| Parish | 2% | \$ 177,195 |
| OPERATING REVENUES | 100% | \$ 7,243,523 |

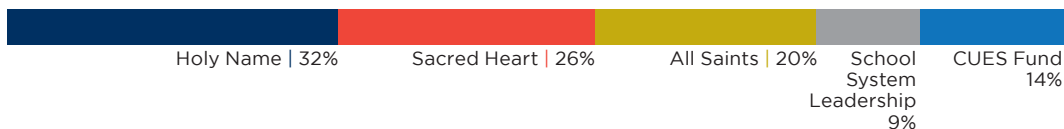
Expenses



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| Payroll & Benefits | 76% | \$ 5,321,658 |
| Administrative Services & Supplies | 10% | \$ 675,572 |
| School Expenses | 6% | \$ 408,954 |
| CUES Fund Development Expenses | 3% | \$ 228,452 |
| Activities | 3% | \$ 178,995 |
| Capital Outlay | 3% | \$ 189,664 |
| OPERATING EXPENSES | 100% | \$ 7,003,295 |
| NET GAIN/(LOSS) | | \$ 240,228 |

* Children's Scholarship Fund, Holy Name Family Scholarships, and others.

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Join us!

Your financial support helps CUES strengthen and grow our mission! We are here for families seeking quality, faith-based education for their children.

We change lives; you make it happen. Thank you for investing in a bright future for our children!

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