

WE WENT BEYOND THE YELLOW BRICK ROAD!



CUES SCHOOL SYSTEM | SACRED HEART
ALL SAINTS
HOLY NAME



Annual Report: July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024



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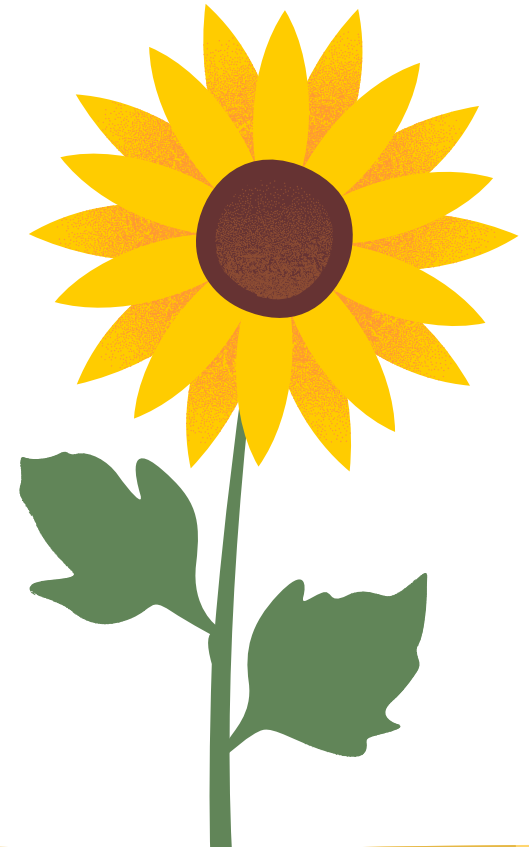
CUES School System Mission

The CUES School System is a bold educational initiative providing centralized leadership and governance to three urban elementary schools in Omaha, NE serving a majority of low-income students and families. We combine innovative instructional methods with comprehensive student and family support in a Catholic faith-based environment to create and sustain excellent and measurable outcomes that not only impact the students we serve but also the entire community. **No child is turned away due to inability to pay!**



CUES FUND
CUES Fund Mission

The CUES Fund secures financial support through private donations to fully fund the CUES School System. The school system provides centralized leadership and governance to three urban grade schools: Sacred Heart, All Saints and Holy Name. The CUES Fund is a non-religious, non-profit organization overseen by a Board of Directors.



Fr. Dave Korth, President of CUES School System

Dear CUES Community,

As we reflect on the past year, I am incredibly proud to share with you the remarkable achievements and milestones we have accomplished at CUES. It has been a year marked by dedication, innovation, and most importantly, the outstanding achievements of our students!

Just like Dorothy and her friends journeyed through Oz, our journey led us to extraordinary success. Last year's Gathering event was our most successful ever! The energy and enthusiasm displayed by our community were truly inspiring, showcasing our unwavering support and commitment to the education of CUES students.

Our students have demonstrated the courage of the **Cowardly Lion**, the heart of the **Tin Man**, and the wisdom of the **Scarecrow**, achieving incredible success across all areas of academic and extracurricular endeavors. From academic competitions to artistic performances, their accomplishments have not only made us proud but have also set new benchmarks for excellence.

In academics, our students have excelled in various subjects, demonstrating their intellectual curiosity and commitment to learning. Their achievements in STARS Math and Reading have highlighted their dedication and the high standards of education we uphold at CUES.

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated faculty and staff whose unwavering support and commitment have been instrumental in guiding our students toward these achievements. Your passion for education and tireless efforts are truly commendable.

God Bless,
Fr. Dave Korth



President of CUES School System



Message from our leadership



CUES Fund Board of Director

- Founder:** John C. Kenefick
- Chair:** John Schuele
- Vice Chair:** Ann Schumacher
- Secretary:** Taylor Dieckman
- Treasurer:** Daniel Koraleski
- CEO/Executive Director:** Bob Glow (retired 6/30/2024)

Board Members

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| Titus Adams* | Kerry Kelley |
| George Achola | Matt Kizer |
| Dave Audino | Fr. Dave Korth |
| Rick Bettger | Tim Kudron |
| Bob Carlisle | Daniel Lindstrom |
| Deb Carlson, Ph.D. | Susana Lizcano, Ph.D., P.E. |
| Ralph Castner | Angie Quinn |
| Terry Connealy | John Reed, Jr. |
| Tate Fitzgerald | Britt Thedinger, MD |
| Jacob Idra* | Jim Timmerman |
| Joel Jensen | Tony Veland |

Alumni*



CUES Board of Governors

- Dr. Carin Appleget
- Rick Bettger
- Vira Brooks
- Terri Bush
- Jody-Ann Coore
- Dr. Jean Hearn
- Fr. Dave Korth
- Tracey Kovar
- Candice Moore
- Dr. Mary Ritzdorf

CUES Fund Staff

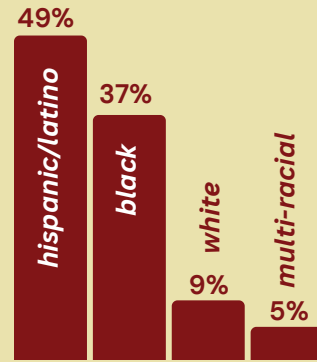
- CEO/Executive Director:** Bob Glow (retired 6/30/2024)
- Chief Development Officer:** Cindi Horning
- Chief Operating & Information Officer:** Kent Carson
- Controller:** Lisa Schnackel
- Accountant:** Tim Adams
- Senior Director of Special Projects & Events:** Trish Walz
- Executive Administrator:** Christina Siegel
- Marketing & Development Associate Director:** Katie Jones

2023-2024 Leadership



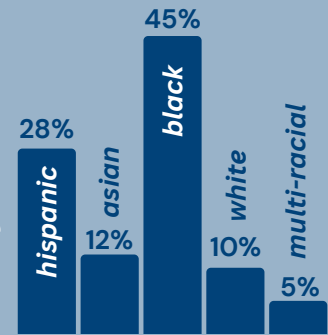
ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

- Established in 1955
- Principal: **Angie Whitfield**
- **158** Students, average class size **16**
- **100%** of students receive for free/reduced meals
- **100%** of families qualify for financial education assistance
- **65%** are Catholic



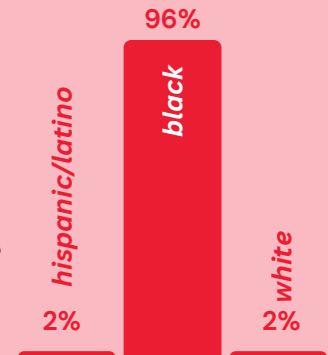
HOLY NAME SCHOOL

- Established in 1917
- Interim Principal: **Chris Segrell**
- **255** Students, average class size **17**
- **100%** of students receive for free/reduced meals
- **100%** of families qualify for financial education assistance
- **35%** are Catholic

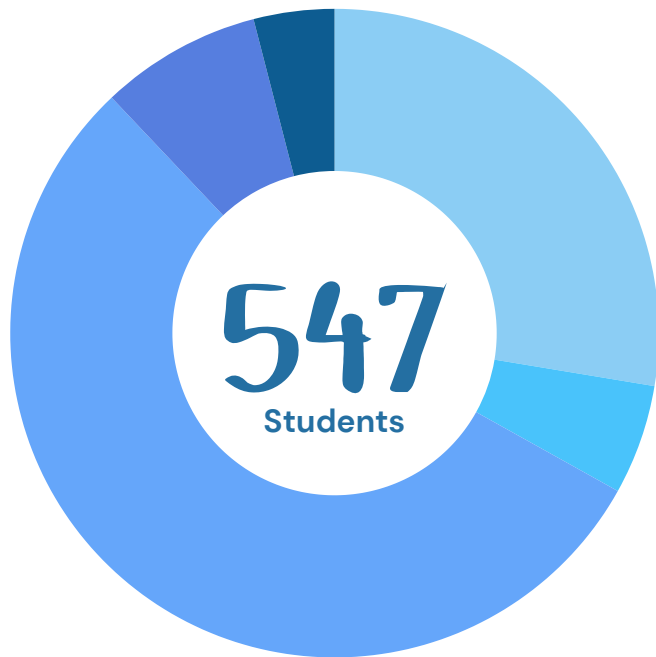


SACRED HEART SCHOOL

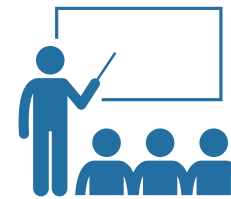
- Established in 1904
- Principal: **Mike Jensen**
- **134** Students, average class size **13**
- **100%** of students receive for free/reduced meals
- **100%** of families qualify for financial education assistance
- **3%** are Catholic



Our Schools



- 54.98% Black/African American
- 27.6% Hispanic/Latino
- 8% White
- 5.5% Asian
- 4% Multi-Racial



16

Average
Class Size



65%

of our Students are
NOT Catholic



100%

Receive
Free/Reduced
Meals



100%

Qualify for Financial
Education Assistance



92%

Students
of Color

Our Vision – 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.

Our Culture Statement

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



84%

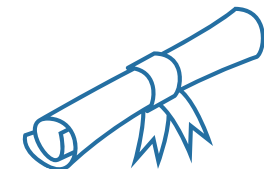
CUES Teacher
Retention Rate



90%

CUES alum
Graduated from
High School

*average over 6 years

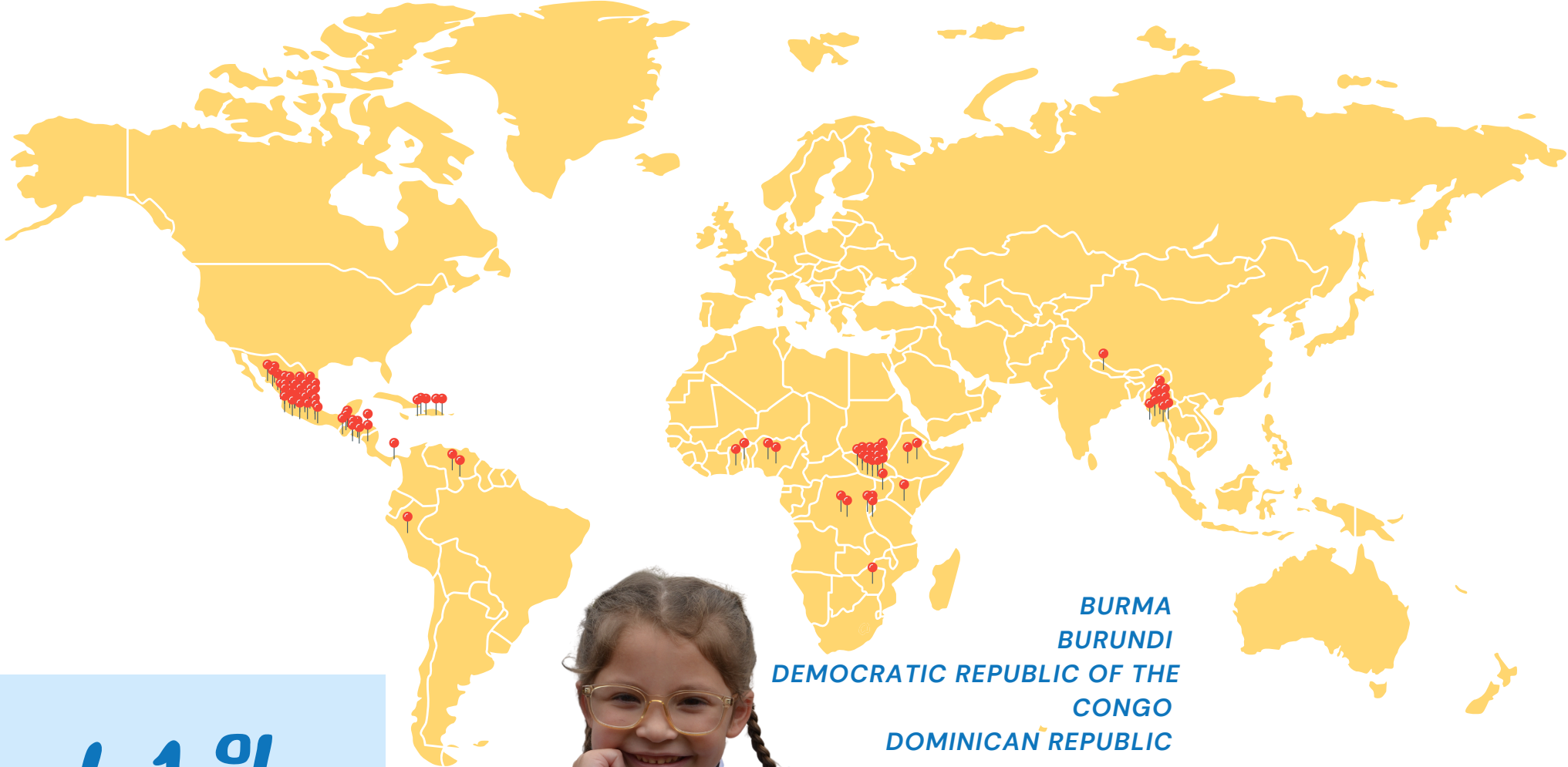


100%

of the Class of 2024
are attending High
School



Our Students



41%

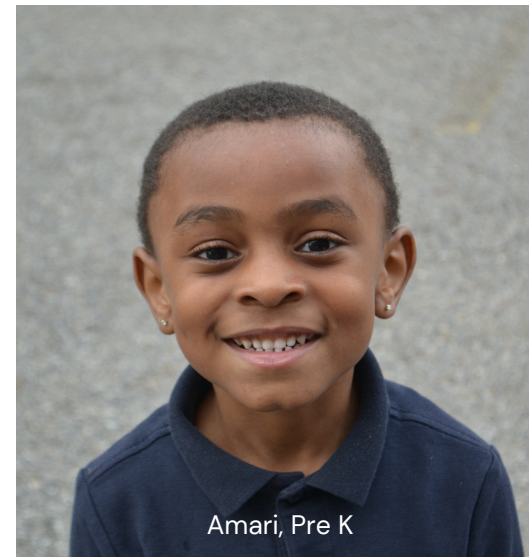
On Average, 41% of CUES Parents were born outside the United States



Zariyah, 1st Grade

- BURMA
- BURUNDI
- DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO
- DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
- EL SALVADOR
- ETHIOPIA
- GHANA
- GUATEMALA
- HAITI
- HONDURAS
- KENYA
- MEXICO
- NEPAL
- NICARAGUA
- NIGERIA
- PANAMA
- PERU
- RWANDA
- SOUTH SUDAN
- TOGO
- VENEZUELA
- ZIMBABWE

Our Students



Amari, Pre K

62%+

of CUES Students show growth in STARS Reading

56%+

of CUES Students show growth in STARS Math



Our Academics

We have witnessed remarkable progress across the board, with a notable 62% of the CUES students show improvement in Reading proficiency and a commendable 56% show improvement in their Math skills! These achievements are a testament to the dedication of our staff and the effectiveness of our tailored educational programs. It is inspiring to see our students meeting *and* exceeding academic expectations, setting a strong foundation for their future success.

Academic Excellence



Some of the 2024 Graduating High School Seniors at the 2024 Gathering



Some of the 2024 Graduating High School Seniors at CUES reunion

Our CUES Graduates

83%

of the CUES graduates at Mount Michael received a 3.0 GPA or above

75%

of the CUES graduates at Duchesne are on the honor roll

53%

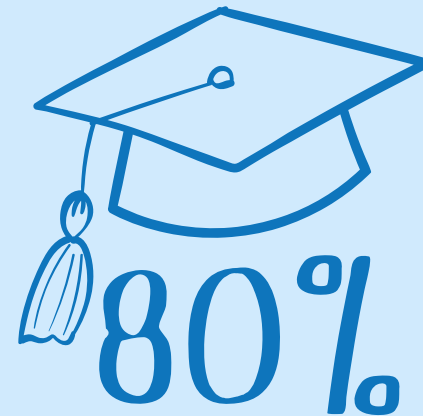
of the CUES graduates at Marian received a 3.0 GPA or above

44%

of the CUES graduates at Roncalli are on the honor roll

36%

of the CUES graduates at Creighton prep are on the honor roll



of our CUES alums graduated from high school in 2024
**graduation rate lower because of COVID-19*



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Academic Excellence

LIFT with Boys Town

LIFT with Boys Town is a community-based, multi-tiered, multi-component, prevention intervention system. The goal of this program is to intervene before problems reach a level where children are unsafe, not at a school, and the school community is not thriving. The following components encompass this system of support:

- In Home Family Services
- Community Partner Services
- School Support Specialists
- Administrative Intervention
- Well Managed Schools
- Parent Education



Boys Town LIFT Specialist, Aaron Wright, with CUES students

Mental Health Therapy

The CUES School System provides overall counseling services to the student and families at all of our schools. The focus is to enhance students mental health, support academic performance with a foundation in our Catholic faith.

Our purpose is to empower young minds, aiding them in overcoming life's challenges and thriving academically and personally.



Ahlahi, Pre K



TaeLeah, Kindergarten

Social & Emotional Services



Isaiah, Jordi, Pre K



Jayla, Kindergarten



Christine, 8th grade with teacher, Miss Snook & Jacques Musavyimana - receiving the Sarah Erftmier Scholarship to continue her education at Marian High School

Student & Family Service

The CUES Schools initiated the Student & Family Services program in 2018 to help connect families to community resources, assisting with food and housing insecurities, as well as addressing other urgent needs a family may be experiencing.

- Build relationships and trust with students, families and community partners.
- Connects families to community resources.
- Assists with food and housing insecurities.
- Nurtures and mentors / future leaders.
- Supports student transition to high school and connects them to scholarships and programs.
- Tracks the trajectory of graduates in high school and beyond.
- Financial literacy programs for CUES families.

Staff: **Jim Swanson**, Director; **Jacques Musavyimana**, Navigator; **Angela Hardin**, Executive Administrator

Social & Emotional Services

The Gathering

2024

THANK YOU
for a
RECORD
BREAKING
event!

The Gathering
had over 500+ guests at the
Omaha Design Center.

Prayvell Pope, an alumni that
graduated from Sacred Heart in
2019, gave an amazing keynote
speech during the event.



Honorary Chairs: Kathy & Greg Boulay & Chairs: Lisa & Terry Connealy, Kari & Tim Kudron

This year's Gathering was a huge success! We truly went "Beyond the Yellow Brick Road" in both fundraising and student accomplishments. The theme, "Beyond the Yellow Brick Road," symbolizes our commitment to leveling the playing field for our CUES students, paving their way not only to high schools but into successful lives.

We were honored to have **Lisa & Terry Connealy** and **Kari & Tim Kudron** as our co-chairs for the event. Both Terry and Tim have served many years on the CUES Fund Board of Directors and, along with their wives, have shown immense dedication to CUES. Our honorary chairs, **Kathy & Greg Boulay**, have a longstanding relationship with CUES. They chaired the Gathering in 2001, and Greg, served as a board member for nine years and is now a trustee.

Thank you for your incredible support!!

Keynote speaker: Prayvell Pope



CUES Young Professionals

CUES Young Professionals are rising leaders interested in furthering the goals and mission of CUES Schools by creating greater awareness through advocacy, volunteering, and giving.

YP members gather throughout the year to network and form bonds with like-minded professionals. This past year a Young Professionals Executive board was created and included Chairman, **Matt Eglseder**; Vice Chair, **Tim Kaftan**; and Secretary, **Isabelle Walz**.



Elisha, 1st Grade

HEARTS OF CUES Hearts of CUES

The Hearts of CUES is an auxiliary board within the CUES Fund. The board is dedicated to making a difference in a child's life through educational and enrichment programs, fundraising, and spreading the mission of the CUES School System. There are volunteer events and social events throughout the year. All funds raised go toward supporting the mission of CUES School System.

Officers of the Guild: President, **Liz Crosson**; President-Elect, **Terri Laughlin**; Treasurer, **Liz Crosson**; Advisor, **Ania Gilgenast**.



Liz Crosson, Frank Korth, Ania Gilgenast, Terri Laughlin

Get Involved

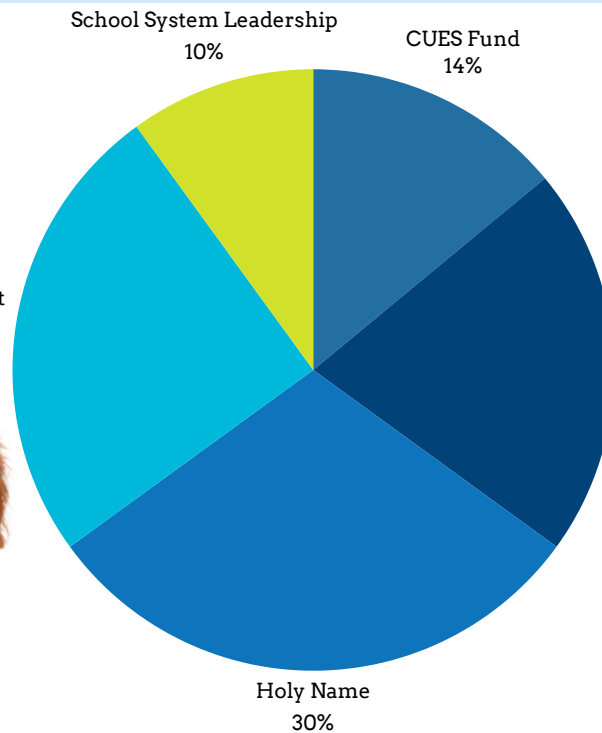
CUES School System NEVER turns away a child for inability to pay

The underwriting cost to educate a child is our greatest need. All of our CUES families qualify for financial assistance.

\$15,970

is the total cost to educate a child this year at the CUES School System

Lesly, 1st Grade



Program Expenses

- CUES Fund - 14%
- All Saints - 21%
- Holy Name - 30%
- Sacred Heart - 25%
- School System Leadership - 10%

Cost to Educate



Operating & Revenue Expenses

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Operating Revenue:

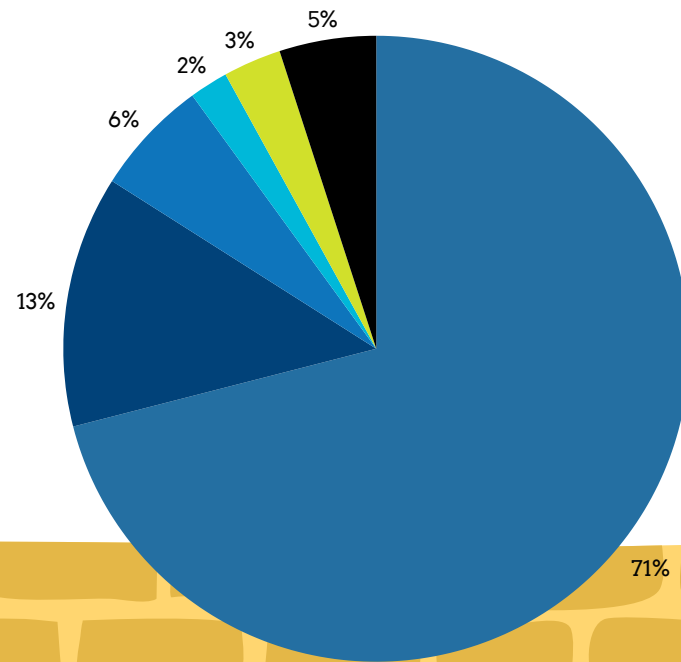
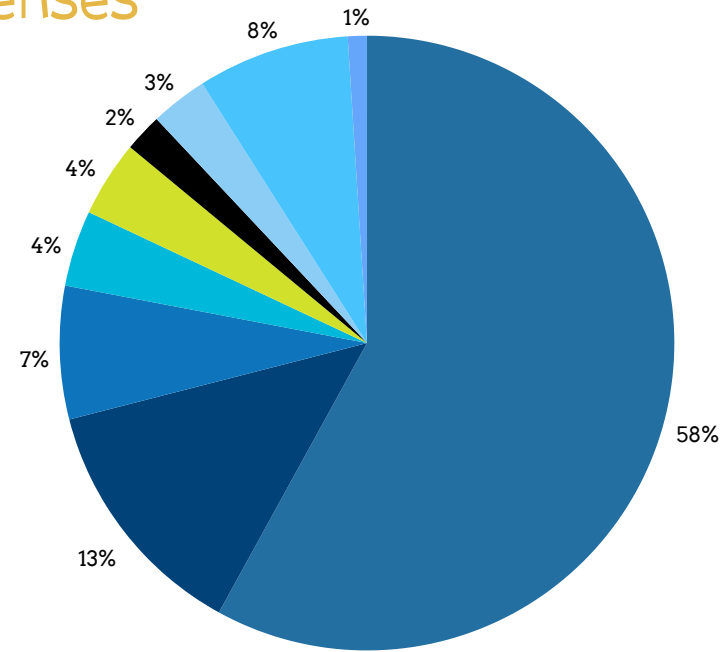
Appeals, Gifts, & Events *	58%	\$6,497,108
Grants	13%	\$1,490,398
Investments	7%	\$776,101
Government/Nutrition	4%	\$415,735
Scholarships **	4%	\$495,703
Archdiocese of Omaha	2%	\$240,000
Education	3%	\$343,477
Capital	8%	\$857,449
Parish	1%	\$97,013
OPERATING REVENUES	100%	\$11,212,983

*Gifts include a one time memorial donation of \$2,521,810.

**Children's Scholarship Fund.

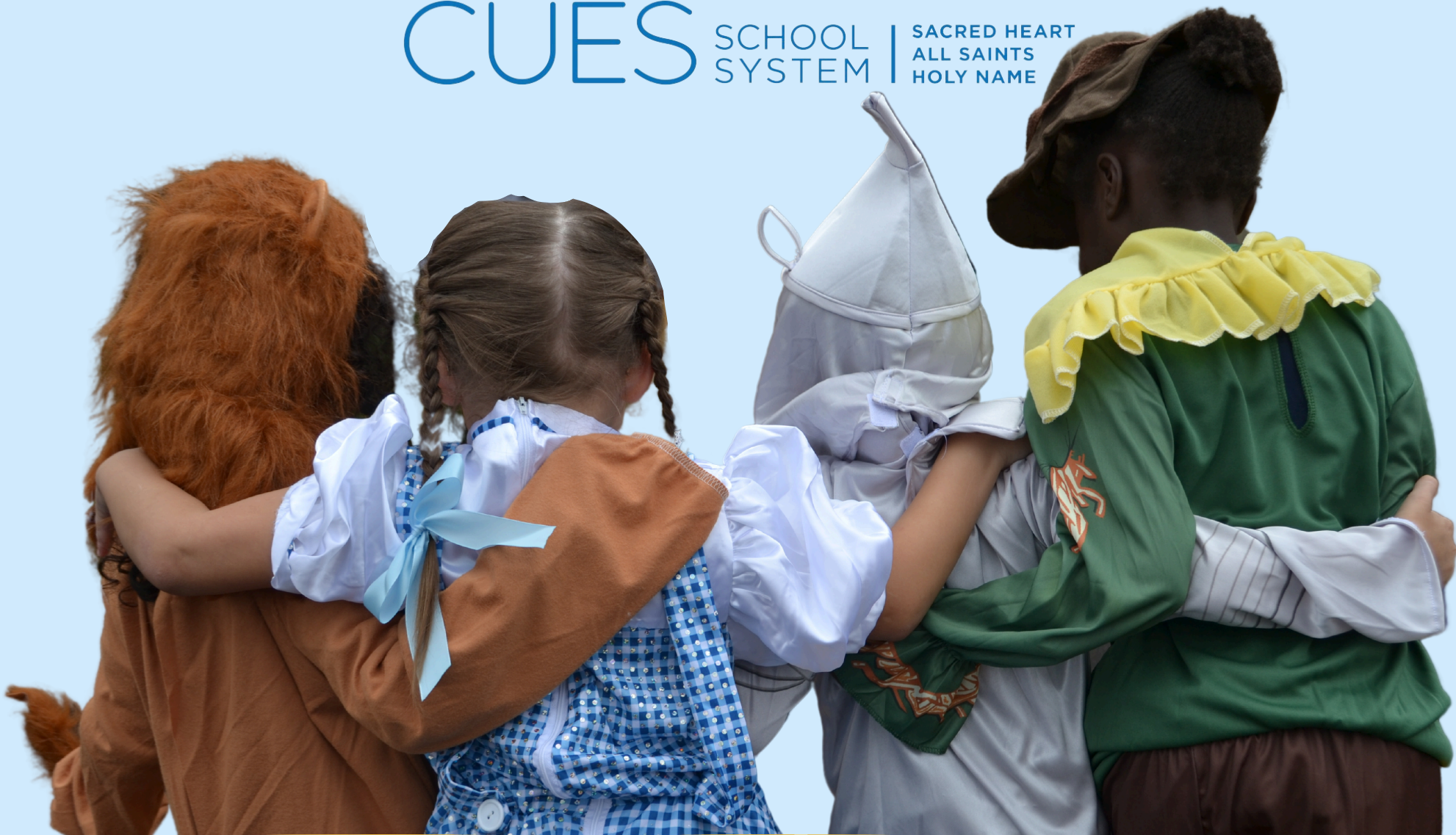
Operating Expenses:

Payroll & Benefits	71%	\$6,220,994
Administrative Services & Supplies	13%	\$1,117,031
School Expenses	6%	\$509,072
Activities	2%	\$173,285
CUES Fund Development Expenses	3%	\$272,588
Capital Outlay	5%	\$442,985
OPERATING EXPENSES	100%	\$8,735,956





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Thank you on behalf of all the CUES students & families. You made our wishes come true!