



2020-2021 ANNUAL REPORT



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dr. Thomas J. Curry

Recently, I was privileged to partner with several students in presenting a "state-of-the-school" video series. The intention was to provide our community with a narrative summary of where Gross Catholic stands on several fronts – cultural, operational, financial, strategic. It complements this 2020 - 21 annual report in two ways: 1) it fleshes out the data points shared in the following pages; and 2) offers perspective on the distance we've come in just a short time thanks to the trust and philanthropy of parents, donors, and friends of the school. One thing is abundantly clear: We are positioned – and ready – for growth in all areas.

And we are growing. The latest numbers indicate that this fall we will have the largest incoming freshman class in the last three years. We have added several new staff positions that will provide greater facility and service to students and families. New teachers and coaches are being hired as I write this letter. On the curriculum front, starting next fall, we will have three dual-credit academies: Health Science Career, STREAM Academy with a math and computer science track, and Health and Athletic Training. Advancement efforts have made great strides this year, breaking records in event participation and fundraising. Capital upgrades - including a state-of-the-art Innovation Center, installation of new lights on the baseball field, and plans to completely renovate all classrooms and labs - demonstrate where we can and must provide students with needed resources.

None of these would be possible without the generosity of our benefactors. To you I extend my deepest gratitude. You have opened students to one of life's greatest treasures: the gift of a Gross Catholic education. You've ensured that we remain one of Nebraska's premier Catholic high schools. The quality of the integral education, the Catholic and Marianist values, the spirit of family and lifelong friendships – you've shown these qualities to be worth investing in, for the return is everlasting.



"For it is in giving that we receive."

- St. Francis of Assisi

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Dr. Thomas Curry, Parent '24, '26



There's a sense of belonging at Gross Catholic High School, like no other. It looks like pride and feels like family. It's what solid foundations for life are built upon.

Gross Catholic High School is a co-ed, college preparatory school that strengthens our youth to meet the challenges of an ever-changing world...to be leaders.

Here youth not only find out who they are, they discover who they're called to be. At Gross Catholic we foster growth by being authentically faithful, purposefully compassionate and academically driven.

MISSION: Gross Catholic High School is a faith and family-based community

committed to developing Christian leaders through educational

excellence in the Marianist tradition.

VISION: To be widely recognized as a premier archdiocesan high school,

serving a diverse population within a strong framework of

Catholic values while providing excellent, innovative educational

opportunities and emphasizing community service and outreach.

Dux Esto: Be a Leader







OUR 2020-2021 SCHOOL COMMUNITY

100%

of our students graduate



STUDENTS WERE MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

13:1 STUDENT/TEACHER RATIO

90% OF OUR STUDENTS



PURSUE
POSTSECONDARY
EDUCATION OR
MILITARY SERVICE





Authentically Faithful.

At Gross Catholic, we value leadership in faith. Mary as the model of love, empathy and discipleship brings the presence of Jesus to life within others and ourselves. We demonstrate this value by building a solid foundation in faith and by living our Catholic values in the Marianist tradition. As educators at Gross Catholic, we help our students search for meaning; stimulate the practice of personal values and enable them to recognize and welcome the sacred with simplicity, humility, prayer and love.

- 100 students attended Marianist LIFE (Living in Faith Experience) meetings throughout the year.
- 100% of our students and faculty created and participated in Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy through our Homeroom system.
- Despite COVID restrictions, all-school Masses, Reconciliation services, and retreats were uninterrupted.

Purposefully Compassionate.

We value leadership within our community that is dedicated to supporting each other. By praying with one another, we enrich our faith and strengthen our ability to meet the challenges of our ever-changing world. We demonstrate this value by being a welcoming, inclusive and supportive community. We inspire our students – inside and outside the classroom – to respond to a call for service, justice and peace with humility, sensitivity and compassion.

- Students and staff provided 8 families impacted by COVID with Christmas presents and grocery gift cards.
- Through our House system, essential workers at Veterans and Midlands Hospitals received care packages filled with goodies and cards of encouragement.
- We awarded 1.8 million in scholarships and grants to over 80% of students in the 2020 -2021 school year.

Academically Driven.

At Gross Catholic, we value working toward a greater good, educating our students for life and developing them into agents for change. We demonstrate this value by fostering individualized growth by educating the whole person, providing innovative excellence in academics, offering opportunities to cultivate personal talents and nourishing a desire to work hard to acquire skills that will equip students to be lifelong learners and Christian leaders.

- 17 Honors and Advance Placement Courses.
- Nearly 60% of faculty hold advanced degrees.
- 22 Dual Enrollment Courses.
- AdvancEd Accredited.
- Academic Academies designed to give students college and career experience.
 Students receive real life experiences through their courses, field work and capstone projects.



CLASS OF 2021



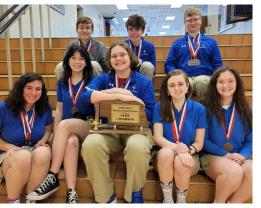


\$8.3 MILLION IN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED



Activities & Athletics









- 17 interscholastic athletic opportunities and 24 different activities or clubs
- Cougar cheerleading team earned a State Title in Class B Non-Building, Non-Tumbling for the tenth consecutive season
- Robotics Teams brought home 39 awards: 3 Excellence,
 3 Design, 14 Tournament Champions, and 8 Skills awards
- Top Robotics Team (Andrew Jesus, Keegan Shanahan, Jeff Treu, Chris Treu) was awarded 16 awards, including
 9 Champion
- An alliance of two Gross Catholic robotics teams won the 2020 - 2021 VEX Robotics State Championship
- Girls Basketball was District Champions and competed at the State Tournament.
- Noah Miller placed 3rd at Boys State Golf and the team finished 11th.
- Academic Decathlon Team was named State Champions in the middle school size division and competed at the National Competition
- Maria Connealy, Kristin Kreps, Megan Le, Theo Mba, Mary Miller, Ellie Rice, Sophia Riera and Lily Spady were All-Conference Academic for Girls Volleyball. Theo Mba and Ellie Rice were awarded All-State Academic.
- Football players Luke Rice, Charles Monico, Gage Mill, Jake Garcia and Sal Nacarelli were name RCC
 All-Conference & 1st Team All-District.
- Brooklyn Kottich, Jenna Skradski, Jordan Skradski and Ellie Zoucha were named RCC All-Conference Softball Players.

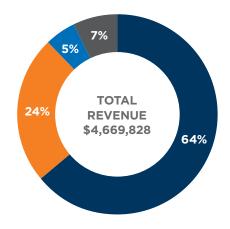


FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The cost to educate our students in 2020 - 2021 was \$12,700 per student, and tuition was set at \$11,140. Every student benefitted from a \$1,560 tuition grant and 80 percent of our students received additional assistance through our Individualized Tuition Plans, academic scholarships and tuition grants totaling \$1.8 million. The average award was \$4,923 per student.

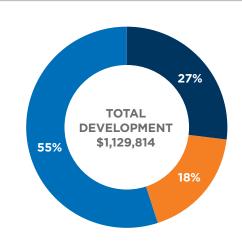
REVENUE

- Tuition & Fees = \$2,986,809
- Development = \$1,129,814
- Student Activities = \$245.848
- Interest & Investment Income = \$122,406
- Parish Support = \$117,600
- Auxiliary Activities = \$62,845
- Other Revenue = \$4,506



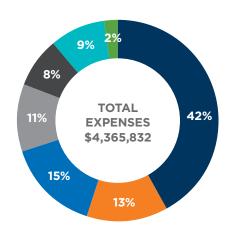
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM SUMMARY

- Annual Fund Gifts = \$295,667
- Celebration 35 = \$207,4807
- Cougar Classic Golf Tournament = \$58,068
- Memorial Fund = \$6,803
- Other Program Donations = \$555,396
- Restricted Gifts = \$3,000
- Spirit Strong = \$3,000
- Wine Tasting = \$400



EXPENSES

- Instruction = \$1,814,260
- Student Activities = \$588,121
- General Administration = \$653,794
- Plant Operations & Maintenance = \$469,259
- Depreciation = \$368,189
- Development/Marketing/Public Relations/ Recruitment = \$401,920
- Auxiliary Activities = \$70,289



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