

ST. AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
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HONORING OUR TRADITION

Unlocking our Potential



Our Mission

Saint Augustine Catholic High School forms students in a college-preparatory, Catholic community emphasizing academic excellence, guiding students to develop their God-given talents, seek wisdom and truth, grow in faith, and serve others with purpose.

LETTER FROM MELISSA LOPEZ GRUENHAGEN, *School President*

Dear Friends,

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about St. Augutstine Catholic High School. St. Augustine is a special place. Since opening in 2003, we have grown from a bold vision into a close knit community where students are known, supported, and challenged to grow. We are intentionally small, and that is one of our greatest strengths. Here, students are formed academically, spiritually, and personally, while being encouraged to discover the gifts God has given them and the purpose to which they are called.

It is a privilege to serve as President of St. Augustine. My own life has been shaped by Catholic education in Tucson, and I believe deeply in the impact this community has on the young people we serve. What makes St. Augustine special is not only where our students go after graduation. It is who they become while they are here.

Today, we have a strong foundation. We have also begun the important work of renewing the spaces where that formation happens. With the generosity of our community, we have already invested in classrooms, air conditioning, flooring, and our gym. Now, we have an opportunity to build on that progress.

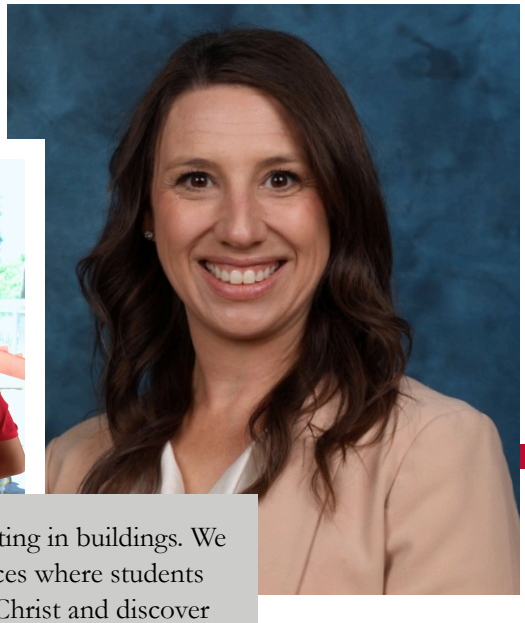
Our vision is clear. We want to create spaces that help students learn, grow, encounter Christ, and discover their God given potential. We also want to prepare our campus to serve generations of students to come.

I invite you to be part of this work. Together, we can strengthen St. Augustine today, expand what is possible tomorrow, and ensure that this special place continues to form young people in faith, knowledge, and purpose.

With gratitude,

Melissa Lopez Gruenhagen
St. Augustine Catholic High School President





"We are not simply investing in buildings. We are investing in the places where students learn, grow, encounter Christ and discover who they are called to become."

OUR STUDENTS AT A GLANCE

265
Students Enrolled

23
Faculty & staff members

12 TO 1
student to teacher ratio

98%
college enrollment rate

100%
of students receive financial assistance

85%
receive full tuition support

70%
Will be first in their family to graduate college

75%
Students come from Catholic elementary schools

50%
Of sudents participate in sports, extracurricular activities, and service oriented programs

A SMALL SCHOOL, *A Lasting Impact*

Our story began long before St. Augustine opened its doors in 2003. Our historic campus has served the Catholic community of Southern Arizona for more than 70 years.

1954 — Regina Cleri Seminary Opens
The campus was established as Regina Cleri Seminary.

1974 — A New Purpose for the Campus
After the seminary closed, the property continued its Catholic mission as a diocesan retreat center.

2001 — St. Augustine Begins to Take Shape
Bishop Moreno appointed a Board of Directors to formally establish the site as a new Catholic high school.

2003 — St. Augustine Opens Its Doors
Saint Augustine Catholic High School officially opened on the historic 44-acre campus.

Today —Building on our Foundation

More than 70 years later, that legacy lives on in a community where students are known, supported, and formed for lives of purpose.





PREPARING STUDENTS FOR LIVES OF PURPOSE

Every student deserves a place where they are seen, supported, and challenged to grow. At St. Augustine Catholic High School, students are more than names on a roster. We are intentionally small, with a 12 to 1 student to teacher ratio that means no one is lost in the crowd. Students receive individualized support, daily academic tutoring through our Learning Lab, and the kind of authentic, face to face connection that comes from real conversation rather than screens. Ours is a phone free learning environment, where attention, friendship, and presence come first.

Faith is woven through all of it. As the only diocesan Catholic high school in Tucson, St. Augustine reflects the mission and values of the Catholic Diocese of Tucson. Students pray together, attend Mass together, and serve together. Catholic values are not only taught in the classroom. They are lived throughout the school community.

Here, students are challenged academically, supported personally, and formed spiritually. They learn to think critically, serve others, and grow into young men and women of integrity and purpose. Some graduates go on to four year universities. Others pursue careers, military service, community college, or technical training. Every path matters, and every student is encouraged to discover the gifts God has given them.

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"At St. Augustine I feel accepted and supported every step of the way, as my community comes together to lift their students up. **Not only do I feel accepted, but also empowered as my school has given me the tools to succeed.**"

Abrielle Anchondo-Leyva, Class of 2027

ROOTED IN FAITH
Ready for the World

Kirsten Johnsen ‘22 | Serving through Science and Faith

Kirsten graduated December 2025 with her Bachelors of Science in Cell and Molecular Biology, summa cum laude. She was recently hired full time at a dermatology clinic while preparing to apply to medical school. Her journey includes teaching chemistry to freshman students, earning recognition as an Outstanding Senior at Baylor, traveling on a mission trip to the Yucatán Peninsula, and celebrating her engagement.

> “St. Augustine helped me learn my passion for science which shaped my desire to eventually go into medicine. It also taught me valuable interpersonal skills that have influenced meaningful relationships in my life. It helped me develop my own personal faith which grew even more once I got to college,” Kirsten shares.



Bradley Woods ‘15 | A Wolf Above the Clouds

Bradley graduated in 2015 and always knew he wanted to fly. After Arizona State University, he began his career as a flight instructor, building hours and experience, before joining SkyWest Airlines. He was promoted to captain and eventually joined Southwest Airlines, piloting the Boeing 737. Every flight is a responsibility, and Bradley credits his confidence to the teachers and mentors who helped him succeed at St. Augustine.

> “The main way St. Augustine shaped me was through the support of all the teachers. They relentlessly supported me to reach my goals and always challenged me to be the best version of myself, helping me believe I could follow my dreams of being an airline pilot.”

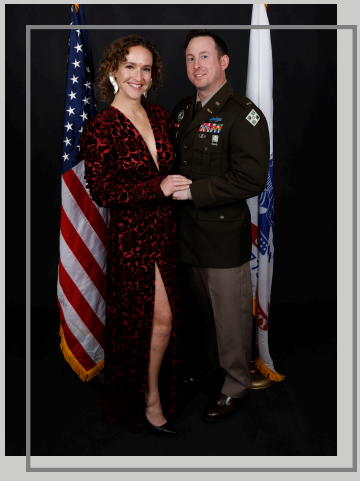


Carla Norris ‘07 | Building Dreams

Carla graduated in 2007, part of our very first graduating class. Being a pioneer was not always easy. She remembers navigating a brand-new school, figuring out traditions, and even helping to shape them. That experience gave her the courage to take risks and innovate in ways most people only dream about.

She went on to the University of Portland, where she earned her Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. After moving to Austin, Texas in 2012, she began her impressive career by joining AECOM, one of the world’s leading engineering firms. When she relocated to Colorado Springs in 2017, she continued her work with AECOM, managing transportation megaprojects that shape how cities move and grow. Among them are the El Paso Streetcar in Texas, and Seattle’s I-405 Brickyard Bus Rapid Transit project. Millions of people rely on the systems she designs, yet Carla approaches her work with the same care she learned at St. Augustine, seeing the people behind the projects.

> “As a member of the first graduating class at St. A’s, I developed a strong passion for innovation and the courage to be a trailblazer. I realized that every tradition has its beginnings, and that it is possible to cultivate a culture of compassion and learning from the ground up in both my life and work.”



A Legacy That Lives

St. Augustine’s impact doesn’t end at graduation. Carla, Bradley, and Kirsten are just three examples of the many Wolves living out the mission every day. Some are engineers, nurses, pilots, teachers, artists, or business leaders. Others are new parents, graduate students, parish volunteers, or mentors themselves and bring Christ’s light to the world in ways big and small.

Different paths, different vocations, yet one identity. The lessons from the chapel, the courtyard, the gym, and the classroom stay with them. They carry the encouragement of teachers and coaches who knew them personally. They carry the confidence to take risks, the resilience to face challenges, and the faith to guide their choices.

THE ST. AUGUSTINE FAMILY EXPERIENCE

A Place to Belong

The Martinez family



The Martinez family chose St. Augustine for its strong Catholic foundation, academic opportunities, and close-knit community. Their eldest daughter, Ozzly, graduated in 2021 and is now pursuing dual degrees in Criminal Justice and Law at the University of Arizona. Today, her younger brothers, Pablo (Nico) and Pedro (Peter), are finding their own paths at St. Augustine, growing through academics, athletics, faith, and opportunities to lead.

Nico is a dedicated multisport athlete who has participated in basketball, baseball, golf, and track and field. After putting in the work to improve his basketball skills, he earned a place as a varsity starter and team captain, and he is on track to letter in both basketball and baseball. Beyond athletics, Nico has grown in his faith through St. Augustine's Catholic programs and the encouragement of those around him. As a Kairos leader, he now has the opportunity to help other students deepen their own faith. Peter has also found ways to contribute to the school community as a student ambassador and leader, while pursuing his interests in wrestling, baseball, and cross country.

> "Because everyone is well known, it is very easy to be heard and supported within their education. The smaller school community also strengthens the relationships our children have with teachers and their peers. We wanted a place where they can be challenged and encouraged while having guidance and opportunities for growth." -Mrs. Martinez

For the Martinez family, these experiences reflect what makes St. Augustine special: students have room to explore their interests, discover their strengths, and develop confidence, character, and faith. They value a school where their children are known personally, challenged to grow, and supported by meaningful relationships with teachers, coaches, and peers.

The fette family



As a military family, the Fettes have experienced many kinds of schools. At St. Augustine, they found a community where their children could feel welcome, explore their interests, and grow in faith and confidence. They have four children, three of whom have attended or are attending St. Augustine. Annabelle (Bella) is a sophomore at Seton Hall University in New Jersey, where she is studying communications. Bella discovered a passion for writing and theater while at St. Augustine. When she wrote a play in her senior year, a teacher encouraged her by promising the school would perform it if she wrote it. Not only did Bella write a full-length play, she also starred in the show. During her time at St. Augustine, she also explored athletics, including swimming and track, and held leadership roles in ambassadors and campus ministry. Adeline (Addie), a current senior, found her strength in leadership and service. Through Mu Alpha Theta, campus ministry and student ambassador activities, she became more involved in school life. Her Eagle Scout project restoring the campus Stations of the Cross gave her the opportunity to lead fundraising, planning, and a team of volunteers. And Ben, a current freshman is finding new passions on the Cross Country team that his father coaches.

For the Fettes, St. Augustine is more than a school. It is a place where students are encouraged to discover their gifts, try new things, and become who they are called to be. Just as importantly, their children found a community where they were welcomed, encouraged, and included. For a family accustomed to moving from place to place, St. Augustine offered a sense of belonging and a grounding in faith that they believe will stay with their children long after graduation.

> "I think St. Augustine allows kids to try on those different hats, to figure out different opportunities and a little more of who they are so they can walk into the rest of their life with a little more understanding of themselves." -Mrs. Fette

HOW GENEROSITY SUSTAINS OUR MISSION

The Power of Your Gift

It takes a community to make our mission possible

At St. Augustine, generosity takes many forms. Our families, students, and supporters give their time, talents, and resources to strengthen our school and serve others. That spirit of giving is woven into the fabric of our community, and it is essential to our mission.

Access to a St. Augustine education is made possible through scholarship support. Approximately 85% of our students receive full scholarships through Scholarship Tuition Organizations, while others attend through Empowerment Scholarship Accounts. Tuition and scholarship funding support the day-to-day operations and programs that make our educational experience possible.
But our mission reaches beyond the everyday. Creating inspiring learning environments, expanding opportunities, and preparing our campus for future generations requires additional investment. Philanthropy helps us move beyond meeting today's needs and toward what is possible for our students.



Families Give Their Time
Parent contribute at least 20 hours each year, supporting school events, caring for faculty, and working at St. A's athletic snack bar.



Athletics Fundrasing
Athletic teams take an active role in fundrasing to support their sports and strenghten their programs.



Student Serve Others
Every student participates in service to local charities and community organizations, putting faith into action.



Donors Expand Possibilities
Charitable gifts help renew our campus, strengthen student experiences, and create opportunities for generations to come.

THE WORK HAS STARTED
HELP US MEET OUR GOAL



Together, we can make more possible.

The generosity of our community sustains the spirit of St. Augustine. Now, we invite you to help carry that spirit into the future. Our campaign builds on the foundation we have established, strengthens the experiences that shape our students, and expands opportunities for generations to come. Explore our vision and the three goals that will move St. Augustine forward.
This creates a natural bridge to the Campaign at a Glance page without repeating the details of the three phases.

CAMPAIGN AT A GLANCE

$1,200,000
PHASE 3
Invest in Our Campus for Generations

$532,000
PHASE 2
Update Academic & Program Spaces

$260,000*
PHASE 1
*Refresh Our Classrooms *$66,000 left to go!*

TOTAL CAMPAIGN GOAL
$1,992,000

STRENGTHENING OUR FOUNDATION

Building on Our Progress

PHASE 1 FOUNDATIONAL GOAL $260,000

RAISED $194,000 | TO COMPLETE GOAL $66,000

Our work has already begun. With the support of our donors and community, St. Augustine has already invested in the classroom painting, air-conditioning improvements, flooring, and our gym. These investments are creating more welcoming, functional spaces for our students and teachers. Now, we are ready to complete the next phase of this work.

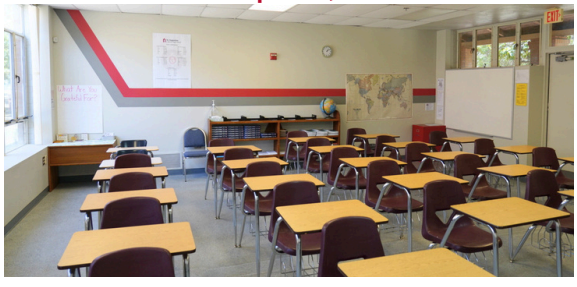
STEM Classroom Flooring | $21,000 Investment





20 Classrooms Painted | $34,000 Investment + A/C Units | $78,000 Investment



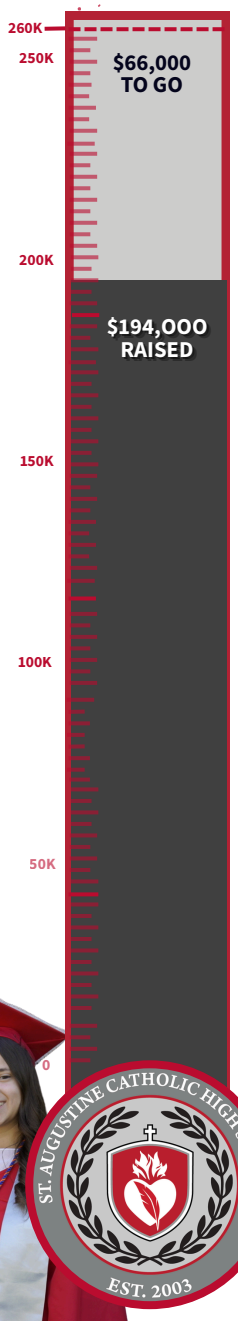


Gym Flooring | $58,898 Investment





$66K TO GO TO COMPLETE PHASE 1



HELP US FINISH WHAT WE STARTED

We've already invested in improving our classrooms, campus, and shared spaces. Now, we're ready to complete this work by replacing flooring in the remaining wings and finishing essential painting throughout campus. Help us finish strong:

Remaining Classroom Flooring: $50,000
Complete Campus Painting: $16,000

$66,000 remaining to reach our $260,000 goal.



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THE NEXT INVESTMENT

Expanding Opportunities for Students

PHASE 2

CHALLENGE GOAL $532,000

ENHANCING THE ST. AUGUSTINE EXPERIENCE

As we complete our foundational needs, the Challenge Goal allows us to build on that progress by investing in the experiences that shape the whole student academically, athletically, and in faith. These improvements will create more engaging learning environments, strengthen opportunities to grow and compete, and renew the spaces where students encounter Christ. Together, they will deepen the St. Augustine experience for every student.



EQUIPING STUDENTS TO LEARN

ACADEMICS - $283,000

Classroom Furniture — $120,000
New Smart Boards — $110,000
Building Flooring — $52,000

Our classrooms should reflect the value we place on our students and teachers. Flexible furniture, updated technology, and refreshed spaces will encourage collaboration, engagement, and meaningful learning.



FORMING THE WHOLE PERSON

ATHLETICS — $190,000

Gym & Weight Room — $60,000
Athletic Van — $100,000
Athletic Fields — $30,000

Our student-athletes are challenged to excel in the classroom, work as a team, and lead with grace in both victory and defeat. Updated equipment and fields will expand opportunities for students to develop their skills, character, and leadership. Sports help us form the whole person, not just the athlete.

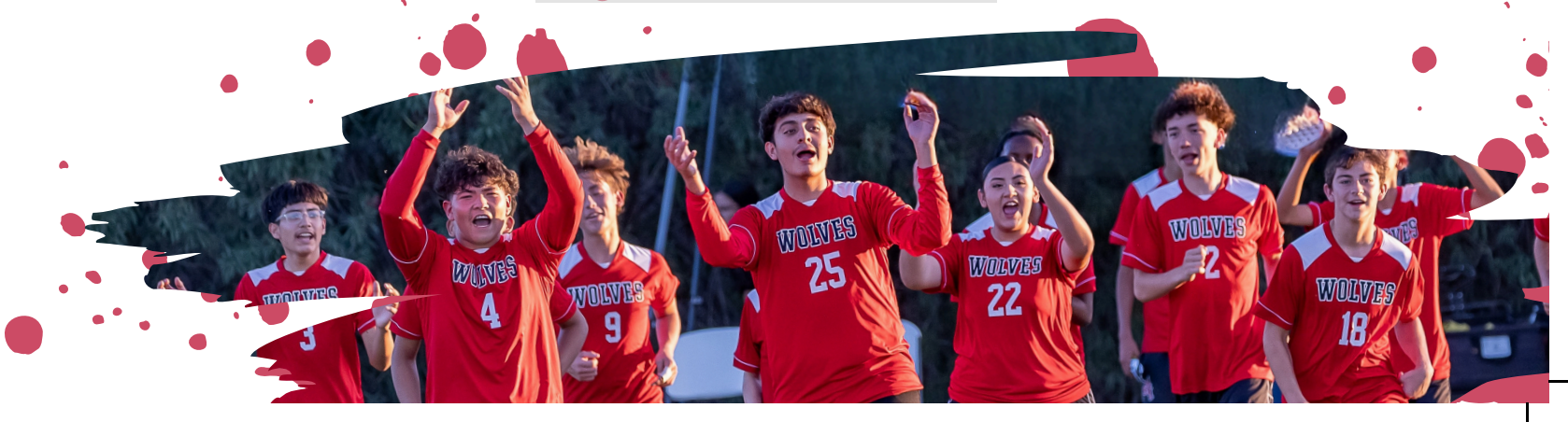


CREATING SPACE TO ENCOUNTER CHRIST

FAITH — $60,000

Liturgical furnishings — $20,000
Chapel A/C — $40,000

Faith central to all we do. Renewing our historic chapel with updated furnishings, sacred art, liturgical vessels, and student server vesture will create a more welcoming and inspiring space where students gather in worship, lead the liturgy, and grow in ownership of their faith. Our chapel should reflect what we place at the center of all we do: Christ.





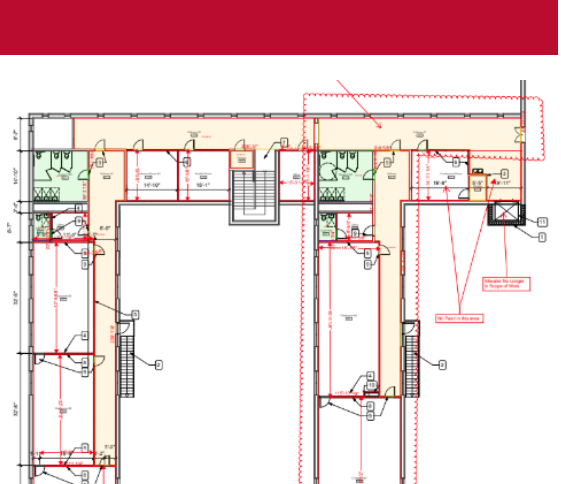
GROWING FOR GENERATIONS

Envisioning the future

PHASE 3 VISIONARY GOAL $1.2 MILLION

EXPANDING OUR POTENTIAL

The expansion of Wings 4 and 5 will expand more than our campus. It will expand what is possible for our students. A new student center will create dedicated spaces for study, collaboration, college counseling, student activities, and community. Five additional classrooms will give us greater flexibility to expand course offerings and respond to the interests and gifts of our students. An elevator connecting the second floor across campus will make our facilities more accessible, helping ensure that students and staff of all abilities can fully participate in the life of our school.



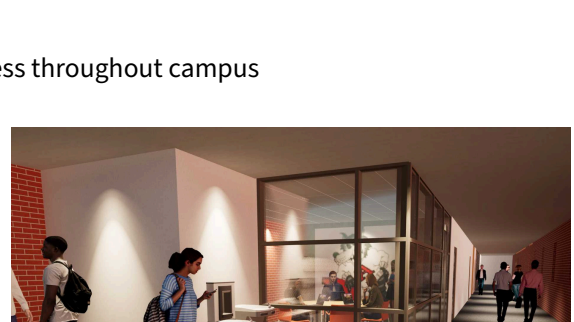
By expanding opportunities to learn, discover, and lead, we can help more students develop their God-given talents, seek truth, grow in love, and serve others with purpose.

Our vision includes:

- **Wing 4 — approximately $500,000**
- **Wing 5 — approximately $700,000**
- Infrastructure necessary to support the campus expansion
- Add an elevator connecting the second floor across the building, improving access throughout campus









YOUR INVESTMENT
Makes This Possible

GIVE TODAY

CREDIT/DEBIT CARD

You may choose to have your gift drawn directly from your credit or debit card, or bank account, as a one-time payment or through recurring payments. Scan the QR code to visit our website at staugustinehigh.com/giving.
We also accept card payments by phone to (520) 751-8300.

CASH OR CHECK

Gifts made by cash or check are the most common and will allow St. Augustine Catholic High School to address its immediate needs. Checks may be mailed, payable to:

Melissa Lopez-Gruenhagen, President
St. Augustine Catholic High School
ATTN: Advancement
8800 E. 22nd Street, Tucson, AZ 85710

INDIVIDUAL TAX CREDITS

Support our students at no cost to you by directing your Arizona state tax dollars to St. Augustine through a scholarship tuition organization such as Catholic Tuition Scholarship Organization (CTSO) or the Institute for Better Education (IBE). When you direct your state tax dollars, you receive a dollar-for dollar credit on your state taxes, and receive 100% of your money back when you file. Visit ctso-tucson.org or ibescholarships.org for more information. You can direct your taxes *in addition to* making a capital campaign pledge!

MATCHING GIFTS

Several local companies offer matching gift programs for employees. This allows donors to maximize their giving potential. For information and required forms, check with your company's Human Resources department.

LEAVE A LEGACY

PLEDGE

Pledges provide the opportunity to make a larger commitment to our campaign by spreading your gift over time. Payments can be made in installments on a schedule that works best for you.

PLANNED GIFTS

Planned gift allows you to make a lasting investment in St. Augustine while incorporating charitable giving into your financial or estate plans. Planned gifts can take many forms, including:

- Bequests
- Retirement account or life insurance beneficiary designations
- Life insurance
- Securities
- Real estate
- Charitable trusts

BUDGETING YOUR GIFT OVER TIME

3-Year Pledge	Annually	Semiannually	Quartery	Monthly
$150,000	*$50,000*	*$25,000*	*$12,500*	*$4,167*
$120,000	$40,000	$20,000	$10,000	$3,333
$90,000	$30,000	$15,000	$7,500	$2,500
$60,000	$20,000	$10,000	$5,000	$1,667
$30,000	$10,000	$5,000	$2,500	$833
$15,000	$5,000	$2,500	$1,250	$417
$9,000	$3,000	$1,500	$750	$250
$7,200	$2,400	$1,200	$600	$200
$5,400	$1,800	$900	$450	$150
$3,600	$1,200	$600	$300	$100
$1,800	$600	$300	$150	$50

This information is not intended as legal advice. You are advised to consult your own qualified professional adviser for specific recommendations.

Campaign Prayer

Heavenly Father, You call and empower Your people to lives of compassionate service and faithfulness. We thank You for the students of Saint Augustine Catholic High School and for the community of families, alumni, friends, and supporters who believe in their promise and invest in their future. Inspire us to use our gifts and talents to strengthen our community. May our collective efforts enrich the education we provide, giving our students the opportunity to develop their God-given talents, seek wisdom in truth, grow in love, and serve others with purpose. Help each student discover the person You are calling them to become and equip them to make a difference in the world. Guide us to steward all that has been entrusted to us faithfully. Grant us wisdom in our planning, courage in our actions, and unity in our shared commitment to the future of Saint Augustine Catholic High School.

St. Augustine and St. Monica, pray for us, Amen.

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