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## “The soul of education is the education of the soul.” Pope Pius XI

Dear Friends in Christ,

For over one hundred years, families in Erie County have been fortunate to have the opportunity to choose a Catholic education for their children. Sandusky Central Catholic School stands on the shoulders of countless generations who have sacrificed greatly to ensure an innovative, research-based, and well-rounded education. We are grateful for our rich history of excellence, proud of the extraordinary things happening, and excited for our bright future.

We are pleased to present our 2015-2016 Annual Report, an illustration of our school, its numerous accomplishments, and the many people whose support guarantees its success. This year's report demonstrates growth across the board. First, in the classroom we strive to introduce new curricula, programs, and technology that are pioneering in education. Second, we continue our campus revitalization with upgrades that not only beautify, but also maximize the use of space in our historic buildings. Third, we remain good stewards with limited financial resources, while maximizing government funding and following a balanced budget that puts students first. Finally, we continue to promote the long-term financial stability of our school through the SCCS Education Foundation. Totalling almost \$8 million, we are blessed to have these funds that contribute annually to our school's operating budget, support our students through scholarships and tuition assistance, and reward our teachers through the Endowed Chair Program. Your investment in the Foundation helps create a legacy of providing a first-class Catholic education for our students and our community.

It is our hope that you will find this Annual Report insightful. We are proud of the progress and improvements taking place. We thank you for your ongoing prayers and support for our school and our SCCS Education Foundation. 2015-2016 was another exceptional year for Sandusky Central Catholic School and we look forward to all that the Lord has in store for the future. Our mission of Strengthening the Body, Challenging the Mind, and Enriching the Spirit continues to develop the whole person, while making God a consistent presence throughout the school day.

God bless and go Panthers!

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Rev. Michael Roemmele  
Vicar

Sandusky Central Catholic School

Mr. Daniel Moncher  
President

SCCS Education Foundation

## Tuition Assistance & Scholarships

At Sandusky Central Catholic School, we are blessed to have two types of Tuition Assistance (TA) funds that provide grants to families needing support to afford a Catholic education:

- SCCS Annual Fund - provides immediate financial support to current SCCS families.
- SCCS Education Foundation - designated TA gifts provide on-going annual contributions to the school to assist with family tuition grants.

Scholarships are also available through the SCCS Education Foundation for current and post-graduate students. The SMCC scholarship fund accepts monetary donations of any amount. Named scholarships, with specific donor criteria, can also be established with a minimum endowment of \$25,000.

**73%**  
OF SCCS STUDENTS  
RECEIVE TUITION ASSISTANCE

**100%**  
PERCENT  
ATTENDING  
COLLEGE

**\$5.5**  
MILLION OFFERED  
IN COLLEGE  
SCHOLARSHIPS  
TO CLASS OF 2016

**665**  
COLLEGE CREDITS  
EARNED BY  
SENIOR CLASS

2015-16



Because of our generous benefactors, SCCS was able to award over \$215,000 in tuition assistance. The SCCS Education Foundation provided \$67,000 through tuition endowments and an additional \$105,000 in high school and post-graduate scholarships.



“Our school is the best!  
I love my family here.”

William, Class of 2026

## Champion Academic Excellence

SCCS students excel in the classroom, on the field, and in the arts because of our well-educated, caring, and committed teachers. Under the care of these educators, students are afforded opportunities to develop their God-given gifts and talents. Recruiting, retaining, and rewarding excellent educators is a top priority for SCCS as the market for first-rate educators becomes more competitive.

The SCCS Education Foundation's Endowed Chair program, valued at \$2.2 million, awards our high school teachers with bonuses. In response to the success of this long standing program, the Investing in Educators fund was established to provide bonuses in a similar manner to our middle school and elementary teachers. We are grateful to the forward-thinking benefactors that continue to believe in and support Catholic education ministries.



### 2015-16

SCCS Education Foundation's Endowed Chair Program awarded \$93,600 in bonuses to high school teachers, an additional \$10,400 was distributed for new Art class drawing tables and drafting stools and funding for off-site professional development. The Investing in Educator Fund raised \$40,000 allowing SCCS to award bonuses to middle school and elementary teachers in just the first year.



To make a donation to the Endowed Chair Program or Investing in Educators Fund, please contact Emily Kasper at 419.627.9422 or email [ekasper@sanduskycc.org](mailto:ekasper@sanduskycc.org).



“Thanks to my end of the year bonus, I was able to enjoy my summer vacation! And the new art tables have made a great improvement to the classroom experience.”

Karen Shaylor, High School Art Teacher

## Enhance the Student Experience

By definition, innovative means introducing something new. Our campus experienced many classroom and program enhancements, blending tradition with innovation. In the process, we are able to use these developments to offer advanced coursework, as well as remedial support. SCCS continues to research and develop the latest in curriculum advancements, as well as provide cutting edge technology to our students.



# 30%

OF SMCC CLASS OF 2016 IS PURSUING DEGREES IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND MATH

### 2015-16

The Good Shepherd program was introduced to further the faith formation of our youngest students. The Panther Performance Center (PPC) was completed, which included private classrooms for one on one tutoring for students, before, during, and after school. Our robotics program added a state-of-the-art 3D printer, and the curriculum is now offered in grades four through twelve. The class of 2016 had 30% of graduates enter into a STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) major in college, emphasizing the importance of technological advancements.



“Our teachers use technology to enhance their lessons everyday. It helps make things current, real, and relevant.”

Joe, Class of 2017

## Build On Our Tradition

Parents send their children to SCCS to be raised as followers of Christ, living and serving in accordance with the message of the Gospels and teachings of the Catholic Church. Our teachers and coaches infuse faith into every lesson and practice. This practice exposes our students to the relevance of our faith and widens the perception of God’s active presence within our daily lives. Participation in service learning activities is not only integrated into the curricular areas throughout the school day, but opportunities are also offered to express our faith through music, the arts, and athletics, as well as provide exposure to world cultures. At SCCS, we give our students the essential keys to unlock profound human understanding and accomplishment. We encourage our students to grow intellectually, while witnessing the intertwined threads of faith and truth.

OVER 5,000

SERVICE HOURS PERFORMED BY STUDENTS IN GRADES 6-12



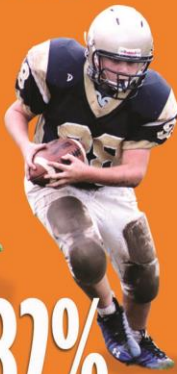
100%

OF STUDENTS IN GRADES 1-12 PARTICIPATE IN RETREATS



82%

OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN SPORTS



96%

OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN VISUAL OR PERFORMING ARTS



“I can express myself and discover more about what I love to do.”

Brittany, Class of 2017



2015-16

With the completion of the Kinzel Center, SCCS proudly brought back home our high school musical and graduation ceremonies, various retreats, and hosted a Mass with The Most Reverend Bishop Daniel Thomas.

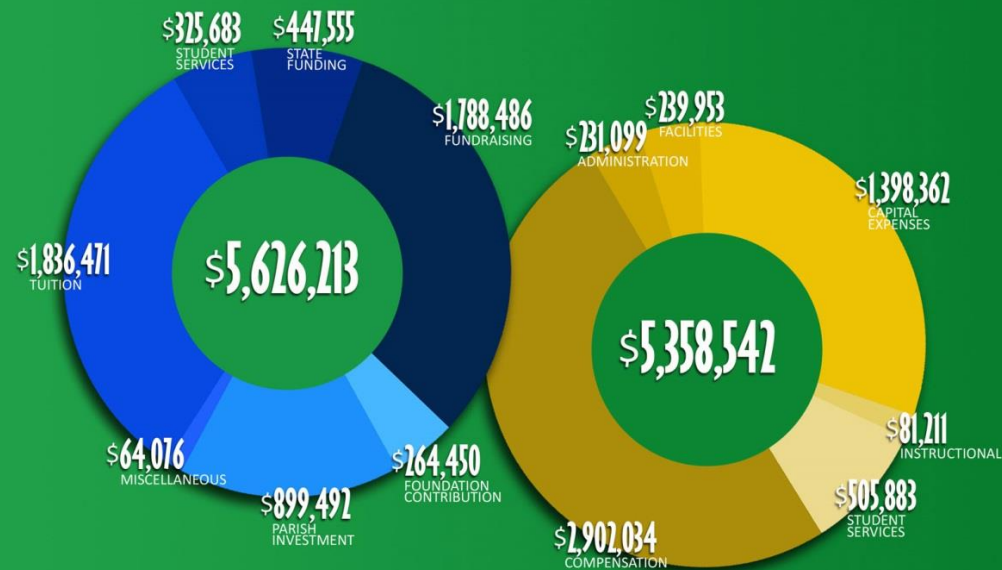
## 2015-16 Sandusky Central Catholic School

Sandusky Central Catholic School makes every effort to keep tuition affordable for our Panther families. Tuition from families represents only 33% of school revenue, requiring SCCS to rely on other sources of income. Fundraising initiatives provide the biggest source of outside revenue. The two pillar fundraising events of SCCS, the Winter Gala and the SCCS Auction, raised over \$250,000 in restricted and unrestricted funds. The success of these events is a direct result of dedicated committees leading these initiatives.

Capital improvements are necessary to preserve and enhance our campus. It has been more than one hundred years since the doors opened at 410 West Jefferson Street. There is never a lack of ideas and recommendations concerning improvements, but our sense of stewardship means that we proceed with those ideas that have the greatest impact for the greatest number of students.

### 2015-16 SCHOOL REVENUE

### 2015-16 SCHOOL EXPENDITURES

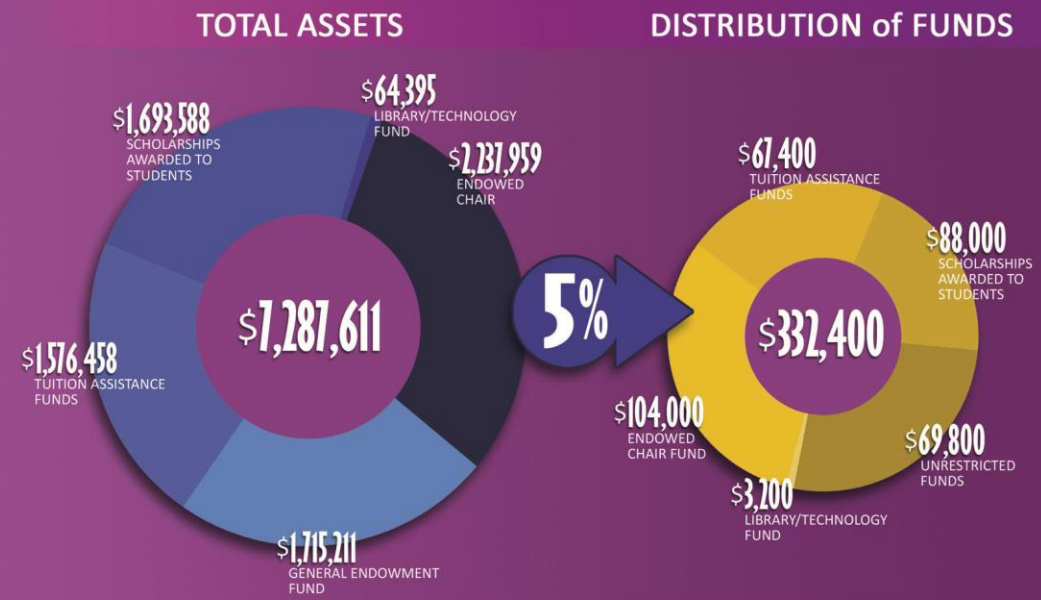




## 2015-16 SCCS Education Foundation

For the year July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, the SCCS Education Foundation received new contributions totaling \$224,408 and distributed funds totaling \$332,400 to Sandusky Central Catholic School and students for the benefit of its programs, tuition assistance, teachers, and scholarships. The ending market value on June 30, 2016 was \$7,287,611. The investment portfolio is closely monitored by an investment committee which meets quarterly to review strategy and progress. Asset allocation is designed to support the short term spending/income goals, as well as provide for longer term growth over inflation.

The disbursements from the SCCS Education Foundation's numerous funds are made annually based on the Board of Director's approved Spending Policy Statement. This policy governs the amount of funds to be distributed annually to Sandusky Central Catholic School and students. Distributions may be further restricted by appropriately authorized Donor Agreements.



### \$2,237,959 Endowed Chair Fund

The Endowed Chair Fund provides funding for SMCC faculty bonuses, professional development, and departmental improvements.

### \$1,693,588 Scholarships

\$616,850 Arthur and Mildred Link Endowment Provides tuition assistance for current SMCC students and 8th grade students entering SMCC through 8 scholarships. Mr. Link, is a 1939 SMCC graduate and a prominent player of the 1936 SMCC State Basketball Champs.

\$382,184 High School Scholarship Fund Made up of multiple scholarship and tuition assistance funds designated towards the continued Catholic education of selected students, based on individual donor specifications.

\$142,541 Schumacher Post Graduate Fund The John & Helen Schumacher Endowment Fund is a renewable scholarship awarded to an above average graduating senior attending college with an interest in Engineering, Accounting or Technology.

\$127,100 Barbara A. McCafferty M.D. Math & Science Award Awarded to female students who have an interest in math or science while maintaining a strong academic record.

\$125,308 Walter Platte Scholarship Fund Awarded to an incoming SMCC freshman and to a graduating senior attending a Catholic college or university that teaches theology with the Mandatum of the Catholic Church.

\$67,025 Randolph J. Dorn and Estelle M. Dorn Post Graduate Fund Given to graduating seniors who demonstrate academic achievement while being involved in extracurricular activities.

\$64,685 Ruth & Norbert Wensink Scholarship Awarded to an incoming SMCC freshman who has a strong academic record and is involved in his or her parish and community.

### \$1,715,211 General Endowment Fund

The Endowment Fund is a general unrestricted fund used to provide money for the operation of Sandusky Central Catholic School for purposes deemed appropriate by the administration.

### \$1,576,458 Tuition Assistance

\$914,318 Gallagher Tuition Assistance Fund Established by Dr. James & Michele Gallagher and Dr. Susan Gallagher to financially support families who would like their children to attend SCCS. This fund now includes general tuition assistance gifts.

\$210,013 Msgr. Armitage Fund Established through consolidated memorials and donations to provide tuition assistance at SCCS for Holy Angels parishioner families.

\$130,400 Dorothy Yontz Memorial Fund Established by her son Kenneth Yontz and daughter Barb Pack in honor and memory of Dorothy Yontz who attended Holy Angels School. This fund provides tuition assistance at SCCS for Holy Angels parishioner families.

\$131,210 Groff Family Fund A donor advised fund, where monies are distributed annually for tuition assistance.

\$116,662 Ken Yontz Tuition Assistance Fund Established by St. Mary High School alum Ken Yontz to provide general SCCS tuition assistance.

\$73,855 Sister Mary Jon Wagner Tuition Assistance Established in honor of Sandusky Central Catholic School's first Superintendent upon her retirement. It is used to provide general SCCS tuition assistance.

\$42,783 The John Sortino Scholarship Fund Established in memory of John Sortino, who died while a student at Sts. Peter and Paul School. It is awarded to a student who is active in his or her parish and school, and will attend SMCC for 9th grade.

\$38,170 Vaith Fund The Beverly Vaith Fund, established in 2013, is a scholarship given to an SMCC student that demonstrates Catholic principles in their everyday life. The establishment of this Trust was very important to Mrs. Vaith in order to fulfill and continue her most heartfelt contributions to her favorite charities.

\$33,272 Mary Lay Post Graduate Fund The Mary Lay Scholarship is a renewable scholarship awarded to a graduating senior who demonstrates initiative and self-reliance, while maintaining an above average GPA.

\$25,080 Cleveland Fund The Marjorie A. Cleveland Endowed Scholarship was established in 2013. Mrs. Cleveland was a 1939 graduate of SMCC. This scholarship will be awarded to a high school student that demonstrates academic excellence.

\$12,807 The McKenna/ Platte Scholarship Fund Established by Walter Platte in honor of Fran McKenna & Dennis Platte. This scholarship represents their commitment to the Sts. Peter and Paul Athletics Program and their strong Catholic faith. It is awarded to an incoming SMCC freshman who is a Sts. Peter and Paul parishioner and is involved in school athletics.

\$12,617 Dennis Platte Scholarship Fund Established by Dennis's wife, Emily, and is in honor of his commitment to the Sts. Peter and Paul Athletics Program and his deep Catholic faith. It is awarded to an incoming SMCC freshman who is a Sts. Peter and Paul parishioner and is involved in school athletics.

\$3,006 Post Graduate Fund The Post Graduate Fund represents the Jacob Cullen scholarship, awarded to a graduating senior that exemplifies the meaning of Catholic identity. This scholarship was established by Jacob's grandfather, Mr. A. Vincent Agnew, in honor of Jacob receiving the 2005 Bishop's Cross award at his SMCC graduation.

### \$64,395 Library/Technology Fund

The Gallagher Library/Technology Fund, was originally established by Dr. James and Michele Gallagher to offset library expenses incurred at SCCS. In 2014, the donors agreed to use these funds for technology purposes.

## Partners in Excellence Society

The newly established Partners in Excellence Society recognizes our generous supporters who have financially contributed gifts accumulating over \$25,000 to Sandusky Central Catholic School and/or the SCCS Education Foundation. Thank you to the following benefactors who have helped provide the necessary groundwork, but also help secure the future of Sandusky Central Catholic School:

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SCCS would like to especially thank Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kinzel and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Link for each contributing over \$1million to our school.

## Memorials

Memorials have been established "In Memory Of" or "In Honor Of" the following loved ones:

### In Honor Of

Christine Dal Ponte  
Spencer Dye  
Terese Pulizzi  
Tony Pulizzi

### Memorials

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These 2015-16 donations to Sandusky Central Catholic School and the SCCS Education Foundation support the ongoing operations of our school. If you would like to donate to an existing Memorial, or to learn about establishing a new Memorial, please contact Emily Kasper at 419.627.9422.



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Gifts to Sandusky Central Catholic School are used for *immediate needs*.

**ANNUAL APPEAL**

An unrestricted source of income that gives the school the opportunity to allocate funds where the need is greatest. An Annual Fund gift allows the school the most flexibility.

**TUITION ASSISTANCE FUND**

Over \$200,000 is distributed to our Panther families each year with close to 73% of students requiring some level of financial support to afford a Catholic education.

**INVESTING IN EDUCATORS**

This fund was established to help close the gap between our Catholic school and public school elementary teacher salaries.



Gifts to the SCCS Education Foundation promote the *longevity of our school* through endowments.

**GENERAL ENDOWMENT FUND**

Unrestricted gifts of any denomination. Annual allocations to SCCS support the immediate needs of our school.

**SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS**

*Endowed Scholarship:* A minimum of \$25,000 is required.  
*SMCC Scholarship:* Gifts of any sized designated towards scholarships for SMCC high school students.

**ENDOWED CHAIR FUND**

The distribution of these funds is allocated towards high school teacher salaries, professional development, and departmental improvements.

**TUITION ASSISTANCE FUND**

Financially assists families who would like their children to attend Sandusky Central Catholic School.



**Other gifts to either SCCS or the SCCS Education Foundation**

**LEAVE A LEGACY** The most common planned gift is a bequest in your will or trust. Designate either organization to receive assets in the future without impacting your cash flow, lifestyle, or family security. Other planned gifts to consider are life insurance policies, real estate, retirement plans, and appreciated stocks.

**REMEMBER A LOVED ONE** Memorials can be given "In Memory Of" or "In Honor Of" loved ones.

**How to Give**

**GIVE OVER TIME** Monthly, recurring gifts combine the ease of installments with the convenience of automatic renewal.

**GIVE ALL AT ONCE** Every annual gift supports current and future students.

To make a donation to the SCCS Annual Fund or the SCCS Education Foundation please contact Emily Kasper at 419.627.9422 or email [ekasper@sanduskycc.org](mailto:ekasper@sanduskycc.org)



“I am amazed at the potential God has given our students. Your generous investment in them will have a lasting impact.”

Father Michael, Vicar