

From the Convent Porch

Reflections... *by John Jorden, Director of Development*



The Student Relief Fund was a Success!

Thanks to your quick action and generosity, NO McNicholas student had to leave school due to financial hardship resulting from the pandemic. You gave generously to the Student Relief Fund, and we put your gifts to use, keeping our students where they want to be—at McNicholas High School.

Last April and throughout the summer, we encouraged families to contact us if their financial situation had changed because of these unusual times. For each of these families, our Director of Finance, Roberta Veleta, recalculated their need, and our Financial Aid Committee provided a new tuition assistance package based on their updated financial situation. Thank you, Roberta!

Our retention rate for the '20-21 school year was 97.3%, actually a little better than expected. (You always lose a few students to families' relocation or other life changes.)

Once again, thank you for keeping the doors of McNick open to these great kids!

Students Are Back on Campus

After a weird, lonely spring and summer without them, our students and teachers are back on campus. They're wearing masks, staying 6 feet apart, and traveling down one-way hallways (in addition to lots of other safety precautions), but at least they are here. I've never seen teenagers so happy to be in school. Fall sports and many extracurricular activities are underway. Our outstanding teachers continue to find creative solutions to adapt to life as we know it now. It's the closest thing to normal we've seen in five months.