



## ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CHESTERTON ACADEMY

**Dear Supporter of St. Michael the Archangel Chesterton Academy,**

Thank you for your invaluable support of our emerging academy. Your partnership is a vital part of our success and has helped bring us to this exciting moment in our journey. It has been inspiring to witness the unique ways each of you has engaged in the mission we share. Whether through serving on our board, promoting our vision, enrolling your children, or generously offering your time, treasure, and talent—you are making a lasting difference in this community.

### ■ HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT THE SCHOOL

#### **1. Pray for our mission.**

First and foremost, please continue to pray for our school community and the success of our mission. Pray that God ignites a fire within our families and staff. As St. Catherine of Siena reminds us, “Be who God meant you to be, and you will set the world on fire.” If our community is on fire for the Lord, we are poised for tremendous success.

#### **2. Spread the fire.**

Share the vision of St. Michael the Archangel Chesterton Academy with those around you. The success of this endeavor does not rest with any single student, administrator, or pastor—it thrives through our shared commitment to the universal call to holiness.

#### **3. Continue sharing your time, treasure, and talents.**

Each time we’ve faced a need, someone from our community has stepped up in generosity. From outreach to interested families, to refining handbooks and policies, to crafting the crests that represent our academy houses—your gifts continue to build this school in beautiful ways.

We have also been blessed by your financial generosity. Early financial support ensures that our foundation is strong—not only for our opening, but for many years to come. One of the simplest and most impactful ways to support our mission is through contributions to Scholarship Granting Organizations (SGOs).

### ■ SCHOLARSHIP GRANTING ORGANIZATIONS (SGOS)

By contributing to the SGOs associated with our school, you can receive a 100% state tax credit—up to \$750 for individuals and \$1,500 for joint filers. These funds directly provide tuition assistance for students in grades K–12. This program is an incredible, essentially cost-free way to support our students and families.

## MONETARY DONATIONS

Monetary donations also have a profound impact. As we continue to grow, there are both general needs and specific projects that require financial support, such as:

- Purchasing additional lockers
- Making facility improvements to better serve students and staff
- Expanding our library collection
- Enhancing our science lab
- Supporting community and spiritual formation events
- Recruiting and retaining excellent teachers

Your generosity allows us to meet these needs and to do so with excellence.

## SPECIFIC PROJECTS & EVENTS TO SUPPORT

- **The Adventure of Truth Event:** Speaker, travel, and dinner expenses were about \$3,500 for this event.
- **Damascus Worship Night:** We hope to host a night of worship with the Damascus Worship Team. Estimated cost: \$4,000.
- **Sponsor a Staff Member to the CSN Conference:** Each summer, the Chesterton Schools Network hosts a conference that immerses educators in the mission and vision of the Chesterton model. The cost is approximately \$1,000–\$1,500 per staff member (including registration, travel, and lodging).
- **Science Lab:** Our science faculty will work to develop a plan to elevate our lab to meet high school standards while enhancing experiences for our junior high students.
- **Extracurricular Support:** We look to extracurriculars for students and any donations will be utilized to cover the expenses related to building these programs.
- **Student Lockers:** Additional lockers will need to be installed. Approximate cost: \$10,000 - \$15,000.
- **Administrative Offices and Building Updates:** Administrative offices for the Chesterton Academy as well as other minor projects will need to take place.
- **Staff Support Fund:** We hope to hire staff proactively to ensure that we are able to secure the best possible candidates. Financial support to the school helps to ensure we are able to make the right offers to the right candidates and at the right time.

Your ongoing prayers, advocacy, and generosity are what make this mission possible. Together, we are building not only a school—but a community rooted in faith, truth, and the pursuit of beauty and goodness.

God Bless,



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Donations towards our Chesterton Academy may be made online or made directly to the school.

Please contact Mr. David Henley with any questions.