

Dear Friends,

There are so many blessings to count as we wrap up our school year.

We are grateful for each of our scholars, these beloved children of God whom we are honored to serve; for our staff who works tirelessly; and of course for YOU, our partner in this important work.

With your prayers, gifts and volunteer hours, you have made a significant difference in the lives of our scholars. You are truly among our greatest blessings!

We are grateful for what your contributions have allowed us to accomplish this school year:

- The lives of more children and families are being transformed by the education we provide.
- Increasing numbers of scholars are exceeding their expected academic growth.
- We are welcoming more volunteers.

Your support is vital to our success, and all of us here at St. Peter Claver and Ascension Catholic Academy are filled with gratitude.

Fr. Erich Rutten
Chaplain

Patricia Stromen
President
Ascension Catholic Academy



Our enrollment grew

by that much in 2017-18, and we are on track for an additional 10% in our school in 2018-19.
Look for us at events this summer and fall, listen for our radio spots on KMOJ and please spread the word that we are growing!

22%



64%

Scholars who exceeded their expected growth in reading on spring assessments. In math, it was 58%. We have made tremendous progress! A year ago, 34% exceeded their expected growth in math and/or reading.

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St. Peter Claver graduates moving on to high school. They'll attend rigorous schools including Cretin-Derham Hall, DeLaSalle, Cristo Rey and St. Agnes.



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55 and growing
Individuals, foundations and parishes made gifts to our school. We are continuing to rebuild our philanthropic support to ensure that transformative education continues to be available at St. Peter Claver well into the future. We have good momentum in our efforts for sister parish relationships, ties to alumni as donors and increasing awareness in the philanthropic community. We are confident that sustainable contributed-revenue sources are on the horizon.



Volunteers shared their time and talents. Author and educator Dr. Artika Tyner, above, spoke to our middle schoolers about leadership. We doubled our number of volunteers in one year and began a partnership with St. Thomas Academy.



KINDNESS wins for Moo

Being the new student in an eighth grade class is hard. But Moo, whose family immigrated from Burma (Myanmar) when she was in early elementary school, knew what she had to do: work hard and figure out how she fit into this new environment.

"Moo knew what her priorities were and kept them," School Counselor Annie Gettle said. "She is respectful, bright and kind to everyone."

As a result of her hard work, Moo won a full scholarship to Saint Agnes School for high school. St. Peter Claver's small classes and family environment offered Moo the support she needed to be herself and really shine, Ms. Gettle said.

Moo plans to become a teacher.



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