



**ST. RITA
SCHOOL**

**Back to School Night &
State of the School Address
September 10 & 12, 2019**

St. Rita School Mission

St. Rita School inspires students in pre-kindergarten through grade eight to achieve academic excellence in a safe, nurturing, and faith-filled Catholic environment. We prepare students to be morally responsible, innovative thinkers who, in today's technology-guided global community, live and share the love of Christ.

School Creed

- **As a St. Rita student, I am taught to show love and respect for life. I am taught the proper use of things, order and cleanliness. I show respect for all of God's creation in my thoughts and actions.**
- **At St. Rita School I receive a God-centered education which enables me to grow peacefully. In my school I learn to ask without demanding, to say "thank you", to control my impulses and greed, and to ask forgiveness when I have caused harm.**
- **These simple gestures of courtesy help to create a culture of shared life and respect for me and all members of my St. Rita School family.**

School Officers

- Fr. Joseph DiSciacca, Pastor
- Mrs. Patricia O'Neil Tiezzi, Principal
- Mrs. Elaine Lamboley, School Board Chair
- Mr. Joseph Schreck, Finance Committee Chair
- Mrs. Trisha Kozloski, HSA President

Theme for 2019-2020:
“Encourage One Another”

ENCOURAGE
ONE ANOTHER AND
BUILD *each other* UP
————— THESSALONIANS 5:11

Developing a Habit of Encouragement

- Talk with your child about the importance of encouraging others
- Provide opportunities for your child to practice caring for others
- Encourage your child to consider the perspective and struggles of others
- Read books with your child on the virtue of courage
- Model encouragement and courage
- Be inclusive not exclusive
- Stop gossiping or spreading negativity
- Teach your child to give back to the community
- Teach your child to make amends and apologize not by saying “Sorry” but by saying “I am sorry that.....”

FOUR INITIATIVES FOR GOAL SETTING

- Encouragement Initiative
- Communication Initiative
- Outdoor Classroom Initiative
- MakerSpace Initiative

NEW for 2019-2020

- **1-to-1 Chromebook/computers initiative in grades 3-8**
- **1-to-1 I-Pad's in grades K-Grade 2**
- **SuperKids Reading Program added to Grade 1**
- **New science program in grades 3-5**
- **Outdoor learning**
- **MakerSpace for project based learning**

Projects

- Created Outdoor Classroom Space
- Built and outfitted the MakerSpace
- Classroom floor replacement-2 rooms
- A/C maintenance and replacement

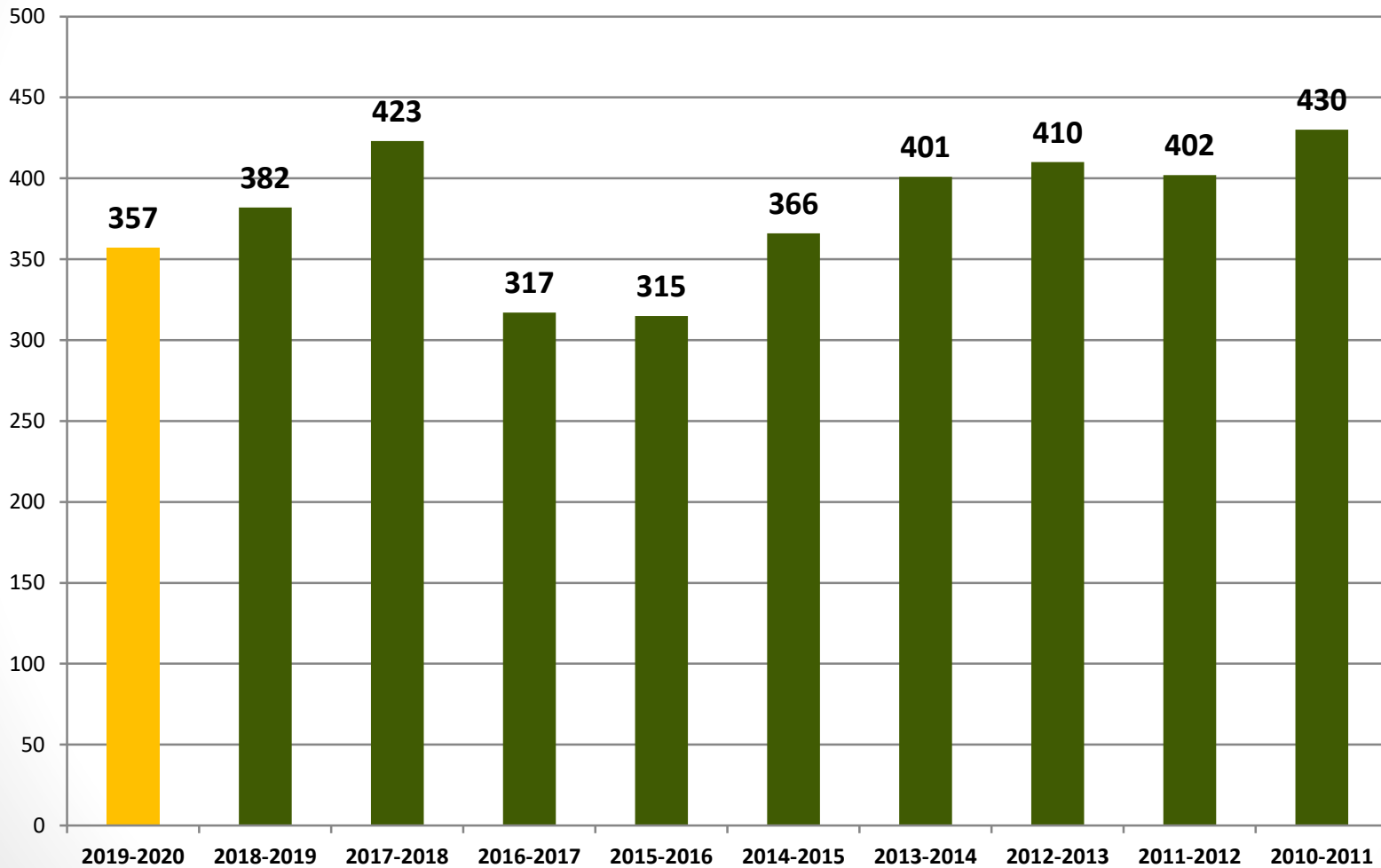
Co-Curricular Activities

- School Musical-**Annie Jr.**
- School Band and Instrumental Instruction
- Chorus
- Yearbook
- Mock Trial
- Geography Bee
- Spelling Bee
- Invention Convention
- UCONN Global Ed
- Student Council
- National Junior Honor Society
- Coding Club
- Italian Club
- Crusader Club
- Basketball
- Baseball
- Cheerleading
- Soccer
- Softball
- Paleo-Knowledge Bowl
- Robotics-**NEW**
- Knitting Club-**NEW**

Reminders

- Weekly Newsletter –every Tuesday and **new** Sunday “Week in Review”
- School Website-all important information
- Parking-Drop-Off / Pick-up
 - Cross at cross walks only
 - Park only in designated areas on side streets or down at church-police are ticketing.
 - Morning drop off must be quick
 - Park in designated visitors spots only
 - Parking lot roped off from 2:30-3:00
 - Hamden residents are urged to use the bus (tax \$)
- Need to sign-up for lunch and milk programs
- Addressing Student Concerns-start with your child’s teacher
- Always monitor your child’s technology use
- Family Handbook

Enrollment

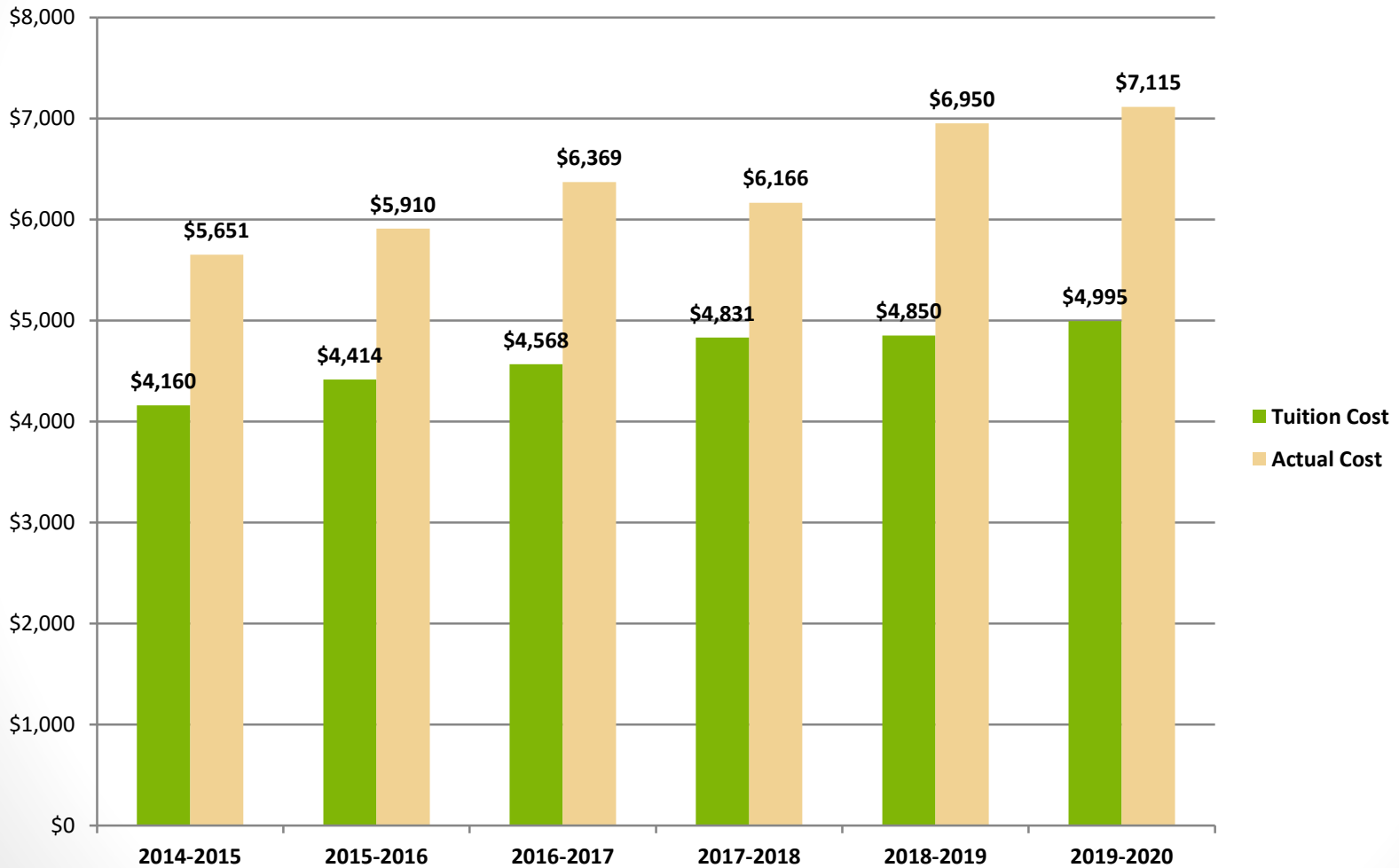


Demographic Information

- Catholic – 80%
- Non-Catholic/Unaffiliated – 20%

- Racial Diversity -
 - Asian- 4.7%
 - Hispanic-12%
 - African American-12.6%
 - Non-Hispanic White-70.7%

Tuition Breakdown



Archdiocesan Support

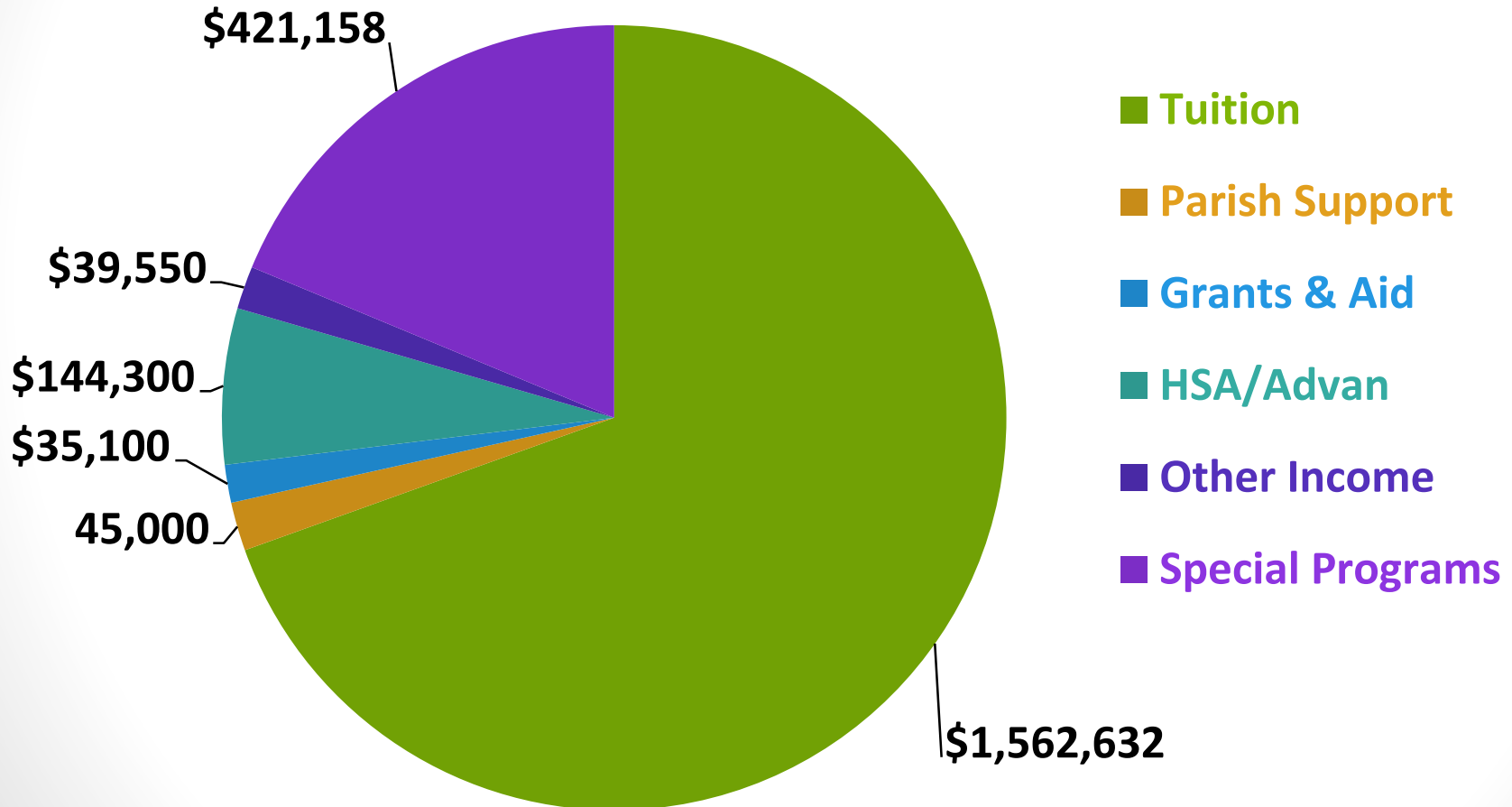
Archdiocese of Hartford Support	Dollar Amount
Archbishop's Annual	\$20,000
FACS-Foundation for Catholic Schools	\$4,700
Grants (HOPES,etc)	\$6,000



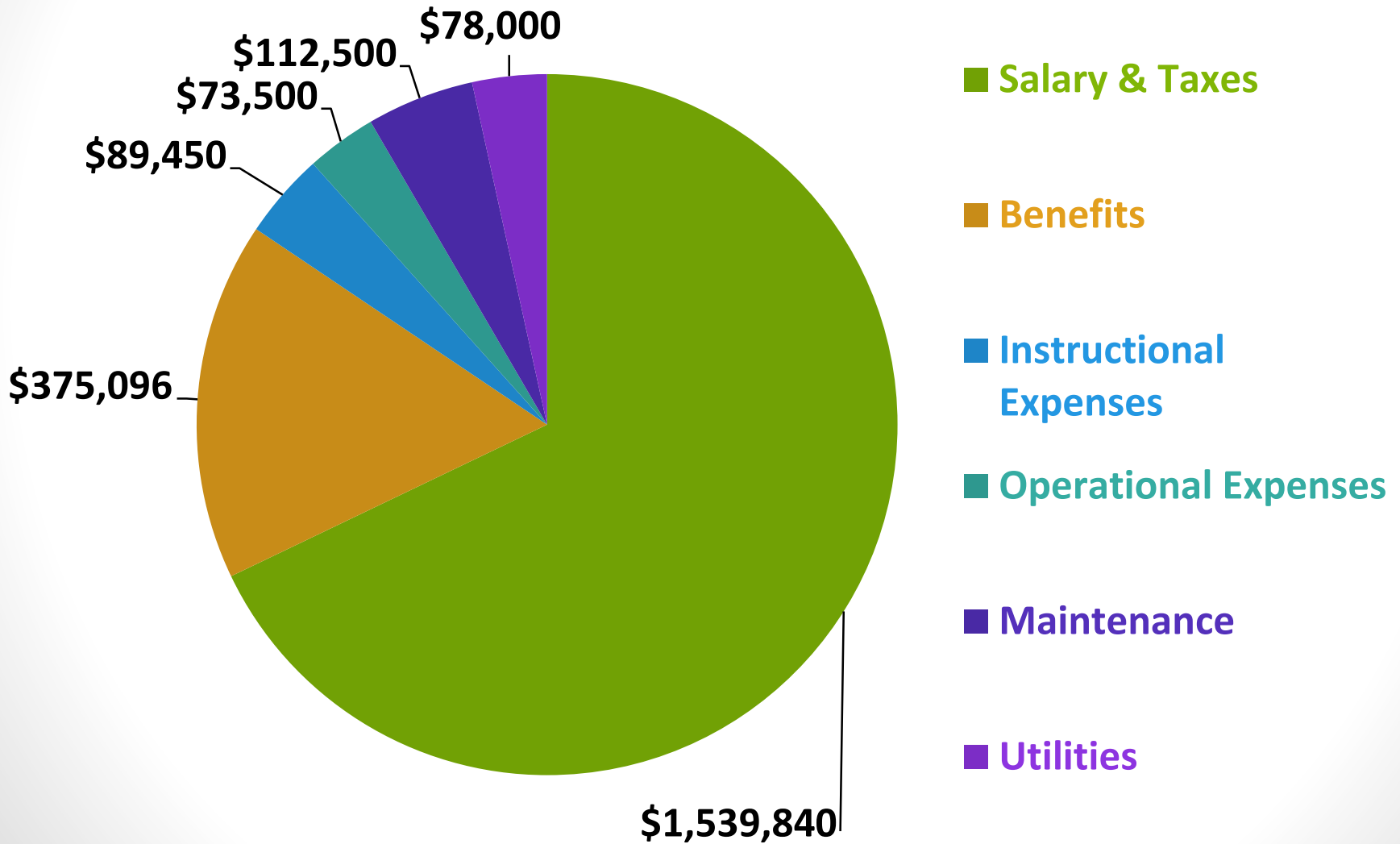
Financials

	2015	2016	2017	2018
Parish Subsidy – last three years	\$32,000	\$31,000	\$35,000	\$35,000
Delinquent Tuition	<\$5,000	\$5,000	\$4,093	\$10,120
Tuition Collection Rate	99%	99%	99%	98%

Financial Breakdown Income-2019-20



Financial Breakdown Expenses-2019-20



Projected Capital Needs/Expenses 2018-2022

Need	Estimated Costs
Parking	\$100K
Security Enhancements	\$75K
Roof	\$500K
Bathrooms	\$30K each
Replace Classroom Floors	\$50 K
Replace A/C units as needed	\$15K each
Gym Floor	\$50K
Out of Town Bussing	\$50K-\$60K per bus

SRS Demographics City/Town

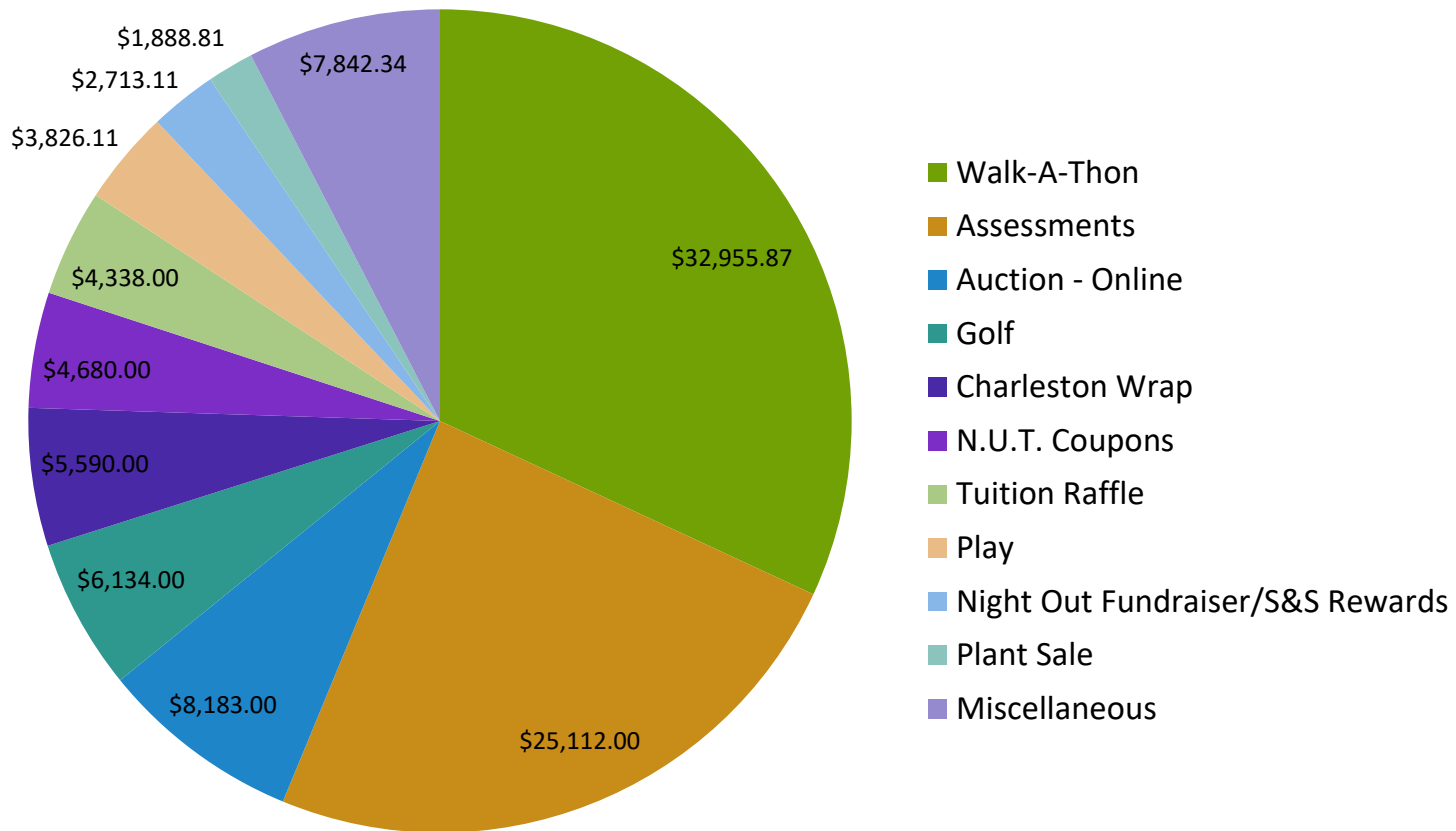
Town	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Hamden	226	189	181	251	212	207
Bethany	5	4	4	3	2	1
Branford	0	1	1	5	7	3
Cheshire	3	1	1	2	4	3
Durham/Middlefield	3	3	7	3	2	4
East Haven	16	17	26	31	23	13
Meriden	3	1	1	4	4	5
Middletown	0	0	0	0	0	1
Milford	3	3	3	0	2	1
New Haven	22	19	19	31	33	43
North Haven	68	64	63	79	74	57
Northford	4	4	3	3	3	3
Prospect	0	0	0	0	1	1
Seymour	0	0	0	0	0	1
Wallingford	8	10	11	13	13	14
West Haven	3	1	1	1	3	0

Enrollment by Parish-K-8

Parish	Town	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
St. Rita	Hamden	166	167	174	189 Divine Mercy	175 Divine Mercy	198 Divine Mercy
Other Parishes	Hamden	56	23	19	26	57	49
St. Therese	North Haven	7	7	4	8	Included	Included
Parishes	New Haven	19	9	11	9	Included	Included
Parishes	West Haven	12	11	2	1	Included	Included
Parishes	East Haven	10	7	9	9	Included	Included
Unaffiliated		22	58	62	115	95	110

2018-2019 HSA Contribution to School

Goal: \$115,000



Total Net Income = \$107,001

Now it's time to meet our Faculty & Staff...

PreK-Mrs. Bess McGrath, Mrs. Sue DeLucia, Mrs. Stephanie Dimesky, Mrs. Megan Marottolo, Mrs. Kim Lewis, and Mrs. Antoniette Testa

Kindergarten-Mrs. Theresa McKeon and Mrs. Dolores Fortuna

Grade 1-Mrs. Nicole Truhart and Mrs. Jenay Alvarez

Grade 2-Mrs. Patty Landino and Mrs. Denise Gertz

Grade 3-Miss Erika Salsbury and Ms. Kim DelVecchio

Grade 4-Ms Spenser Artaiz and Mrs. Barbara Anton

Grade 5- Mrs. Erin Bonini and Mrs. Donna Soliwoda

Middle School Team-Mr. Matt Banas, Mrs. Marie Rourke, Mrs. Joanna Robinson, Mrs. Linda Doucette, Mrs. Cindy Brennan, Mrs. Susan Villani, Mrs. Maria Testa

Support Staff-Sr. Anne D'Alessio, Mrs. Maria Testa, Mrs. Angie Barnett, Mr. Michael Halloran, Mrs. Carissa Civitello, Miss Carissa Laudano, Mrs. Lisa Palma, Miss Kayla Sharkey, Mr. Richard Lewis, Miss Polina Mann, Mr. Kendall Shanklin, Mrs. Sheila Schreck, Mrs. Carolyn Carofano, Mrs. Betsy Bathrick, Mr. Stephen Schmidt, Mrs. Cathy Conklin, Ms. Erin Carmody, and Trish and Mike D'Errico.

Enjoy meeting our teachers.
Thank you for entrusting your
children to our care. Have a great
school year!