



St. Luke's Episcopal School
1400 S. University Blvd.
Mobile, AL 36608

Dear Parents and Supporters,

On behalf of the St. Luke's Episcopal School Board of Trustees, I want to thank you for entrusting us with your children. As you know, the purpose of the Board of Trustees is to define and execute the school's mission, ensure financial well-being and help the headmaster with policies and procedures to ensure longevity of the school.

Our headmaster, Mike Notaro, has been sharing the fantastic news of our students' academic achievements. Last year's senior class was awarded close to five million dollars in scholarship money and 30 Presidential Scholarships. This is an outstanding accomplishment for a class of 42 and the faculty, staff and parents should be very proud of the hard work they have done to contribute to this outcome. I understand that this year's senior class will be just as strong if not stronger than last year.

I am also happy to inform you that St. Luke's Episcopal School is in the best financial state since purchasing the high school. I commend Mike, the CFO, Michelle Bentley, and the board for focusing on this task and executing a great plan. This does not mean that it is time to sit back and enjoy the fruits of our labor. We still need to concentrate on ensuring the Mother Oak Annual Fund is fully funded through your generous giving every year as well as bolster the endowment fund.

So, what do we as the St. Luke's community focus on now? If you attended either of the last two informational meetings at both campuses, you know. It is time to turn our attention to facilities. As we have gotten our finances in order our facilities have been aging on the lower campus and new facilities need to be addressed on the upper campus. A group of parents, board members and school staff have identified two projects that need to be upgraded or built that would benefit the students, enrollment, faculty and parents. Both projects will need funding outside the budget of the school and will take place simultaneously. While the kick off for this project has been delayed due to permitting issues with the city and neighbor concerns, we are ready to move forward.

The lower campus project will be to renovate the Japonica gymnasium. If you have not been in the gym lately, it needs roof repairs, new bleachers, new flooring as well as wall repairs and painting. The gym is currently 37 years old and has never been updated. Remember in addition to basketball and volleyball this space serves our lower school daily for PE, Morning and After School Care, Summer Camp and many assemblies and gatherings throughout the year.

The project identified for the University Campus is to add lights, bleachers and a press box for the football, soccer and track field. This will benefit both boys and girls sports and enable us to have night games and practice on our own home field. All other private schools in our area have home game facilities. We are the only school that plays all of their football games away and soccer games only during daylight hours. The total cost of this project is \$515,000. Please be on the lookout for more information on how you can help and give.

No other school in the Mobile area has the culture and family atmosphere that we have at St. Luke's Episcopal School. Let's join together as a family and make this happen!

Sincerely,

Christopher Ashcraft, Chair
Board of Trustees