



School Excellence Fund

SEF 17



Gifts to SEF 17 will support all four Columbus Catholic Schools. Guided by strategic planning and made possible by the School Excellence Fund through SEF 17, our schools will (1) graduate students with the values needed to choose a vocation, become community leaders and active parishioners; (2) update facilities; (3) recruit and retain excellent teachers.

SEF 17 Goal: \$1.5 million to be utilized over the next three years.

INVESTING IN THE EDUCATION OF OUR STUDENTS - 65%

1. Equipping our students to take on the next chapter of life - college, trade school or workforce; leadership and entrepreneurship; and Catholic discernment of vocations (family life, religious life). Our graduates have the skills to:
 - apply Catholic values when determining life choices.
 - use critical thinking skills and embody leadership qualities.
 - demonstrate effective communication and presentation skills.
 - persevere, adapt and problem solve.
 - recognize the importance of service and community.
2. Creating opportunities for students to become the best version of themselves. SEF 17 will provide support for developing High Ability Learning (HAL) programming and provide additional student support in the areas of Academic Intervention / Special Education (SPED).
3. Keeping tuition affordable. Through the generous support of our donors we are able to offer a Catholic education accessible to all families.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS - 25%

SEF 17 resources will create a safe and functional environment for our students by improving building accessibility and updating security measures. We plan to replace classroom doors, improve intercom and communication systems, upgrade security cameras, and add an elevator at Scotus - to assist students with mobility issues and provide a means to move instructional equipment in our three-story building.

TEACHER RETENTION & RECRUITMENT - 10%

Columbus Catholic Schools strives to enhance faculty collaboration, cultivate mentorships, and continue to provide growth opportunities guided by research. SEF 17 will provide our teachers with opportunities to pursue new and better ways of engaging all students in the classroom and allow CCS to offer competitive salary and benefit structures to recruit and retain excellent teachers.



SEF 17 Gifts

3-year pledge payments can be made in a single gift, annually, quarterly, or monthly. Gifts at any level are appreciated. Gifts can be given in your name, a business name, in memory of a loved one, or anonymously.

We appreciate your annual investment in our students!

Donors will be recognized by name and giving level in the school's 2023-2024 Annual Report. Marketing benefits are provided for donation tiers of Benefactor through Legacy. Donors may opt to be anonymous.

SEF 17 Donation Tiers

Donation Tier	Annual Giving	Examples
Legacy	\$33,000+	High Ability Learning & SPED Programs
Founder	\$9,000 - \$32,999	Classroom Doors & Locking Systems
Trustee	\$4,400 - \$8,999	Religion Curriculum Updates
Cornerstone	\$2,900 - \$4,399	Equivalent of Scotus Annual Tuition
Benefactor	\$1,800 - \$2,899	Equivalent of Elementary Annual Tuition
Builder	\$1,000 - \$1,799	Set construction for One Act Plays
Patron	\$750 - \$999	Lab Equipment or Journalism Camera
Steward	\$500 - \$749	Trombone or 50 New Library Books
Shamrock	\$250 - \$499	Student Computer
Booster	\$150 - \$249	STEAM Robot or Religion Curriculum
Supporter	\$50 - \$149	Science or Social Studies Textbook
Friend	up to \$49	Student Mathematics Workbook



Dowd Activity Center Signs Associated with Donation Tier

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Sign Size	Donation Tier	Annually	Quarterly	Monthly
4' x 12'	Founder+	\$9,000	\$2,250	\$750
4' x 6'	Trustee	\$4,400	\$1,100	\$367
3' x 5'	Cornerstone	\$2,900	\$725	\$242
Shared 4' x 12'	Benefactor	\$1,800	\$450	\$150



2023-2024 Cost to Annually Educate One Student at CCS

Scotus	Cost to Educate	Tuition	Parish Gift	Endowments	SEF	Fundraising
	\$9,700	\$3,800 (39.2%)	\$2,125 (21.9%)	\$1,061 (10.9%)	\$966 (10%)	\$1,748 (18%)
Elementary Average	Cost to Educate	Tuition	Parish Gift	Scrip	SEF	Fundraising
	\$7,000	\$2,750 (39.3%)	\$3,968 (56.6%)	\$117 (1.7%)	\$64 (1%)	\$101 (1.4%)

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