



Saint Patrick Academy  
EDUCATION FULLY ALIVE

# 2021 - 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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# Growing Together

## People, Programs, & Buildings

### People

- ✚ Expanded to two sections of sixth grade.
- ✚ Grew size of Middle School to almost 100 students.
- ✚ Received record number of applications and had wait pools at most grades.
- ✚ Expanded staff to over 35 employees.

### Programs

- ✚ Implemented Ski Club for Lower School and Middle School and Intramurals for Lower School.
- ✚ Expanded our Robotics program.
- ✚ Offered Band as a new special to all Lower School students.
- ✚ Expanded math curricular offerings with two class options in seventh grade in addition to two class options in eighth grade.
- ✚ Partnered with Seacoast Literacy to administer DIBELS and provide small group literacy support to more than thirty students in Kindergarten through fourth grade.
- ✚ Administered ERB's standardized test in Fall, Winter, and Spring.

### Buildings

- ✚ Opened Saint Sebastian Hall.
- ✚ Renovated the field and added a section of turf.



## Dear Saint Patrick Academy Community,

The 2021-2022 school year was perfectly encapsulated with our theme of Growing Together. With the addition of Saint Sebastian Hall, our new, multipurpose facility that housed both classrooms and a gymnasium, as well as our expansion into two sections for the 6th grade class, Saint Patrick Academy grew in both buildings and people. With such historic growth and excitement, the School also launched a number of programming initiatives, including Lego Robotics, a ski program, and an after school intramural athletics program for Lower School. The spring saw the first production of a musical in Saint Sebastian Hall when our fourth through 8th graders performed *The Sound of Music*. Truly, our campus was Education Fully Alive!



While COVID-19 continued to affect learning across the country, Saint Patrick Academy continued with uninterrupted, in-person learning throughout the entire school year. The focus on academic progress was bolstered not just by being in person but also through the addition of a reading specialist who enhanced our approach to literacy fundamentals through the implementation of aligned student assessment in the Lower School.

The newly created Director of Faith Formation led to an increase in the parish connections and support for sacramental preparation for a variety of families, as four members of our community were baptized during the 2022 Easter season and over thirty Lower School students prepared for First Reconciliation, Confirmation, and/or First Eucharist. Because of our increased size, the



*Educating the mind without education*

School also started celebrating Mass twice weekly, with separate Lower School and Middle School Masses.



All of this was made possible by parents, families, and benefactors who supported and trusted in the incredibly dedicated and talented Saint Patrick Academy faculty and staff. Thank you for your continued prayers and support in helping Catholic education thrive on the Seacoast!

In Christ,

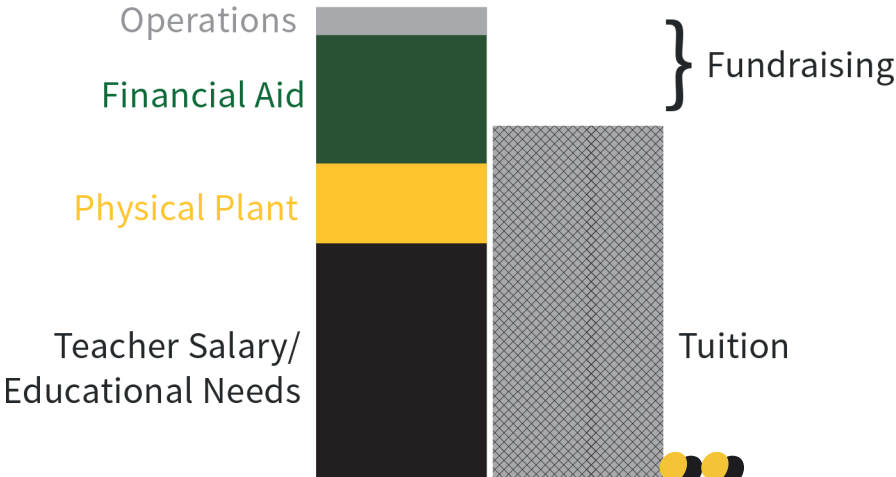
**James Melone, Ed.D.**  
**Head of School**



## The Cost of Educating

The cost of educating each child exceeds the cost of tuition at SPA. Tuition covers roughly 80% of the value each child receives from the school.

The gap is approximately \$2,000 per student per year.



*ing the heart is no education at all.*  
 - Aristotle

## Faith Formation

### Our Director of Faith Formation...

- ✝ Led a faculty-wide book study on Catholic Social Teaching.
- ✝ Coordinated two separate weekly Masses - one for Lower School, and one for Middle School - with one all school Mass per month.
- ✝ Facilitated 5 baptisms throughout the year.
- ✝ Facilitated the training of 8 student altar servers and 24 student lectors.

## By the Numbers

Over **50** new students called Saint Patrick Academy home this year.

**225** students served, marking our highest enrollment ever!

**18%** of students received Financial Aid.

**17** students graduated to **6** different high schools.

Over **360** total participants in Fall, Winter, and Spring athletics.

Over **30** Lower School students prepared for First Reconciliation, Confirmation, and/or First Eucharist.

## Educating Through the ongoing Coronavirus Pandemic

- ✝ Offered uninterrupted, in-person learning for the entire 2021-2022 school year.
- ✝ Created a COVID dashboard to formalize COVID data and keep families informed.

# Our Heroic Mission

Education at Saint Patrick Academy is truly Fully Alive.

Guided by our core values of leadership, integrity, and humility, we seek to form students inspired by God's love. As an independent Catholic school, we offer a holistic approach to education that emphasizes the academic, social, emotional, spiritual, and physical development of each child. Through our program, our students are equipped with the skills to serve as ambassadors to the faith, leaders within the community, and role models for younger generations.

**Saint Patrick Academy is education fully alive:  
excellence in pursuit of faith, academics, leadership, and virtue.**

## Thank you

It is through the generosity and devotion of  
time and spirit of our community, donors,  
and staff that we are able to deliver  
Saint Patrick Academy's Heroic Mission.



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