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Dear Saint John Vianney Academy Friends,

Saint John Vianney Academy continues into 2020-2021, thanks to your generous prayers and support! Searching for the Truth as ordered to Jesus as Logos, our students are taught to seek virtue, beauty, and courageously defend their Catholic faith. These young souls are our future as guardians of the classics, gatekeepers of scholarship and proprietors for hope.



Through fundraising achievements to date, Saint John Vianney Academy has been able to provide additional resources to our growing community such as enhanced classical curriculum and outreach. Those endeavors resulted in an increase of faithful families from thirteen to twenty-six, and enrollment from summer 2020 count at seventeen to fifty. Montessori Pre-K program and High School was added, along with additional programs such as Irish Dancing, Teen Adoration, and community Socratic method book discussions. SJVA became a member school of the Institute of Catholic Liberal Education <https://catholicliberaleducation.org/> whose partnership has led to faculty professional development. Additionally, Classical Learning Testing has begun <https://www.cltxam.com/>.



Montessori (Pre-K)



Science (K-2)



Literature Discussion (3-4)

Students were asked the following question: "Why is Saint John Vianney Academy important to you?" Here are some of their answers:

I get to have my religion in school and find good friends. Drake (8th)



I see friends and spend time with God. Reese (5th)

SJVA is a wonderful community! Jazlynn (8th)



I prefer the academy because when I do all my school work, I still have time for other things like sports. Susie (8th)

Saint John Vianney is important to me because of the fun teachers. Vincent (H.S.)



St. John Vianney Academy gives me an education I couldn't receive just at home and brings a sense of order into my life. (Ben, H.S.)



I have learned a lot about not only my subjects, but about each and every person here. Molly (6th)



I am given a good education and fun times with my friends. (Felicity, 7th)



SJVA gives me the education I need, but also a flexible schedule. (Marisa, H.S.)



Happy faces portray Pre-K achievements:



Friendships & Wonderment:



According to <https://edsource.org/> a local school district spent \$12,988 to educate one student in 2019. Saint John Vianney Academy, in contrast, charged \$2700 per student. This being a hybrid model, the provision of classical academics and mission of the school exceeds the public school environment. SJVA supplements the reduction in costs through fundraising efforts. A **First Things** article, *The Case for Classical Education* by Elisabeth Ryan Sullivan, I.C.L.E., Executive Director supports the value of the education we provide, '...success of classical educational models in forming strong Catholic academic communities with students knowledgeable about their faith, their Church, and Christian civilizations.....have gained national attention'. <https://www.firstthings.com/>

Saint John Vianney Academy now has an opportunity for you to take part in the preservation of our beautiful Catholic faith and classical education of children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren! We have begun the Sal Terrae Club (Salt of the Earth), Matthew 5:13. As a member of the Sal Terrae Club, you are actively participating with the SJVA community in safeguarding our Catholic faith, government, and community. Feel free to donate either by filling out the attached flier, or online at <http://stjohnvianneyacademy.com/> You remain in our daily prayers.

Thank you very much for your kindness and generosity in support of our program.

Sursum Corda - "Lift Up Your Hearts!"

In Christ,

Marie A. Smith, Headmistress
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