



SERAPHIM
EAST LAKE ACADEMY
ANNUAL FUND
2022-2023

TO TEACH, TO EDUCATE, AND TO FORM

Your Support Funds the Mission of East Lake Academy

It is through the generosity of our current and past parents that East Lake Academy's exists and continues to grow today. Our school is 100% funded by our families and friends.

The school's mission is vibrant thanks to your contributions and support. We are deeply grateful. As with many independent schools, tuition alone does not cover the costs of keeping the doors open and lights on. East Lake Academy depends on the Annual Fund to support the quality education it provides – responding to unexpected challenges, needs, and opportunities in a financially responsible way. The Annual Fund also directly contributes to teacher salaries, student programs, and facility upkeep. Your donation allows East Lake Academy to change lives and prepares our students to do the same in high school, college and beyond.

There are several ways to give:

- **MAKE A GIFT ONLINE or PLEDGE ONLINE:**
<https://eastlakeacademy.org/annual-fund-3/>
- **MAIL RESPONSE:** East Lake Academy, Attn: Annual Fund,
13911 W. Laurel Drive, 13911 W. Laurel Drive.
- **CALL OR EMAIL:** Dan Christoffel, (312) 244-6953,
Dchristoffel@eastlakeacademy.org

Donations to the Annual Fund will strengthen our community by supporting:

- Bridging the gap between tuition and the cost of educating our students. The average cost of educating an ELA student totals nearly \$11,200, while the average tuition per student totals around \$8,200. The difference between cost of our education and tuition totals \$3,000 per student. The Annual Fund is focused on filling the difference therefore we need our families to donate an average of \$1,500 per enrolled student - which is half of the the difference between tuition and education costs.
- Once we have secured the funding needed to meet our annual budgeted expenditures, excess funds will be used to improve educational resources and campus improvements..

SCAN TO MAKE YOUR GIFT NOW



We truly appreciate your help

Where we are dedicated to forming the whole child by providing a program of accelerated academics, character, faith and apostolic formation.

The testimonials below illustrate the impact our teachers and school make on our families and students. These quotes are excerpted from feedback provided by new families joining our community this year. It reminds us why we chose to invest in the education East Lake Academy offers.

"When we were deciding on a school for our kids, our intention was to create a partnership with the school that mirrored our home values and goals. Faith and family is our top priority and when we found East Lake, we knew it was the perfect match for this partnership."

"We fell in love with East Lake from our first tour of the school in the fall. Afterwards, we commented that this is always what we thought Catholic school should be like! We love the reverence, holiness, and genuine hospitality that we have met with every East Lake family we have encountered. It's clear that ELA is dedicated to academic excellence and spiritual growth of every child there."

"We decided that [our child] should attend so she would: be firmly grounded in the Catholic faith and teachings; be challenged every day with a rigorous academic program; and be in a school and social environment that would set and demand high standards to develop her into the best version of herself that she can be!"

"We chose East Lake for its academic excellence, close-knit community, and so that our girls can grow in a nurturing Catholic school environment that values character formation and a strong sense of morality."

"We are grateful for the opportunity to join this wonderful community, which is so visibly and palpably founded upon and focused on Christ and His Body, the Church. We adamantly believe that the most important aspect of our children's education is an encounter with Truth, Itself, by which they are led into a relationship with our Lord; they fall in love with Christ. We couldn't be more grateful to partner with East Lake in helping our children accomplish His will on earth so as to meet Him one day in heaven."

Making a difference one child at a time

2021 -2022 Annual Fund Summary

Raised \$180,000

WITH OVER \$15,000 IN EMPLOYER MATCHES.

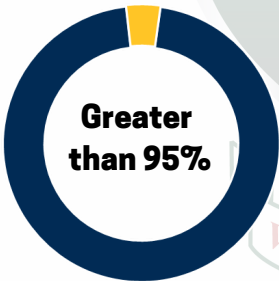
20% of Donations

RECEIVED FROM FRIENDS AND GRANDPARENTS

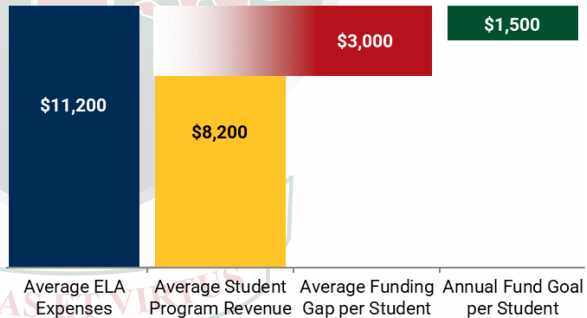
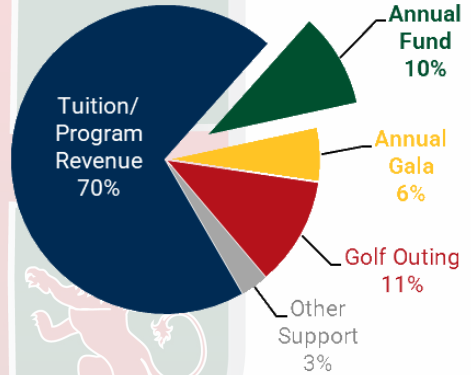
\$2,000 Avg. Gift

\$15,000 LARGEST GIFT

ELA Family Participation



Tuition and fees do not cover the full cost of educating our students. It is only through support from generous donors like you that we are able to keep focused on our mission and bring our school forward. Please consider a donation of \$1,500 per enrolled student to help us meet our funding needs.



Last year was a success due to your generosity