

EAST LAKE ACADEMY

2023-24 ANNUAL FUND



TO TEACH, TO EDUCATE, AND TO FORM

Your support is necessary to fund the mission of East Lake Academy

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

The school's mission is vibrant thanks to our many donors' 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 form strong Christians and prepares our students to do the same in high school, college and beyond.

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 \$10,900, while the average tuition per student totals around \$8,000. 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 encourage our families to donate an average of \$1,500 per student enrolled - 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 continue to improve educational resources and make campus improvements.

**SCAN TO MAKE YOUR
GIFT NOW**

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



We truly appreciate your help in

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

The following testimonials illustrate the impact our teachers and school have on our families and students. These quotes are excerpted from feedback provided by new families joining our community. They serve as a reminder why we each choose to make an investment in East Lake Academy.

Our family chose East Lake Academy, first, because we wanted our family, our children as well as ourselves, to be part of a school and community for which the Catholic faith was the very heart and foundation of everything, and where we knew our children would experience the full and timeless truth and beauty of that faith without compromise with the spirit of the age and culture in which we live.

Before our children started at East Lake Academy, we felt lost. Our children were spending seven plus hours a day, five days a week, in an environment that rewarded academic mediocrity and embraced cultural trends that ran counter to our Catholic values. Upon driving up to the school ... we felt apprehension. Upon leaving we felt only conviction that this was where our boys would flourish. The teachers were passionate about teaching, making it clear this was not a job, rather a vocation. The students were happy, hardworking and respectful, both in presentation and through their actions.

We chose East Lake Academy for its authentic faith based learning and academic excellence. We love that our family has found a blossoming tight knit Catholic community at East Lake! We are so blessed and comforted that our children are receiving the best education in the area!

We chose East Lake for the love, compassion, humility and focus on education that the school teaches to the young minds of tomorrow's future.

We chose East Lake primarily for its solid Catholic formation. Especially in today's world, it's so reassuring to know East Lake is helping us protect the innocence of our young children while also providing them with a strong foundation in their faith. We also love the accelerated academic achievements of the school. We are so confident in the well-rounded formation our children receive at East Lake Academy!

Making a difference one child at a time

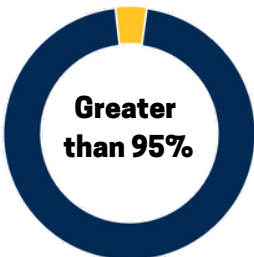
2022 -2023 Annual Fund Summary

Raised \$160,000
WITH NEARLY \$15,000 IN
EMPLOYER MATCHES.

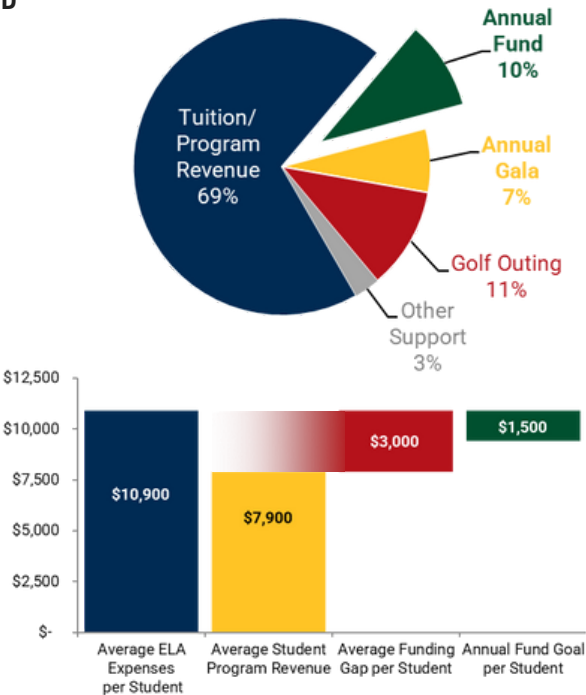
25% of Donations
RECEIVED FROM FRIENDS AND
GRANDPARENTS

\$1,900 Avg. Gift
\$15,000 LARGEST GIFT

**ELA Family
Participation**



Tuition and fees only cover 70% of cost of educating an ELA student. It is only through support from generous donors like you that we are able to succeed in fulfilling the East Lake mission and bring our school forward. Please consider a donation of \$1,500 per enrolled student to help us meet out funding needs.



Our grandparents, alumni, past parents and friends have been and remain a pillar in the continued success of East Lake. We thank each of you for helping our students receive a life changing East Lake Academy education. Together we can change the world.

Last year was a success due to generosity from people like you.