



SAN MIGUEL SCHOOL & COMMUNITY CENTER

Transforming students, their families, and communities by touching hearts and inspiring minds.



Annual Report August 2016 - July 2017

Touching Hearts and Inspiring Minds

Dear Donors and Friends:

People often ask, what makes San Miguel special? What makes the model work? What is the secret sauce? Many aspiring educators, universities and institutions around the country visit San Miguel School to learn this and to discover the “secret sauce.”

People want to know how our students continuously defy the odds. They want to know how students enter San Miguel on the path to dropping out of high school yet 100% of San Miguel students go on to high performing high schools, 98% graduate high school, 92% go on to college, and San Miguel students improve 4-6 grade levels in just three years!

To discover the “secret sauce” people look at our curriculum, teacher to student ratio, the layout of the school year and school day, the extended programs such as graduate support and family support programs, and the parent partnership. They study our attention to reading and educating students labeled as ESL students.

While all these things are important to the overall success of our program they are NOT the “secret sauce” which makes San Miguel School highly effective.


Our mission statement – ***Transforming students, their families, and Communities by touching hearts and inspiring minds*** – includes this ***secret sauce***. While this concept of touching hearts and inspiring minds might seem intangible or at times clichéd – we have often thought about changing the wording so that it is more “concrete” - to our students it is very tangible. Simply put, **touching hearts** IS the “secret sauce” and we are okay with EVERYONE knowing this secret.

When our students see volunteers, donors, and supporters— people they do not even know – work to make San Miguel possible they feel loved and receive a sense of dignity. They grow up to be young adults who understand the concept of generosity, community, and helping others.

Our students **see the love of Christ in YOU! This love fosters HOPE which cannot be taught in a text book, online or through a math problem.**

Thank you for being an important ingredient of this secret sauce which makes San Miguel a uniquely gifted mission! As you will see in the enclosed report, with your help, San Miguel is a thriving mission. We look forward to working with you to continue growing our impact in the 2017-2018 school year. The Mission of St. John Baptist De La Salle is alive and well!

Gratefully Yours,



Colleen Ahearn
Executive Director



THE FRONT COVER!

On October 7th San Miguel School opened the San Miguel Community Center. The Center will allow San Miguel to grow its highly impactful programs. Featured on the front cover is a picture of San Miguel students with our partners at Strive Village. The Center will offer adult workshops, after school programs for children in the Back of the Yards, tutoring, mentoring, counseling and much more!

The Center now has a new office for the graduate and family support programs and will be open daily from 11am-7pm.

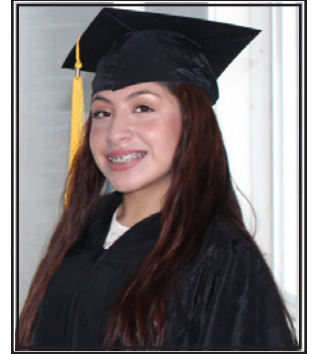
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initiative.



The Class of 2017 reflects on their time at San Miguel

"...San Miguel has made a big change in my life. My school has been a big part of life. I am happy to be here with all of these wonderful teachers and students. I am grateful that we have people from out of the school supporting our school and making our school happen. I like showing all of them our school in tours."

- Jairy, Class of 2017

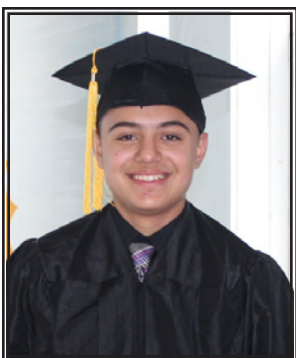


"...And San Miguel helps everyone around them by helping to do community service. Not only them also students help with community service so we can help the Community. I'm so grateful to be at San Miguel. It's a really special place to me but not only that, they help us with high School through College. We also have an opportunity to go to Field trips like Minnesota and Wisconsin when we go to Minnesota we do archery, canoeing and we go to the waterfall. Thanks to the people that help San Miguel and so we help others."

- Vanessa, Class of 2017

"San Miguel is a special place for everybody in back of the yards. It is special for people in back of the yard because San Miguel gives students a lot of opportunities to graduate and have a better life. San Miguel also helps many other students with personal problems that affect their learning at school. Our school also has field trips that we go on, field trips like dunrovin, camp gray, and six flags..."

- Brandon, Class of 2017, Back of the Yards College Prep Class of 2021



"San Miguel helped me to go to Cristo Rey High School. I am looking forward to Cristo Rey because I get to work and I get to be away from some of the stuff in the neighborhood. I am nervous but I know my parents want me to go and I know San Miguel will help me too."

- Eddie, Class of 2017, Cristo Rey Class of 2021



Words from a Valedictorian

“Education is the most powerful weapon we can use to change the world.”
(Nelson Mandela)

If you do not have education, what do you have? Sometimes though, it is not our fault we don't get educated correctly for it is not taught correctly. My name is Emily Lopez; I am an 8th grader at San Miguel. I like playing sports and I love going to school. If I had heard myself say this in the past I honestly would not have believed myself. The best thing that happened to me is San Miguel. San Miguel is the most reliable, lively, and exceptional school you could be in.

San Miguel is like no other school in the Back Of the Yards neighborhood. Most schools leave you on your own after you graduate from their school. San Miguel does everything it possibly can so you graduate high school. Even after you graduate, they care about you like if you are still attending San Miguel. They give you support all through college. If you have any problems whatsoever you can talk to any of the staff because they are dependable and will help you the best they can. The best thing about San Miguel though, is the sports and other activities after school. Before San Miguel, I was always bored after school with nothing to do. Now, thanks to San Miguel, I have been to a Chicago Bulls game, Chicago Sky game, a White Sox game, roller skating, bowling, laser tagging and so much more. San Miguel gave me the opportunity to try new things and go to places I have never been in before.

San Miguel has been a real blessing in my life. The school changed me so much spiritually, mentally, and physically. I would not trade being in this school for anything. Thank you so much for giving me this opportunity to be a part of San Miguel. I appreciate it. I really don't want to graduate because I know high school is a lot different than here. I never want to leave San Miguel but I know that I will have to in a couple of months. I know that San Miguel will help me get into a school that is best for me. I want to thank you again for making it possible for me to be in San Miguel. I hope you come to visit so I can give you a tour!



- Emily Lopez, San Miguel Class of 2017, Whitney Young Class of 2021

STAFF AND TEACHERS

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 6th Grade Teaching team
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 8th Grade Teaching Team
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 Community Organizer
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“To touch the hearts of students is the
 greatest miracle you can perform.”

- St. John Baptist De La Salle

Ricky Munoz (Part-time). i.t.a tutor, Teacher’s Aide,
 Community Organizer

Sandra Alvarez (Part-time) Librarian, Reading Tutor

Salvador Chavez Assistant Athletic Director
 and Community Coordinator

Samantha Siers Title 1 Teacher

Ms. Romo Food Service Coordinator

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 Grant Writing

Full-time Volunteers

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"God has chosen you to make him known to others."

- St. John Baptist De La Salle

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"God has called you to your ministry."

- St. John Baptist De La Salle



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Financial Snapshot

August 1, 2016 - July 31, 2017	
Contributions	1,225,127
Tuition & Fees	76,370
E-Rate	28,460
Miscellaneous Income	24,723
Investment Income	7,717
Total Revenue	1,362,397
Compensation	785,691
Full-time Volunteers/Prof Dev*	55,797
Curriculum Supplies	1,942
Student and Graduate Programs	104,479
Technology & Telecom	58,429
Student Services (food service, testing)	5,948
Contracted Services (Finance, HR)	49,100
Occupancy	117,284
Insurance	26,164
Miscellaneous Other**	40,933
Bad Debt Expense	(560)
Interest	4,043
Depreciation	19,518
Total Expenditures	1,268,768

* Full-time Volunteers provide full-time academic and program support such as Lasallian Volunteers, Ignatian Volunteers, Notre Dame Volunteer Corp.

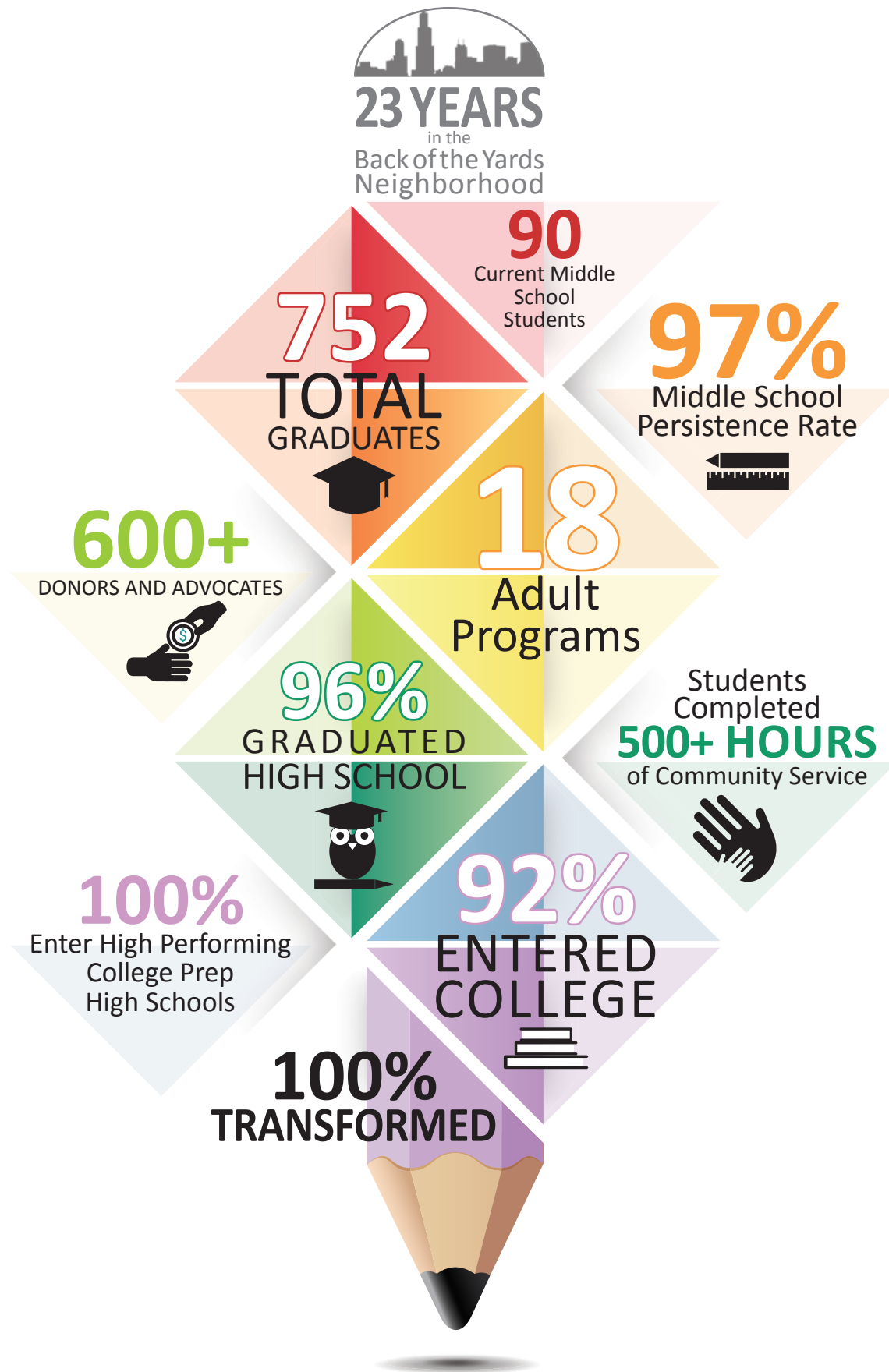
** Miscellaneous Expenses include fundraising, outside printing, staff appreciation, and travel expenses

Official Audit for the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year
can be found on our website at www.sanmiguelchicago.org

Annual surplus is used to support operating budget for the upcoming school year.



BY THE NUMBERS



LEAVING A LEGACY

Theda was 99 years old when she passed away on May 4, 2017. Theda often said “the reason I keep going is because



I know I am supposed to be here for these kids.” Theda had a plan. She knew she wanted to LEAVE her Legacy by transforming more lives. Shortly before her death two San Miguel students visited her to say a prayer – a moment they will never forget.

In October, when our students celebrate Dia de los Muertos and honor those who have passed, Theda’s picture stands up in the school! Theda is an example of generosity to our students. Someone our students will never forget and will pay it forward because of her impact!

Dennis McDonnell at age 75 passed away on June 23, 2017. Two days before Dennis passed he said “I want to do something that makes a difference...” He gave his friend a legacy gift to help launch the San Miguel Community Center. The legacy of Dennis McDonnell lives on at San Miguel School through each child that uses the Community Center!

“For where your treasure is,
there will your heart be also.”
Mathew 6:21



WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEAVE A LEGACY?

1. REMEMBER SAN MIGUEL SCHOOL CHICAGO IN YOUR WILL OR BEQUEST
2. LET US KNOW THAT SAN MIGUEL IS A BENEFICIARY OF YOUR BEQUEST
3. OUR STUDENTS AND SCHOOL WILL REMEMBER YOU IN OUR DAILY PRAYERS AS A LEGACY DONOR

TO PLAN YOUR LEGACY WITH SAN MIGUEL

CONTACT COLLEEN AHEARN

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Br. Mark, teacher, principal,
Lasallian Animator



San Miguel Students visit the Bulls training center!



Mr. Chavez prepping for
a community event



New sixth grade students show
their skills to Mr. Wintroath



Ms. Romo in her kitchen preparing for
a community event.



Staff vs. Student basketball game!



Northwestern University Men's Soccer Hosts San Miguel Clinic!

"Take even more care
of the education of the
young people entrusted to
you than if they were the
children of a king."

-St. John Baptist De La Salle



Ricky Munoz, graduate of San Miguel and Tutor



2016-2017 School Year Soccer Champions!



Students join Police Officers on winter break for a roller skating trip!



Eyeball dissection - STEM!



8th grade trip to D.C. after constitution test.

"Let us Remember, That we are
in the Holy Presence of God!"

- St. John Baptist De La Salle



6th grade students perform a skit to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe



Rummage Sale for student scholarships!



Mr. Gorman making learning fun!



Class of 2017 Heads to High School



“Earnestly ask Jesus that
his Spirit may be alive in you.”

-St. John Baptist De La Salle

Class of 2013, High School Class of 2017 Heads to College!

Marquette

UIC

DePaul

St. Mary's

Kendall

Harold Washington Daley

Northern IL

Western IL

Southern IL at Carbondale

Robert Morris

DePauw

Lewis University

Morton College

St. Xavier

St. Francis

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Columbia

Cornell

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San Miguel Class of 2017



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What We Provide



YOU make this possible, thank you!

The mission of San Miguel School is to transform the lives of our students, their families and communities though education, by touching hearts and inspiring minds.

Live Jesus in our Hearts, Forever!