



SAN MIGUEL SCHOOL & COMMUNITY CENTER

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



Annual Report August 2017 - July 2018

Touching Hearts and Inspiring Minds

Dear Friends,

Twenty four (24) years ago a transformational mission emerged in an under-resourced neighborhood on the Southwest side of Chicago. It began with 18 students, two Christian Brothers and a few volunteers. Today, through the grace of God and generous support of friends like you, San Miguel School & Community Center serves 90 Middle School students, 120 graduates attending high school through the Graduate Support program and over 1400 members of the Back of the Yards neighborhood through our Family Support and Community Center.

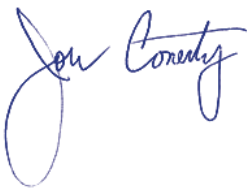
2019 marks the 300th anniversary of our founder Saint John Baptist de La Salle and the Lasallian mission that has transformed the lives of millions around the world. We are especially thankful for the LaSallian mission and its effect on our San Miguel students and their families. Our faculty and staff teach and guide our students with the same faith-filled resilience as De La Salle himself.

Highlights for this past year:

- The lives of 90 students and their families are being transformed from surviving to thriving.
- With the addition of our Community Center we are serving 1400 at-risk children and their families living in the Back of the Yards neighborhood.
- Mr. Neil Book, CEO of Jet Support Services, Inc., joined our board of directors.
- San Miguel School ended the 2017-2018 fiscal year in a healthy financial position.

Your time, talent, and treasure are making a difference for children in the under-resourced Back of the Yards neighborhood. Thank you for your generous support. On behalf of the Board of Directors, we welcome your continued generous support and your prayers for San Miguel School and Community Center.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "John Conerty". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" and last name "Conerty" clearly legible.

John Conerty
Board Chair, San Miguel School Chicago



THE FRONT COVER!

On September 7, 2018, San Miguel School re-introduced its signature event, SCHOOL ROCKS! Friends and supporters gathered with students and staff at Edgewood Valley Country Club to celebrate the mission and vision of San Miguel School. Featured on the front cover is a picture of some San Miguel School students the night of the event.



THANK YOU to all of our partners and supporters of SCHOOL ROCKS!

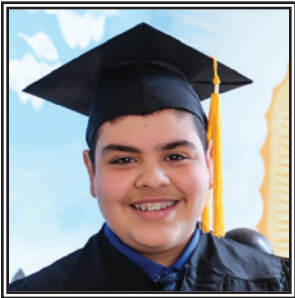


The Class of 2018 reflects on their time at San Miguel

"At San Miguel, you don't feel alone and you will never be alone. Every time you have a problem or a need the teachers are here to help you with everything. I have not only grown physically but also mentally. My goals for the future are to be an aerospace engineer and to work at Kennedy Space Center. I want to build spacecraft and be involved with Nasa's journey to Mars. I'm trying to get into MIT to study when I'm older. San Miguel has opened my eyes to try new things and that's what I'm going to do."



- Evelyn, Class of 2018



"San Miguel helped me with my learning. I was surprised that my reading level was an average of a 3rd grader when I started 6th grade, which concerned me. Yet by the end of the year I was at a 6th grade level. I was concerned, a few months later I was on a 6th grade level. I started growing and growing. I got better at math, reading, writing, science, social studies and even religion. San Miguel made me change a lot. I am really grateful I found out about it. I don't know where I would be if I was not in San Miguel. San Miguel took me out on the dangers of the streets, and that's something I never wanted to be involved with."

- Ezequiel, Class of 2018

"During the 3 years at San Miguel I've learned many new things. My favorite classes are math, writing and science. In 7th grade, I started to really enjoy my classes and, that was probably the most fun and when I got better and improved in classes I was struggling with. Now that I'm in 8th grade, I can't believe I'm about to graduate. Time has passed so fast! I honestly don't want to leave San Miguel. It has taught me so many things and because of it I've achieved many goals and learned academic lessons. I've improved through hard work, not giving up, and always trying my hardest at all times. I thank San Miguel for that and many memorable things that I've experienced."



- Alondra, Class of 2018



"Overall, I'm thankful for the class of 2018 and for my classmates who helped me overcome struggles I had. Also, I thank my teachers for helping learn new things and meet new people on our trips. San Miguel is honestly like a family more than a school because they make you feel welcomed and they teach you until you understand the material. Every teacher has patience. Also, I like reading with other people that come and visit the school because I get to meet someone new and just relax and read. The education I'm getting at San Miguel is great. I think it will impact my life a lot it will get me a great job."

- Jeffrey, Class of 2018



Words from a Graduate

From when I started at San Miguel School until now, I've grown so much! Ever since I was born, I already knew I was coming to San Miguel, because it's sort of a "family tradition" now. All of my siblings studied here, and most of my cousins as well. In fact, when I entered San Miguel, there were 4 Calvillos in total, and I already knew some of the staff. Although I didn't know a lot of people, I still felt very welcomed and accepted.

San Miguel has helped me improve in so many ways. First of all, San Miguel has introduced me to new sports that I now enjoy playing. Here at San Miguel there are four sports: soccer, basketball, volleyball, and softball. I've played all four, and I've enjoyed being on the teams. Sports have also been my way of staying out trouble, because they have been a good distraction. I've really improved in sports and my athletic life. I've enjoyed playing all of these sports, and I'm excited to keep playing in high school.



At San Miguel I've made so many amazing memories that I'll never forget. Most of our fun memories are from field trips. The two overnight field trips that the whole school goes to are Camp Gray, and Dunrovin. Every year the 8th graders go to Washington D.C. too. The whole school also goes to Six Flags at the end of the school year, which is pretty awesome! I've been to five states that I've never been to before because of San Miguel and it's an amazing opportunity. The field trips are so fun and I'm thankful for the opportunity to learn outside of school.

One of San Miguel's strengths is their teachers and staff. San Miguel has the best, caring, and most fun teachers. The teachers here do a really good job helping the students in everything they can, and also try to be there for us. We also have counselors to help us through our struggles. I'm so grateful for all the love and support I've gotten from San Miguel.

God has blessed me with the opportunity to come to San Miguel. I've been to three different schools, and San Miguel has been the best, most amazing, unique school yet, with amazing teachers that I'm thankful for. The teachers and staff have treated me tremendously well, and have made me feel wanted and welcomed. I've learned so much here, and I couldn't have asked for more! I've grown so much as a person, and I've beaten many obstacles. San Miguel has taught to be a better person in life, and be more appreciative for what life gives me. Overall, I am truly blessed to be here, it makes me really sad that I have to leave, but I've had an amazing experience!

- Betsy A. Calvillo, Class of 2018

STAFF AND TEACHERS

Administrative Staff

Br. Mark Snodgrass Principal,
6th Grade Teaching team
Sheila Senjanin (Part-Time) Finance, HR Coordinator
Martha Tellez School Secretary

Program Directors

Alison Orbin Assistant Principal,
7th Grade Teaching Team
Erin Hempstead Director of Intervention Programs,
8th Grade Teaching Team
Sophia Cortes-Moreno Director of Support Services

Program Staff and Teachers

Daniel Bowers 8th Grade Teacher
Mike Fedoruk 7th Grade Teacher,
Community Organizer
Jennifer Coe 6th Grade Teacher
Maria Esparza Family Support Coordinator
Jessica Píña Graduate Support Coordinator
Ricky Munoz (Part-time) i.t.a tutor, Teacher's Aide,
Community Organizer
Sandra Alvarez (Part-time) Librarian

"To touch the hearts of students is the
greatest miracle you can perform."

- St. John Baptist De La Salle

Samantha Siers Title 1 Teacher

Ms. Romo Food Service Coordinator

Development Staff

Katherine Kelliher Development Director

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Full-time Volunteers

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Amy Siebenmorgen Lasallian Volunteer

Emily Redfern Lasallian Volunteer

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George Casson (Part-time) Ignatian Volunteer Corps





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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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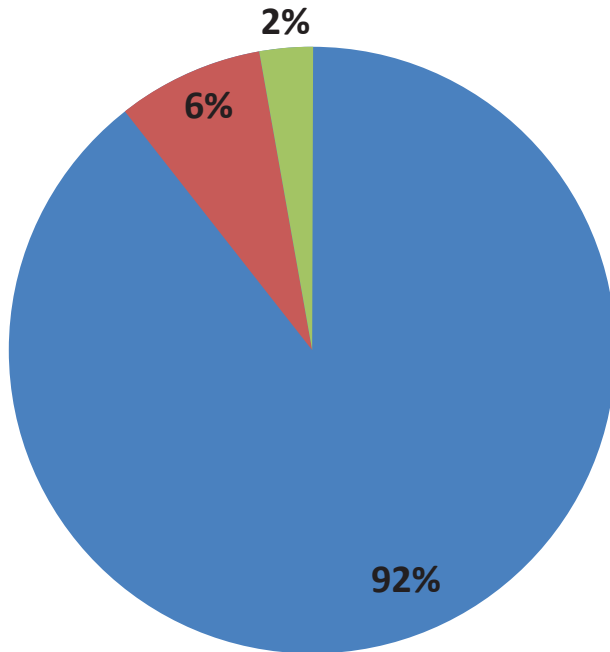
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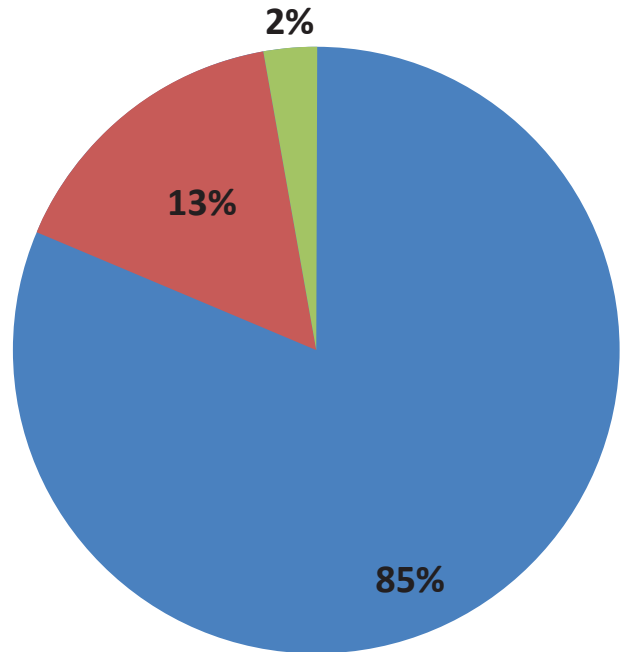
2017-2018 Financial Snapshot

TOTAL INCOME \$1,266,328



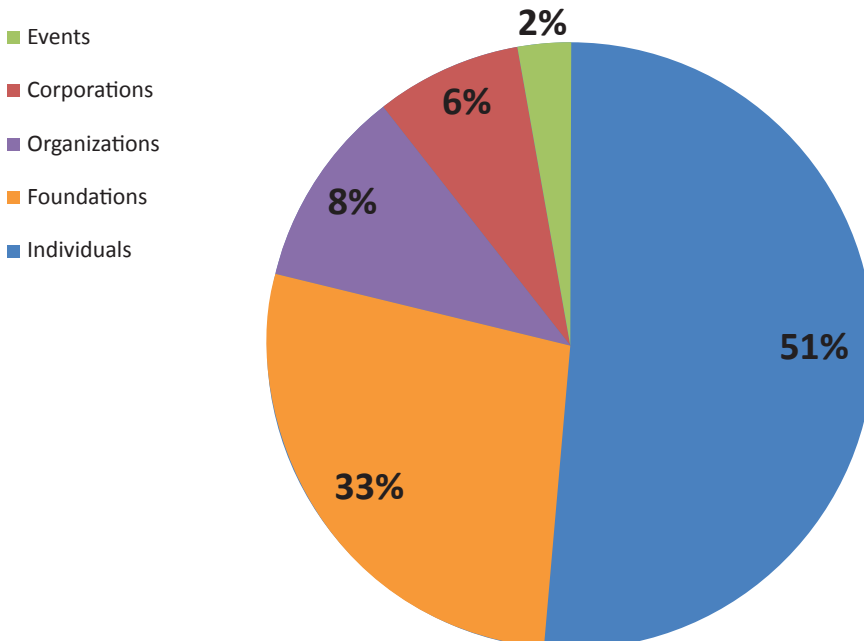
- Donations and Fundraising Events
- Tuition and Fees
- Miscellaneous

TOTAL EXPENSES \$1,307,381



- Program Operations: Middle School and Community Center
- Fundraising / Development
- Marketing

Donations & Net Events Breakdown: \$1,161,381



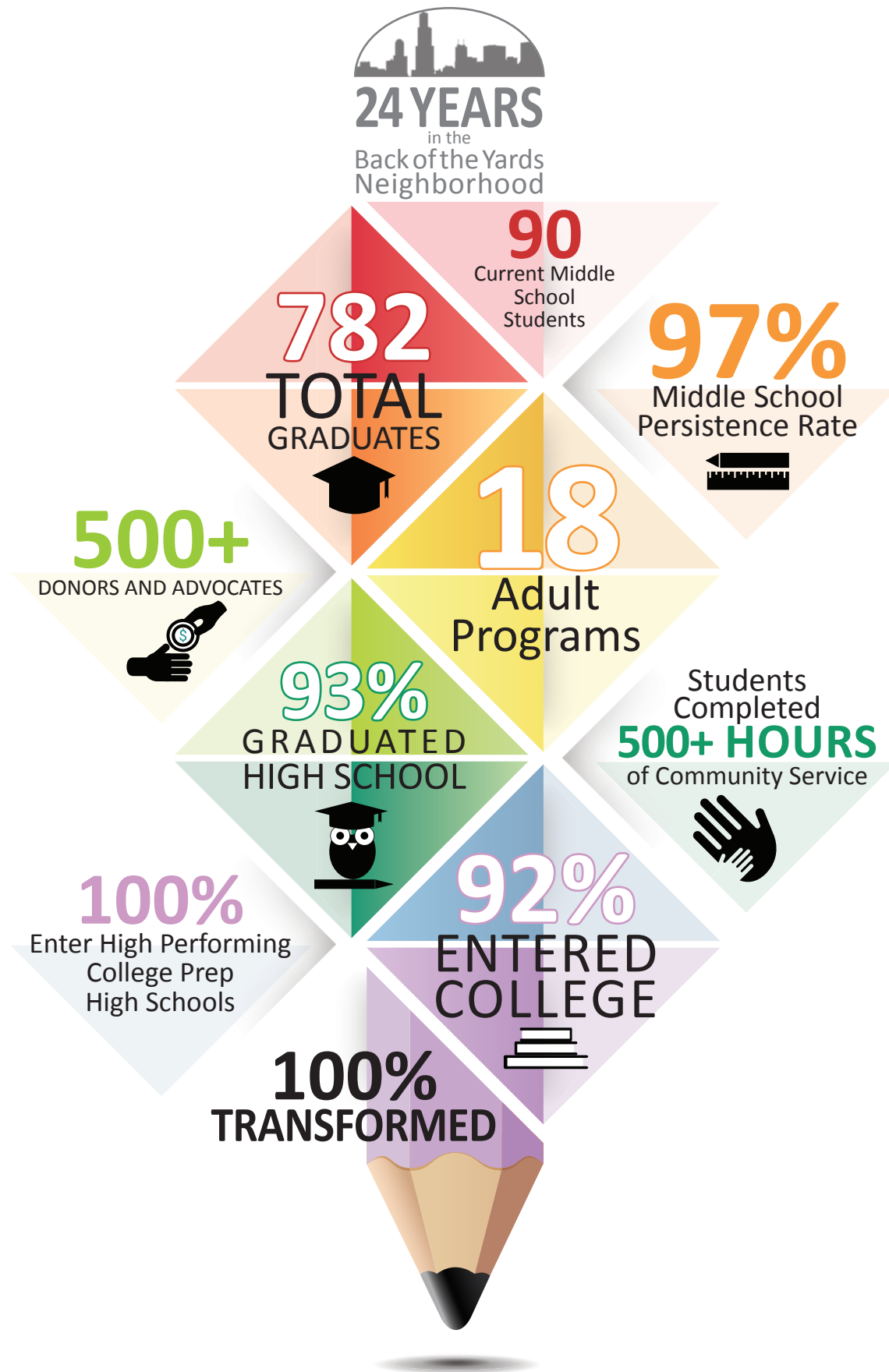
- Events
- Corporations
- Organizations
- Foundations
- Individuals

*This report reflects net income and expenses for Fiscal Year 2018. School Rocks 2018 is not included in this report and will be included in the Fiscal Year 2019 report.

For an official audit visit
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BY THE NUMBERS





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
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Team building at Camp Gray, a retreat center in Wisconsin



7th grade visits Lewis University



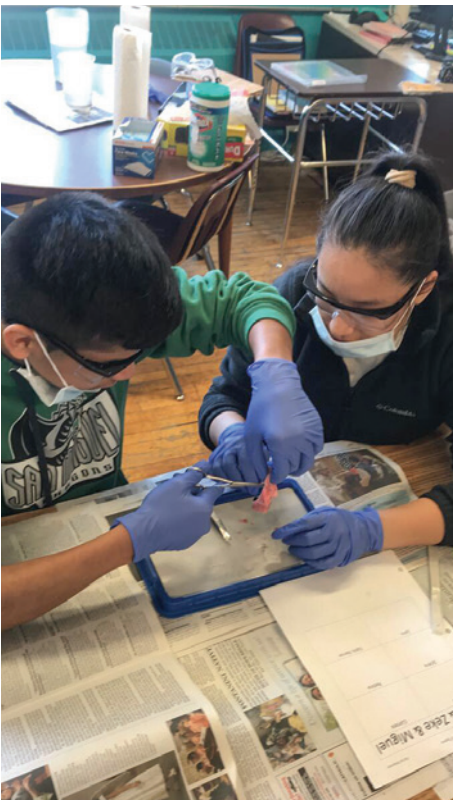
6th grade welcome picnic



8th grade teacher and student recite greeting during Baccalaureate mass



Graduate Support Program visit to Depaul University with students and parents



Eye dissection in 8th grade



Visit with CBRE philanthropic committee

“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



I.T.A. tutor and graduate, Ricky Munoz, works with student



Mr. John Conerty, San Miguel School Board Chair, with students at Donor Appreciation Luncheon

Mother's Day celebration breakfast



Girls Volleyball team, Go Dragons!



Mr. Wintroath, 7th grade teacher and Lasallian Volunteer, with student on the first day of school!



Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass

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

- St. John Baptist De La Salle



7th grade field trip to Just Roots Chicago



7th grade project with Just Roots Chicago



Spirit Week fun!



Class of 2018 Heads to High School



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

-St. John Baptist De La Salle

Class of 2014, High School Class of 2018 Heads to College!

Lewis University

University of Chicago

Augustana College

University of Illinois at
Urbana-Champaign

Illinois State University

Hope College

University of Illinois in Chicago

University of Pennsylvania

Northeastern Illinois University

Western Michigan University

Kennedy-King College

Kalamazoo College

Hamilton College





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YOU make this possible, thank you!

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

Live Jesus in our Hearts, Forever!