



Mary Immaculate Catholic School

Impact Report 2023

Dear Parents, Friends, and Supporters of Mary Immaculate Catholic School,

It is with gratitude and excitement that I share the news of our collective accomplishments, made possible by your unwavering support and generosity.

I am delighted to present to you our 2022-2023 Impact Report, highlighting the remarkable achievements and fundraising successes of MIS where you will see that we raised over one million dollars this academic year. This exceptional achievement is a testament to the commitment and dedication of our vibrant community. Your contributions, whether through donations, sponsorships, or active participation in fundraising events, have enabled us to enhance the quality of education and provide unparalleled opportunities for our students to thrive academically, spiritually, and socially.

I am excited to inform you that the upcoming year will mark the beginning of some significant projects that will further elevate the learning environment at MIS. Starting this summer, we will replace all the floors in the primary wing. This endeavor will provide a fresh and inviting space for our young learners to explore, discover, and grow. I am also pleased to announce the construction of a greenhouse on our campus! This new addition will offer our students a unique opportunity to engage with nature, fostering a deeper understanding of the environment, and give our students of all ages a hands-on learning experience. This greenhouse (and urban farming area) will be a living laboratory, where curiosity and discovery flourish, enabling our students to cultivate a love for God's creation.

Lastly, I am delighted to share that our cafeteria will undergo a much-needed renovation. This revitalization project will create a more comfortable and inviting space for our students to gather, nourish their bodies, and build lasting friendships.

None of these achievements would have been possible without your steadfast support and commitment. Your generosity has transformed the lives of our students, enabling them to receive an exceptional education grounded in Catholic values and fostering their holistic development. As we reflect upon the successes of the past year, I extend my deepest gratitude to each and every one of you who has played a role in our journey.

May God bless you and your loved ones.

Mary Immaculate, pray for us!

Fr. Affinse

Fr. Alfonse Nazzaro
Pastoral Administrator
Mary Immaculate
Church and School



Dear MIS Community,

It is with great excitement that I share the 2023 Impact Report with all of you. Through the compilation of all our accomplishments, it has become evident that Mary Immaculate is a thriving community with only growth on the horizon. In the hopes of not repeating Father Alfonse's sentiments, I want to express my deepest gratitude for our generous donors, whether it be through time, talent, or treasure. I have said before, and I will continue to say, that my role as the Director of Development is one of storytelling, and MIS has quite the story to share.

The support I have received from this community since I started in October has been unmatched, and I am blessed to be surrounded by helping hands both inside and outside of our office. Truly, thank you. I invite you to explore the detailed impact report that follows. It is a testament to our shared commitment to excellence and the continued growth of our school. From the robust fine arts program, the new greenhouse, plans for cafeteria renovations, to our athletics program, our Mustangs are set up to succeed past graduation and into Heaven.

With the 2022-2023 academic school year under our belts, I can't help but buzz with excitement for the upcoming year. We have come a long way, and we have many more plans to grow. Please continue to pray for us, and know that my prayers are with all of you.

Mary Immaculate, pray for us!

Kassidy Ganders

Kassidy Sanders Director of Development Mary Immaculate School



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Student & Faculty Accomplishments



Business Program

The 2022-2023 Academic Year marked the inaugural year for our Business Program lead by Business Coordinator, Anthony Pulido. In December, we kicked off the Business Lecture Series where CEOs and business owners in the metroplex shared their knowledge of real-world business with our junior high students. Alongside the lecture series, the curriculum included lessons on personal finance, investment strategies, emerging markets and technologies, business planning, and sustainability initiatives.

HALO Educator of the Year for the Diocese of Dallas Honorable Mention

Our very own Sister Sophia Lopez was awarded with an Honorable Mention for the 2023 HALO Educator of the Year Award. Sister's Sophia's work with our 6th through 8th graders has impacted their understanding and knowledge of our Catholic faith tremendously. As a Dominican Sister of Saint Cecilia, Sister Sophia provides valuable insight and knowledge to MIS students to set them up to succeed in their religious education outside of our campus. Sister Sophia also had a profile written about her in the *Revista Católica*. You can read the full article in the 'MIS in the News' section on our website at www.mischool.org/mis-in-the-news.









Mustang Athletics

We had many firsts for this academic year, and many of our students were happy to bring back tackle football. Our student athletes were celebrated at our first-ever athletics banquet held at Venue Forty50. Mr. Anthony Pulido and Coach Kerr are developing our Golf Program, and we are continuing to work with our Athletics Booster Club to grow the culture and spirit of athletics at MIS. As our Mustangs strive to become well-rounded scholars, the athletics program helps shape them outside of the classroom.

Student & Faculty Accomplishments

Creating a Culture of Excellence

This year, MIS was able to introduce new and innovative ideas to students, parents, grandparents, and members of the Mary Immaculate Church. Not only were these ideas shared, but through generous donations we were able to break ground and begin the renovation process on our campus. With the groundbreaking Greenhouse, our students laid the curriculum for this project through their Hydroponics Class. Focusing on sustainability and innovation, our hope is that Mustangs will be able to impact their community beyond our campus and make their world a better place.

The Grandparents Club had its kickoff event in March. This Spring Fling gave parents

the evening off, allowing grandchildren and grandparents to spend quality time together. The event featured various arts and crafts, games, snacks, and the highlight of the night, BINGO. Grandparents danced the evening away to mash-up songs from an "Oldies but Goldies" playlist playing in the background.

Our Alumni Association is continuing to grow as we prepare for the 2024-2025 academic year, which will mark 65 years of Mary Immaculate. MIS is still searching for those interested in becoming Alumni Ambassadors for various classes. Visit page 11 for more information on the Jubilee Year at MIS.

Nicole Grobe, an active MIS parent and volunteer, joined our leadership team as the Director of Admissions in January. Under her leadership, we have already seen enrollment growth for the 2023-2024 academic

year. We ended the school year with 436 students and a 95% retention rate. Mrs.

Grobe collaborates closely with our Student Ambassadors, who offer tours, represent our campus at open houses, and engage with the community at various events to promote MIS.

Last but certainly not least, MIS added to the number of little Mustangs walking around campus through the Inaugural PreK4 class.

Mrs. Sabo, Mrs. Hollingsworth, Mrs. Fraler, and Mrs. Kaplonski worked tirelessly to make the PreK4 program unique, preparing their students in faith, academics, and fellowship. As many students in the inaugural class move on to join Kindergarten, they will hold a special place in MIS' heart as the first class of PreK4 students, graduating as the Class of 2032.

Business Relationships

Lewisville Mitsubishi Autoplex, Farmers Branch Chamber of Commerce, Padrino's Tamales, TruePoint Communications, Ascension Coffee, Seadar





Class of 2023

MIS is so proud of our 2023 Graduates, a class of 50 Mustangs now taking on the world that goes beyond our doors. There are so many reasons to be proud of this class, from learning through a pandemic, exceling in Fine Arts, Robotics and Hydroponics, to earning \$160,500 in scholarships over the next four years.

High schools attending at the time of publication

25	John Paul II	
10	Jesuit	
4	Ursuline	
1	Highlands	
10	Other	

Growth and Renovations The Greenhouse Mary Immaculate Greenhouse offers students PreK4 to 8th grade an invaluable opportunity to escape the confines of the classroom, detach from their electronic devices, engage in hands-on activities, and forge meaningful connections with God, nature, and life. By immersing themselves in the greenhouse environment, children not only develop character, but also cultivate essential qualities such as attentiveness, patience and nurturing skills. As Pope Francis once said, "As stewards of God's creation, we are called to make the earth a beautiful garden for the human family." *Images are architectural renderings

Growth and Renovations



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Cafeteria Renovations

Over the Summer of 2023, MIS is renovating its cafeteria which will include replacing the old tile floor with luxury vinyl tile, as well as redesigning the ceiling and lighting to create a more sleek and modern space. This cafeteria will provide MIS students with an updated area to enjoy their meals and grow in fellowship.



Financial Accomplishments



Tuition Endowment

Thanks to our MIS community for their impactful contributions to the tuition endowment started last year. Through their support, we were able to raise over \$2,300 to support this important initiative. As inflation rates continue to rise, we remain committed to ensuring that dedicated and qualified students can attend Mary Immaculate without financial worries. The Guerra Family initiated this endowment in late 2021, and it has

since continued to assist families in need of financial assistance for their children's Catholic education. On behalf of the families benefiting from this endowment and the community it supports, we extend our heartfelt gratitude. To contribute to one of our many initiatives, simply scan the QR code and show your support today.



Your Gifts in Action

MIS is grateful for the 500 donors who supported our community in the 2022 – 2023 academic school year. From these donations, we were able to make many much-needed improvements over the past year, as well as more projects that were completed over the summer.

A major improvement of our beloved 64-year-old school was the installation of a new roof. MIS is sincerely grateful for Elite Commercial Installers (ECI) for making this a reality. Their expertise and efforts have resulted in a roof that will protect our school for many years to come. Over the summer, there will be renovations to the Primary Wing floors, as well as a new front marquee system and storage unit.

Breakdown at the time of publication	n of funding total		
\$439,785	Annual Campaign		
\$24,579	Athletics &Sports		
\$302,750	Auction		
\$600	Classroom Use		
\$603,292	Directed Giving		
	\$75,000 for the Business Program	\$9,620 for the Atrium for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	
	\$181,372 for the new greenhouse	\$75,000 for Technology	
	\$255,000 for cafeteria renovation	\$7,300 for Other	
\$6,997	Endowment / Capital Improvements		
\$34,030	Golf Tournament		
\$25,000	Knights of Columbus Religious Education Fund		
\$2,255	MIS Memorial Fund		
\$6,701	Tuition Assistance & Endowment Fund		
51,439,258	Total		

Financial Accomplishments



Funding for the Kitchen Renovation

Mary Immaculate recently finished a complete renovation of our community kitchen. This revamped kitchen includes state of the art appliances and cooking facilities, and will be able to provide meals for up to 250 people at a time. This will allow our campus to provide fully prepared meals for weddings, funerals, and quinceañeras, as well as fellowship activities after masses.

This kitchen could not have been possible without the generous support from our parishioners. Thank you to everyone who contributed to improve the Mary Immaculate community.

Golf Tournament

Our 2nd Annual Golf Tournament, organized by Sean McIntyre and the Athletic Booster Club, generated \$32,029.54 to benefit our athletics program. With the perfect golfing weather, this tournament engaged alumni, parishioners, community members, and current Mustangs for an afternoon out on the course. Save the date for our 2024 Golf Tournament which is scheduled for April 22, 2024. Join us in giving special thanks to our sponsors who helped make the golf tournament a record year for funding toward athletics:

Title Sponsor: Padrino Tamales

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Heart of Gold Auction

We had a record-breaking year for the sold out 2023 Heart of Gold Auction which was held at the Star at Frisco on February 11. Chaired by Adrian Bergkvist alongside the help of her team, we were able to generate \$302,749.83 to benefit MIS. Through the live and silent auction, we had community members bidding from the comfort of their home. Our school is especially grateful to Lewisville Mitsubishi Autoplex and the Baum family for their gift of a 2023 Mitsubishi Outlander which was used to raise \$59,500 through our raffle. Save the date for our Mardi Gras themed 2024 Auction and experience MIS' "Little Bourbon" at the Omni Las Colinas on February 3, 2024.

Special Thanks to:

Jeanne Adcock Heather and Sean McIntyre Roina Baker Kristin Brandt Jana Brito Delilah Cruise Frances Cruz Lydia Ferrer Valerie Grygar Lisa Guerra John Mahaffey Dean McCurry and Kayla Aalbers Amy Montoya Khanh Nguyen Knights of Columbus Council 5052 Elisa Ortiz Seguro Kim Rangel Dr. Rudy Tovar Kassidy Sanders Kim Speirs Adele Verdiguel Trish Zang

On The Horizon

Preparing for the 65th Anniversary of Mary Immaculate

As we look ahead to the 2024-2025 school year, a Jubilee year for MIS celebrating 65 years, our hope is to plan a reunion for our alumni to share the accomplishments from our school and the vision that we have for the future. This is a great opportunity to connect with old classmates and teachers, as well as see the renovations to our campus as we continue to grow in record-breaking numbers. To keep in touch, or learn more about becoming an Alumni Ambassador for your class, fill out a contact form at www.mischool.org/alumni or contact the Development Director Kassidy Sanders at 972-234-7105 ext. 151 or ksanders@mischool.org.



Save the Date

September 1, 2023

Legacy Circle Luncheon

February 2, 2024

Grandparents Day

September 6-15, 2023

Our Lady of Sorrows Novena for all listed in our Memorial Fund

February 3, 2024

Heart of Gold Mardi Gras Auction at the Omni Las Colinas

September 21, 2023

Annual Campaign Kickoff
North Texas Giving Day

April 22, 2024

Golf Tournament at Brookhaven Country Club

Support Mary Immaculate

Memorial Fund

Families that contribute toward the MIS Memorial Fund in memory of their loved ones will have their beloved departed remembered in a special Novena prayed by the school and a Memorial Mass with dates to be determined. If you'd like to have your deceased loved ones remembered, contact Director of Family Life Ministry Clara Carneira at 972-243-7104, ext. 226 or clarac@maryimmaculatechurch.org.

Business Support

Businesses can support MIS by sponsoring our Heart of Gold Auction, Golf Tournament, Athletics and more. Some community leaders help teach Mustangs about starting a business, managing finances, and more. For information, contact Director of Development Kassidy Sanders at 972-243-7105, ext. 151 or ksanders@mischool.org.

Matching Gifts

Many companies provide matching opportunities – sometimes even three times what the employee contributes. Check with your business, and if they provide matching opportunities, contact Director of Development Kassidy Sanders at 972-243-7105, ext. 151 or ksanders@mischool.org.

Gifts of Stock

If you would like to donate stock to the school, Director of Development Kassidy Sanders at 972-243-7105, ext. 151 or ksanders@mischool.org.

Bricks along Mary's Walk

To purchase an engraved brick along Mary's Walk at the front of the school, visit www.mischool.org/give and click the "Mary's Walk" button at the bottom of the page.

Monthly Gifts

Monthly contributions help MIS with cash flow throughout the year. Gifts may be designated to several funds. Online contributions may be made at www.mischool.org/give.



Mary's Circle Members

Individuals and organizations who contributed over \$150 to MIS since July 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023 are included below. Gifts contributed toward our Annual Campaign, North Texas Giving Day, Auction, Golf Tournament, PTC, MID, bricks, gifts in kind, and Endowments and Tuition Assistance are included. Individuals who requested they be listed anonymously in any of these categories have been listed as "Friend of MIS" below. We are grateful to all of our Mary's Circle members for their generosity during the 2022-23 school year.

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Our Lady of Fatima (\$2,500+)

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Our Lady of Lourdes (\$1000+)

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