

Greetings and happy May!

Last year's Spring Fundraiser came at a pivotal moment for the Catholic Schools of Fairbanks. Our gym, our beloved Boileau Hall, had been rendered unusable for the near future while it underwent massive repairs. In our first letter, I reminded us all that "while the gym supports and enhances who we are, it does not define us. The beams may be broken, but we are not." Reflecting on this as I prepared to write this year's letter, I had an additional thought. The gym certainly does not define us, but the journey of its rebuild certainly does. Faced with a challenge, the CSF family and the Fairbanks community came together to create something beautiful.

Once again, our students and staff pivoted in order to navigate unforeseen challenges, never skipping a beat. With the help of our community, we were able to continue all extracurricular activities. Students attended PE classes in the MP room. We spent more time together in the Holy Family Chapel, most recently celebrating a beautiful Holy Week. Our Spring Concert took place just last week. I mention these to highlight the resiliency of our school community, but also because the time, effort, and talent it took to make all of this happen is what our schools are all about.

We spent a lot of time honoring our past as we reflected on the history of Boileau Hall and its role within our school. We were, and continue to be, so grateful for our multi-purpose room, commons, and chapel, the products of another community effort years ago (who remembers that penny drive?). As we put the finishing touches on our gym and our school year, we celebrate the work done right now, in our present. Our 65th class of graduates are preparing to walk across that stage in just two weeks, a physical reminder of our investments in the future.

We invite you to join us as we continue our journey. The Catholic Schools of Fairbanks are woven into the fabric of the Fairbanks community, a pattern made up of current students and staff, alumni, parents of

alumni, current parents, and friends of the school from all walks of life. I hope you take this opportunity to continue your support. Anything you are able to give, big or small, makes a difference in the lives of students and this community.

All donations will be doubled. Thanks to the generosity of Skip and Linda Johnson, Bert and Becky Bell, Judy and Mike Grahek, Jim and Sandra Haselberger, the Ken Lund Trust, Cheryl and Rick Schikora, and the Jesuits West, your donation will be doubled up to \$75,000. \$25 will become \$50, \$50 will become \$100, and \$100 becomes \$200. It's another opportunity for us to truly celebrate our strength and resilience while ensuring the mission continues.

Thank you,

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