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Spread
your
spirit

We Need Your
Help

Alumni: Past
and
Present

Grandparents
Parents
Friends

Get On Board
and Support:

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STARTING FRESH

Greetings one and all. Welcome to a new school year. All of us, here at Pope John XXIII School are reenergized, full of anticipation and hope as we start this September! I am the new Vice Principal and part of the Development team with Kathy Chuckas. Kathy, an Educational Development staff member with our school, is instrumental in fund-raising and a dedicated volunteer. Kathy Chuckas, the teachers, staff and many parents in our school community have greeted me with open arms. I hope to shake hands with many new faces and listen to your stories in the weeks that follow.

I join the Pope John XXIII School Administration, Faculty and Staff as we extend a warm welcome to our returning and new students. Together let's look forward to joining hands, fostering relationships and strengthening our bond of love for Jesus Christ here in Evanston. Let me share a little about myself. Even though my family and I took up residency in Lake County over twenty-three years ago, I am now a parent of three adults and one High School daughter. I know all too well, the investment of large dollars spent on a Catholic Education.

Since 1980, I have taught in parochial settings. My Catholic faith lies in the core of who I am. Like all of you, I have great hopes and dreams for each of my children. My husband and I agree, our investment in their Parochial Schooling, continues to be a driving force towards their leadership development. We have great faith our children will carry on our legacy of believing in Christ, sharing their gifts with others and being outstanding citizens. Yet we know, passing on our faith and being good disciples of Jesus involves a lifetime of learning and must be reinforced by the help of Grandparents, and friends in the community.

I am a firm believer that it takes a community to raise a child. That is why I have placed my energies in Evanston. I want to give back, to a community of good citizens

that helped me raise my children. I am looking forward to fall and sharing my talents with the students of Pope John XXIII School community. Together the Administration and faculty can make a difference in strengthening a stronger academic, spiritual and athletic foundation for the children of this school.

**Act now! Be the
one \$spreading \$chool
\$pirit!**



**Jesus walks with you
always!**

Alumni News

Our alumni, gracious donors and our parents make the impossible happen. This new school year invites all of us to "take a look" at how we can give back to our school. It's time we share our strong belief in Catholic Education, through our gifts of Time, Talents and Treasures. Do you know that every dollar counts! Check out the many ways you can help support our school with your generosity and love.



Are you interested in joining our Phonathon team?? If you are in High School and a recent graduate from Pope John XXIII, you may be eligible to help. Contact the school for all the details. (www.popejohn23.org)

Take a look at some of the great ways you can “GIVE BACK” to Pope John XXIII School:

- ❖ Major Gifts: 2007 marks the seventh Annual Fund Drive. We have worked hard to attract donors willing to provide monies beyond the operational costs in our budget. We are blessed by many contributors who support us. We currently remain in a debt-free situation and generate funds supporting our library and resource center, the technology program and our state-of-the arts, Junior High Science Lab. (\$250 or more)
- ❖ Endowment Fund : The commitment to the future of Pope John XXIII School provides an on-going financial source for the school. This fund was created in 2004 and continues to grow with the school. Contributions can be made to the endowment in a variety of ways: including cash gifts,

appreciated securities, real estate, bequests, or trusts. Please contact us for further information.

- ❖ Scholarships: Pope John XXIII School provides partial scholarship assistance through the parish and the yearly Scholarthon drive. In addition, several endowed scholarships have been set up in memory of departed friends of our school. Whether one is establishing a scholarship or contributing to the scholarthon fund, students benefit directly from these gifts through tuition assistance.
- ❖ Planned Giving: Another opportunity supporting the continuing work of educating the children of god at Pope John XXIII School is planned giving. Planned giving can be done in a variety of ways and should be a part of one’s financial plan. Opportunities include remembrance in a will, a bequest, a living trust, an insurance policy or stock or bond assignment. These options provide both the giver and the receiver a tax benefit and secure income before the gift.

❖ Other Ways of giving: Pope John XXIII encourages donors to consider Gifts In-Kind, Matching Gifts, and Memorial Gifts as other ways to support the mission of the school.

We provide: “A quality, Catholic Education in an atmosphere of care, concern and dedication.”

We continue to Need Your Help and Support!

“Where Are They Now” Campaign
Please help us continue our comprehensive database for Pope John XXIII Alumni.