



ST. CATHERINE SCHOOL
THE TIGER FUND

Dear St. Catherine Parents, Alumni, and Friends,

This year marks the 81st year for St. Catherine. This milestone is impressive; generations of families have been involved with our school. Students have graduated and returned as teachers. We also have teachers with a tenure of over 30 years. We are so proud and honored to be part of this community.

The past few years have been difficult; St. Catherine chose to invest in our children, even when other schools did not do the same. Now our children are thriving. Teaching the children remotely and in person during the pandemic pushed the boundaries of workload on the teachers and staff. They faced the challenges of constantly changing policies. At the same time, they brought the kids and activities back to in-person, with a priority of factoring in the safety and health of everyone. For all these reasons, we ask you to support our Tiger Fund.

Our family is not new to St. Catherine. Principal Kathy Cox served as Luca's first teacher when we joined St. Catherine in 2012. Our two daughters (Hazel is in 4th grade, and Zoe is in 2nd grade,) are currently enrolled in St Catherine.

When Luca joined, Principal Kathy Cox promptly identified that Luca's previous education in K and 1st grade had not prepared him well. She created a learning plan with us to support his learning. In addition, she shared her findings with his previous school so they could improve. We later learned Luca had ADHD, so it was an uphill battle for all of us, but St. Catherine was with us until the end helping and providing guidance and support. Luca is now a Senior at Roosevelt, with a 3.8 GPA and 4.2 weighted GPA; he achieved this by successfully completing many AP courses.

Like many of you, as busy parents, we often miss out on some of our children's events due to the high demands of our jobs, but we do not worry. We know from experience our kids are in the best hands possible and our community will support our family by coordinating drop-offs, pick-ups, and play dates.

We honestly could turn this letter into a book. When social interactions became a problem, all the parents rallied and threw gatherings for the kids and parents until the kids worked it out between themselves. In another instance, while in tears, Yvonne once faced the challenge of keeping a steady nanny; Ms. Tammy held her hand and provided emotional support. The ability to maintain a nanny was especially concerning to us because this was the only way we accommodated our work schedules and a part-time preschool schedule. The community cared and helped. We were one of the first blended families, yet we were accepted with zero judgment. We could tell a million more stories like this. Luca constantly reminds his sister to enjoy their time at St. Catherine because he remembers them as some of the very best times of his life.

The Tiger Fund goal this year is \$75,000 with 100% participation. Let us dig deep into our pockets to meet this goal and help ensure all the families here and in the future can also write their own book about all the amazing experiences they had while raising their children in the St. Catherine community.

The Hamilton family believes this year's St. Catherine goal can be achieved and we will kick this off with our own donation of \$5000; Microsoft will match this to increase it to \$10,000. This is a testament to our belief in St. Catherine. We hope it inspires you to make your own investment, too, so that our school can continue to provide an exceptional education for our children now and for another 81-plus years.

Go Tigers!

God Bless You,

The Hamilton Family