

## Dear St. Catherine of Siena Families:

Exactly ten years ago this week, our family moved into our house on 86th Street—a home whose first owner was a founding member of the parish, a home with a front door closer to the school than where you suckers have to drop your kids in the parking lot, a home so tightly bound to St. C's that old city property records describe it as "The Church House." Seeing me unload an infant car seat (for Lil, now 5th grade) and watching Karen, pregnant with twins (Hattie and Alice, now 4th grade), teeter up the drive, then-Preschool Director Tammy Matusak knew she had found a couple of easy marks. She wasted no time marching the Cubs and Tigers up our front steps with flowers welcoming us to the 'hood. The note attached was as bold as it was prescient:

"We'll see you soon."

Did she ever. A decade later, the list of our family's foundational St. C's experiences could fill half the learning commons. From preschool graduation to pandemic Zoom school, from morning announcements to Mary Poppins, from CYO sports to messing around and getting triple-doubles at Monday night dad's basketball, it would not be an overstatement to say that St. C's has been the center of our Seattle lives.

That's why we are so honored to serve as Campaign Leaders for this year's Tiger Fund. The Tiger Fund's purpose is simple: close the gap between the tuition we pay as parents and the true cost of educating each of our kids. Every dollar of every Tiger Fund gift goes directly into the school's operating budget, ensuring the school can deliver the outstanding educational experience we have come to admire so much. Our target is 100% family participation toward \$75,000. I'm sure we'll meet both. That's because when each of us completed our enrollment agreements for this year, we expressly promised to give to the Tiger Fund. And we promised to make those gifts meaningful. Let's follow through on our promise and support this critical campaign.

Blessings,

Jordan, Karen, Lillian, Alice & Hattie

2023-2024 Annual Tiger Fund Campaign Leaders