



An Episcopalian, a Methodist and a Catholic walk into

St. John the Evangelist Regional Catholic School.....

What they have in common besides their faiths are that they are benefactors of our school. They are part of a success story to continue for years to come.

If you question them about why they contribute to a Catholic School, their answers are varied but vaguely similar.

They point out how little Catholic Schools cost per student and how superior their results are. They care about the students. They want to make sure they have an opportunity to get a good education.

St. John's has been recognized for their superior academic performance. This long record of getting results attracts donors of all faiths. St. John's also spends considerable less money per pupil than public schools to achieve these results.

All of our donors see that all involved with St. John the Evangelist Regional Catholic School give their hearts, minds and lives to helping every child achieve their God-given potential. They do so not just by promoting academic excellence but also by cultivating personal responsibility, social skills, and leadership, all balanced by faith and a sense of service to others. Our donors also value the disciplinary environment, kids wearing uniforms, doing their homework, and learning at an early age the importance of showing up on time. Children want guidance, discipline and leadership. The commitment of our parents also are a major contributing factor of our schools.

At St. John the Evangelist Regional Catholic School, every penny is accounted for. The annual report and budget sheets are readily accessible for any of our constituents to review. Our

donors want to see accountability. At St. John the Evangelist Regional Catholic School, there is no secrecy.

We can use a sports analogy to see in black and white why St. John the Evangelist Regional Catholic School is the best school to support.

The analogy actually comes from the Department of Education. When two schools meet in a basketball game, the winner is indisputable. One team outscores the other. In the most recent round of National Assessment of Education Progress tests, which are administered by the U.S. Department of Education, the winners were indeed indisputable. Catholic schools thrashed public schools. “In 2011,” says the Department of Education in a report on the NAEP tests, “the average reading score for eighth graders attending public schools was 19 points lower than the overall score for students attending private schools, and 20 points lower than for students attending Catholic schools specifically.” In the Department of Education’s national eighth-grade reading test, the Catholic schools not only routed the public schools by 20 points last year, they have made a habit of such routs. In every round of NAEP reading tests over the past 20 years, Catholic-school eighth-graders have defeated public-school eighth-graders by double-digit margins. The closest the public schools ever got to the Catholic Schools was 17 points – and that was in 1992, long before today’s elementary school students were even born. The average mathematics score for eighth graders attending public schools was 13 points lower than the overall score for students attending private schools and 123 points lower than for students attending Catholic schools specifically. In math, the closest the public schools ever got to beating the Catholics schools was when they lost by only 9 points but that was 22 years ago. Since

then, the Catholic schools' victory margin in math has gradually grown. In the public schools today, children are not taught to believe that the traditional family is the indispensable foundation of our society, or that every human being – including those still unborn – has an inalienable God-given right to life, or that the United States of America enjoys an exceptional place in the history of nations because our Founding Fathers institutes a government that was constitutionally limited in its functions, leaving it to a moral and self-reliant people to thrive and prosper in a free society. May the private religious schools win this all-important contest too.

## BRIEF HISTORY

St. John Grade School was built in 1912. It was the first parochial school in Uniontown. Both St. John high school and grade school were housed in the same building.

Eventually in 1935, a decision was made to build a separate grade school which is the building we have today.

In 1976, due to rising costs and the problem of maintaining an old building, the high school had to close.

From 1935 until today, because of the foresight and sacrifice of priests, religious, teachers, parent, parishioners and other friends of the school, St. John the Evangelist Regional Catholic School continues to thrive.

Many improvements and updates have been made to the building over the years.

It is now the only Catholic school in this region. A fact that we are very proud of.

It is a quality school which produces many fine contributing members to our society.

We want to stay competitive. We want our students to continue to learn in a comfortable environment. We want to continue to make improvements to our building so that it will continue to be second to none.

Your donations would help fund:

1. Tuition assistance so that more families who desperately value a Catholic education would be able to afford it. St. John the Evangelist Regional Catholic School serves all children regardless of Religion.
2. Continue the strong traditions of St. John the Evangelist Regional Catholic School which has been in existence for over 100 years.
3. On-going technology advancement and possibly a designated technology teacher.
4. Improvements to the physical plant – possibly central air-conditioning for the building.

Please see the attached testimonials to read the various reasons why our stakeholders value the Catholic education that the children receive at St. John the Evangelist Regional Catholic School.