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**2025-2026
ANNUAL REPORT**

A LETTER FROM ANDREW

Thank you to everyone who gave and volunteered to help St. Paul's thrive in 2025-2026.

Over this past year, your support helped improve every aspect of the St. Paul's experience. When our students returned in August, we were able to celebrate the opening of our new field and pavilion. As we look ahead, we are excited about completing the Game Changers campaign and upgrading our early childhood center. These efforts will

impact current and future generations of families, faculty, and staff.

Thank you again for your continued willingness to make St. Paul's a philanthropic priority. This is a special place, and your sharing of your time, talent, and treasure allows us to live our mission and provide our students with a transformational experience.

With gratitude,
Andrew



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St. Paul's to continue investing in the people and programs that shape our students' experience each day.

In 2025-26, our community came together to raise \$327,015 for the Spartan Fund. Gifts ranged from \$10 to more than \$50,000, with support from board members, current and former staff, parents, grandparents, alumni, and friends of St. Paul's. We are deeply grateful to everyone who gave and helped strengthen St. Paul's for our students today and for generations to come.

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A LEGACY THAT TAKES CENTER STAGE

COLETTE ROUSEY RETIRES AFTER 34 YEARS

For 34 years, Colette Rousey served as Assistant to the Head of School and directed more than 25 middle school musicals. She was a beloved and familiar presence at St. Paul's, building lasting relationships with generations of students, families, and colleagues. Her dedication to our community—and especially her passion for bringing students together through the performing arts—has left an enduring mark on St. Paul's. In recognition of her remarkable service, the stage in the Manica Multipurpose Room was named the **Colette Rousey Stage** in May 2026, ensuring that her legacy will remain part of the St. Paul's story for generations to come.

Over the years, you've worked alongside countless students, families, and colleagues. What is it about the St. Paul's community that has meant the most to you?

What has meant the most to me is the sense of family within our school community. The relationships I've built with students, families, and colleagues over the years have been truly special. Being part of a community that supports, encourages, and cares for one another has been one of the greatest blessings of my time here.

Out of all 25 musicals you've directed at St. Paul's, what was your favorite and why?

Wow—that's like asking which child is your favorite! But here are two that stand out:

- ***Godspell*** – Its message of love, kindness, faith, and community is timeless, and the songs stay with you long after the show is over.
- ***Bugsy Malone*** – Its catchy music,



humor, and unique concept of telling a gangster story with young actors made it a joy for everyone involved.

The stage in the Manica Multipurpose Room will now bear your name. What does having the stage named in your honor mean to you?

I never imagined that something I loved so deeply would lead to such



COLETTE ROUSEY STAGE



a meaningful tribute. Directing these productions has been one of the greatest joys of my life, and having the stage bear my name is an honor I will cherish forever. Watching students discover their talents, build confidence, and create lasting memories has been a gift beyond measure.

At the same time, I've never felt that the musicals were about just one person. They were the result of talented colleagues working together, supportive families cheering on our students, and a school community that embraced the arts year after year. I will always treasure the friendships, teamwork, and countless moments of magic we created together.

As you begin retirement, what are you most looking forward to, and what advice would you leave for the next generation of St. Paul's faculty and staff?

I am looking forward to spending more time with my family and embracing a slower pace of life. My advice to the next generation of faculty and staff is to cherish the relationships you build, keep students at the center of all you do, and never underestimate the difference a caring heart can make.

LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

THE GATES FACULTY ENRICHMENT GRANT

The Gates Faculty Enrichment Grant gives St. Paul's educators the opportunity to pursue experiences that inspire personal growth, deepen professional learning, and bring new ideas back to our students.

A NEW ENGLAND BOOK ADVENTURE

Five 3rd-5th grade teachers—Amy Shaff, Libby Huggins, Becky Nash, Joey Waldrup, and Gretchen Beilharz—traveled through New England together, visiting 11 independent bookstores across four states and Nantucket, attending an Elin Hilderbrand book signing, touring Harvard, walking the Freedom Trail, and exploring the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum. Beyond their literary adventures, the trip strengthened the friendships and connections that make collaboration at St. Paul's so meaningful.



"TRAVEL IS SUCH A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY, AND THE FACT THAT WE COULD EXPERIENCE THIS TOGETHER WAS TRULY SPECIAL. OUR EXPERIENCES SHOW THE VALUE IN TRAVELING AND CREATING EXPERIENCES WITH THE ONES YOU LOVE AND CARE FOR."

— LIBBY HUGGINS, 5TH GRADE TEACHER

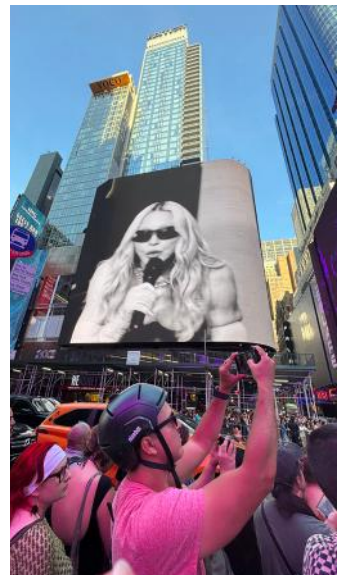


A MUSICAL JOURNEY THROUGH NEW YORK CITY

ECC-2nd Grade Music Teacher Rachel O'Connell immersed herself in the incredible diversity of New York City's music scene, experiencing gospel, jazz, opera, Broadway, classical and contemporary music alongside a longtime friend and fellow music educator. Highlights included Carmina Burana at Carnegie Hall, Turandot at the Metropolitan Opera, a Broadway production of Just in Time, and a surprise pop-up performance by Madonna. She returned with new musical inspiration and unforgettable experiences to share with her young students.

INVESTING IN OUR TEACHERS. ENRICHING OUR STUDENTS.

Whether exploring the literary traditions of New England or the many musical voices of New York City, our faculty returned from these experiences with **new perspectives, renewed energy, and deeper connections.** We are grateful to the Gates family for investing in the growth and well-being of our teachers—and, through them, the educational experience of every St. Paul's student.





CLASS OF 2026 HIGH SCHOOL SELECTIONS

Emmaline Amash *St. Teresa's Academy*
Brennan Beaver *Bishop Miege High School*
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Truman Bradley *Rockhurst High School*
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CLASS OF 2022

COLLEGE SELECTIONS

Francesca Arnold *University of California, Santa Barbara*
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Jafer Jasim (Bedeer) *UMKC*
Alexander Brought *University of Kansas*
Ben Caisley *Georgia Tech University*
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Raquel Diaz *Wichita State University*
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Taggart Faul *University of Tennessee*
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Asa Schaaf *Kansas State Univeristy*
Annie Severns *Lafayette College*
Rosa Sosland *University of Kansas*
Hunter Thurman *Clark Atlanta University*
Helena Tietjen *Princeton University*
Miles VanDoren *University of Kansas*
Victoria Zaborny *Grinnell College*



ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT

MIRANDA SCHULTZ (2010)

High School and Graduation Year:
St. Teresa's Academy | 2014

University and Graduation Year:
Simpson College | 2018

Current City: Kansas City, MO

Profession/Role: Director of
Operations | The Porter House KC



***Can you describe your career for us?
How did you decide you wanted to
pursue this path?***

I'm not sure I "decided" as much as I followed what kept pulling me—my path has always been rooted in people. I studied Psychology at Simpson College and worked in workforce development, research, and human services before finding my home at The Porter House KC. Over the past five years, I've grown into my role as Director of Operations, supporting underrepresented entrepreneurs through cohort-based programming, a retail incubator, and alumni initiatives. What I once thought I needed was a career map—it turns out trusting yourself enough to draw your own is even better.

***What do you love most about your job?
Is there anything you find particularly
challenging?***

The people—full stop (period, as the kids say). There's something special about growing up admiring the small businesses down the street—places like Yogurtini, Shop Local KC, and so many others—and then getting to know the people behind them, not just the faces behind the counter. Having a front-row seat to the lightbulb moments—the growth, confidence, and community that form through programs like our Small Business Development Program—never gets old. Doing that work alongside Co-Founder Dan Smith and a network of people I love being around makes it even better. The biggest challenge is the pace. When you care deeply about the work and the people in it, making sure I don't run on empty is something I'm constantly working on.

***You were recently recognized as a 2026
NextGen Leader by the Kansas City
Business Journal. Congratulations! What
did that recognition mean to you, and
how has your journey so far shaped your
perspective on success?***

My first reaction was, ironically, "Are they sure?" I've met enough incredible leaders in this city to know how many deserving people didn't get selected, so walking





into a room full of the ones who did was a little bewildering, if I'm being honest. I believe you can be confident in your own greatness without placing it above anyone else's, and this recognition is a reminder of that. I've stopped measuring success by accolades and started measuring it by whether the people around me have more access, more options, and more freedom to choose than they did before. My personal motto is "leaving places and people better than when I found them." At the end of the day, I just want to be a good emissary for the people I'm trusted to serve.

How do you think St. Paul's prepared you for your future?

St. Paul's gave me a foundation that went beyond academics—it taught me how to build relationships, show up in community, and understand that learning happens best when you feel seen and cared for. Middle school was where I really got to shine (looking back at some of my outfit choices, I can only laugh—but I love that I got to try them). Coach Greg giving me the green light on the basketball court taught me what accountability looks like and that being better at sports than the guys wasn't something I had to hide. I

carry all of that into the spaces I help build at The Porter House KC because that kind of environment doesn't happen by accident, and I learned early what it feels like to be part of one.

How do you like to spend your free time? Any hobbies?

At heart, I'm a foodie—there's nothing I love more than trying a new restaurant, especially when it's locally owned. You can also find me walking my dog, Buddy (he's the floofiest), at a coffee shop, cycling, bowling, or jumping into a pickup basketball or volleyball game. Basically, if it involves movement, community, or good food, I'm in.

What advice do you have for current St. Paul's students?

Stay curious, and don't be afraid of the detours—some of the most important steps in my journey looked nothing like a straight line at the time. The goal isn't a perfect path; it's building the kind of self-awareness that helps you recognize the right opportunities when they show up. Find the teachers, mentors, and spaces that make you feel like you belong—they'll shape you more than you know.

ST. PAUL'S AUCTION: MAMBO ITALIANO

A NIGHT OF MUSIC, MERRIMENT & GIVING

The 2026 auction brought the St. Paul's community together for an evening filled with laughter, friendship, and generosity. Guests enjoyed festive Italian-inspired décor, lively entertainment, and a delicious family-style feast while celebrating the shared commitment that makes our school so special.

Beyond the celebration, the event delivered a remarkable impact. Thanks to the generosity of parents, alumni, grandparents, faculty, staff, and friends, the 2026 Auction raised more than \$525,000 in support of St. Paul's mission and programs. A highlight of the evening was the Fund-a-Need initiative which raised more than \$145,000 for campus security enhancements.

This year's extraordinary success was made possible through the leadership of Auction Chairs Suzanne Fox and Andrea Nawalanic, the dedication of dozens of volunteers, the support of our sponsors, and the enthusiasm of everyone who attended, donated, bid, and participated. Together, our community demonstrated



once again that when Spartans come together, remarkable things happen.

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BUILDING COMMUNITY ALL YEAR LONG

Our dedicated Parents' Guild volunteers play an essential role in creating the vibrant, welcoming community that makes St. Paul's so special. Throughout the year, parents give generously of their time and talents by serving as room parents, coordinating faculty appreciation efforts, organizing the Book Fair and Carnival, leading service projects, welcoming new families, and supporting countless events that enrich the student and family experience.

One of the year's signature events is the annual Parents' Guild Auction. This year, Auction Chairs Suzanne Fox and Andrea Nawalanic led another outstanding event with Mambo Italiano on Saturday, March 28. Together with an incredible team of volunteers, they helped raise more than \$525,000. The evening was a wonderful celebration of our community's generosity and commitment to St. Paul's.

The impact of Parents' Guild extends far beyond a single event. Every volunteer—whether coordinating classroom celebrations, organizing community traditions, supporting faculty, or helping

Generous donations from the Parents' Guild in 25-26 supported the school in the following ways:

- \$200,000 donation to the school's annual operating budget
- \$185,000 donation to enhance campus security (Fund-a-Need initiative)
- \$55,000 to remain in the Parents' Guild account to support community events and faculty appreciation
- \$5,000 added to the school's Good Samaritan Fund

behind the scenes—plays an important role in advancing the St. Paul's mission. We are deeply grateful for the dedication, enthusiasm, and generosity of our Parents' Guild families.

25-26 PARENTS' GUILD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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25-26 PARENTS' GUILD COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Carnival: Elle Clymer, Megan Winters, and Megan Zahner	Service Learning: Glori Hausner and Sarah Sweeney
Spirit Wear: Suzanne Fox and Kate Gibbs	Care & Concern: Erin Darcy, Kara Bemboom-Grefrath, and Elle Clymer
Book Fair/Library: Amy Nelson, Molly Lane, and Allison Phillips	Dads' Group: Andy Funk, Dan Newman, and James Guthrey
Staff Appreciation: Blair Jackson and Maggie Goldsborough	New Families: Maggie Goldsborough and Lindsay Johnson
Room Parents: Lindy Beyer and McKenzie Muehlfelder	Social Committee: Katie Anderson, Kate Onofrio, Sara Gentry, and Megan Zahner

FINANCIALS

OPERATING FUND ACTIVITIES 2025-2026



	Tuition/Class Fees	\$8,377,844
	Auxiliary Revenue	\$1,482,427
	Annual Fund Revenue	\$338,444
	Parents Guild Contributions	\$200,000
	Endowment Draws	\$200,464
	Investment Income	\$76,408



	Salaries and Benefits	\$6,136,325
	Building Maintenance	\$908,684
	Auxiliary Expense	\$788,057
	Tuition Assistance	\$1,382,224
	Instructional Expense	\$477,878
	Other Administration	\$673,369

GAME CHANGERS

ALL IN FOR ST. PAUL'S

One year ago, St. Paul's quietly launched the Game Changers Capital Campaign with a bold vision: to invest in the spaces, experiences, and opportunities that will shape the future of our students for generations to come.

Today, that vision is becoming a reality.

Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of early supporters, St. Paul's celebrated the completion of one of the campaign's most visible milestones: our newly transformed school field. This fall, students are enjoying an incredible new space for physical education, recess, athletics, and community gatherings—a place where confidence is built, friendships grow, and lifelong memories are made.



But the field is just the beginning.

The Game Changers Campaign represents a comprehensive investment in the future of St. Paul's, with priorities designed to enhance the experience of every student. The campaign will support:

- A new synthetic turf field and outdoor restrooms that expands opportunities for athletics, PE, play, and community events.
- Early Childhood Center renovations that create engaging, age-appropriate spaces where our youngest learners can thrive.
- Collaborative learning spaces that encourage creativity, connection, and innovation across divisions.
- Endowment growth to strengthen the long-term future of St. Paul's and ensure our mission continues for generations to come.

We are incredibly grateful to the families, grandparents, alumni, alumni parents, and friends who have already invested in this important work.

Together, our community has raised 80% of the funds needed to bring the Game Changers vision to life.

There is still work ahead, and every gift brings us closer to completing this transformative project. We invite our entire community to join us in building a stronger future for St. Paul's.

Together, we are creating spaces where students will learn, lead, serve, and grow—today and for generations to come.



THANK YOU TO OUR EARLY GAME CHANGERS SUPPORTERS!

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