

**DIVINE WISDOM CATHOLIC ACADEMY
STATE OF ACADEMY
JANUARY 16, 2020**

Sparkling Minds, Enriching Souls, Inspiring Futures

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Divine Wisdom Catholic Academy – Sparking Minds, Enriching Souls, Inspiring Futures

Academy Family Association

STEM

IT

Computer/TEAL

Learning Lab

Physical Education

Art

Music

Religious Education

Foreign Language

Members

Board of Directors

Board Chairperson

Principal

Assistant Principal

Early Childhood Director

Faculty - Grades 6-8

Faculty - Grades 1-5

Faculty - Nursery, Pre-K, K

Executive Assistant

Event & Social Media Coordination

Bookkeeping

Operations Manager

Lunch Program

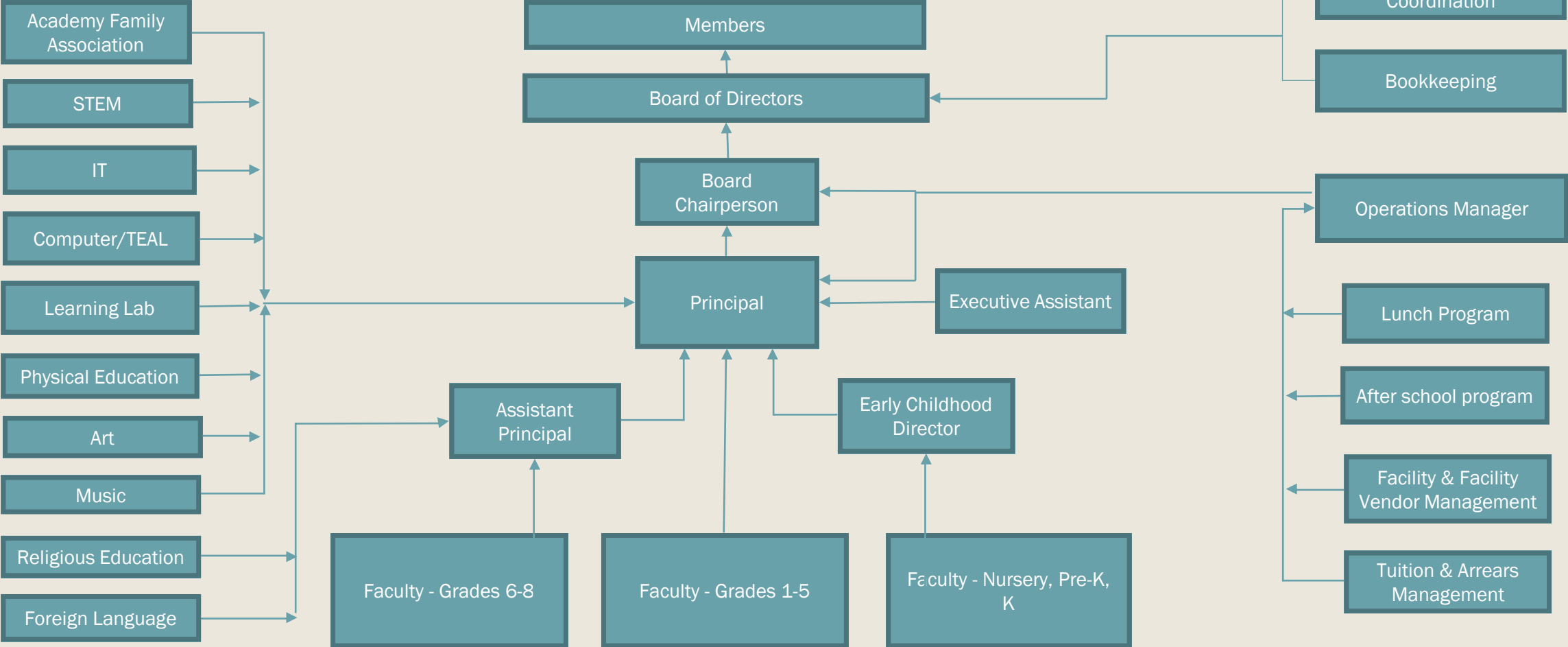
After school program

Facility & Facility Vendor Management

Tuition & Arrears Management

Students, Families, our aligned Parish Local Communities

Effective October 25, 2019



Members, Board of Directors, Administration

■ Members

- *Rev. Msgr. Anthony F. Sherman – Pastor, St. Anastasia Parish*
- *Rev. Fr. Andrew Kim – Pastor, St. Paul Chong Ha-Sang Parish*
- *Rev. Fr. Gabriel Lee – Pastor, St. Robert Bellarmine Parish*
- *Most Rev. Bishop James Massa – Moderator of the Curia and Vicar for Evangelization*
- *Thomas Chadzutko, Ed D – Superintendent of Schools, Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn*
- *Brother Ralph Darmento, FSC – Deputy Superintendent of Schools, Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn*

■ Board of Directors

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| - <i>Robert Schirling – Chair</i> | <i>Peter Ermish – Vice Chair</i> |
| - <i>Patricia Zaccone – Treasurer</i> | <i>Kathleen Furlong – Secretary</i> |
| - <i>Sherise Elmore – Director</i> | <i>Suzanne Karl – Director</i> |
| - <i>Carolyn Meenan – Director</i> | <i>James Peveraro - Director</i> |

■ Administration

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| - <i>Miriam Bonici – Principal</i> | <i>Linda Keppel – Associate Principal</i> |
| - <i>Sylvia Roccia – Early Childhood Director</i> | <i>Frank Signorella – STEM Director</i> |

Parent Involvement

- Academy Family Association (AFA) – Liaison between families and administration
- Committee Members – Marketing, Social Media, Facility, Fundraising, Building Collaborative Communities and Security
 - E-mail boardcommittees@dwcaonline.org if interested with bio and skill sets
- Fundraising Event Chairs – Event chairs guaranteed to meet fundraising requirement
- Volunteers for Fundraisers
- Attend/Support Academy Fundraisers and Social Events

Stay Informed and Engaged

- Follow and like us on Facebook
 - <https://www.facebook.com/Divine-Wisdom-Catholic-Academy-154653568771513/>
- Visit our website & your child's class page
 - www.dwcaonline.org
- Attend Coffee and Conversations
 - *February 6, March 12, May 7*
- Read e-mail communications posted via Option C

Divine Wisdom Experience

- Focused on celebrating Catholic values
- Student centered, data driven, differentiated instruction across the curriculum
- Technology enhanced learning experience
- Comprehensive math and literacy programs
- Enrichment programs in art, foreign language, music, physical education, science, and technology
- Extensive extra-curricular activities
- Investments in faculty professional development
- Partnerships with St. Francis Prep and St. John's University promote vertical integration of Catholic education

Math Curriculum Update

- EnVision math curriculum introduced September 2019 in grades K-8
- Consistent curriculum across grade levels with appropriate scaffolding
- Faculty trained on program and additional on site training will be provided by EnVision personnel
- Differentiated instruction at all grade levels; digital platform allows teachers to assign tasks based on students needs and expertise
- Digital Platform for students and parents to view videos and explanations, and access homework and class assignments
- Integrated algebra for qualified 8th grade students; 100% pass rate on Integrated Algebra regents in 2019

TEAL 2020

Technology Enhanced Active Learning

- Embracing technology, which impacts every facet of our lives, in our approach to learning
- Harnessing what we believe to be best-in-class, grade appropriate tools to positively impact our students' overall learning experience
 - *Go Guardian, Google Classroom, and Doc Hub are just some of the software tools utilized in upper grades; Lower grades using Starfall, ABCya, Kahoot, and EPIC*
- Accepting these challenges and working collaboratively to succeed
- Investing approximately \$100,000 in IT infrastructure and professional development to enable successful implementation
 - *Increased bandwidth, Chromebooks, lap tops, and tablets sufficient to support entire student population*
- Monitoring implementation actively to assess effectiveness and make adjustments where warranted

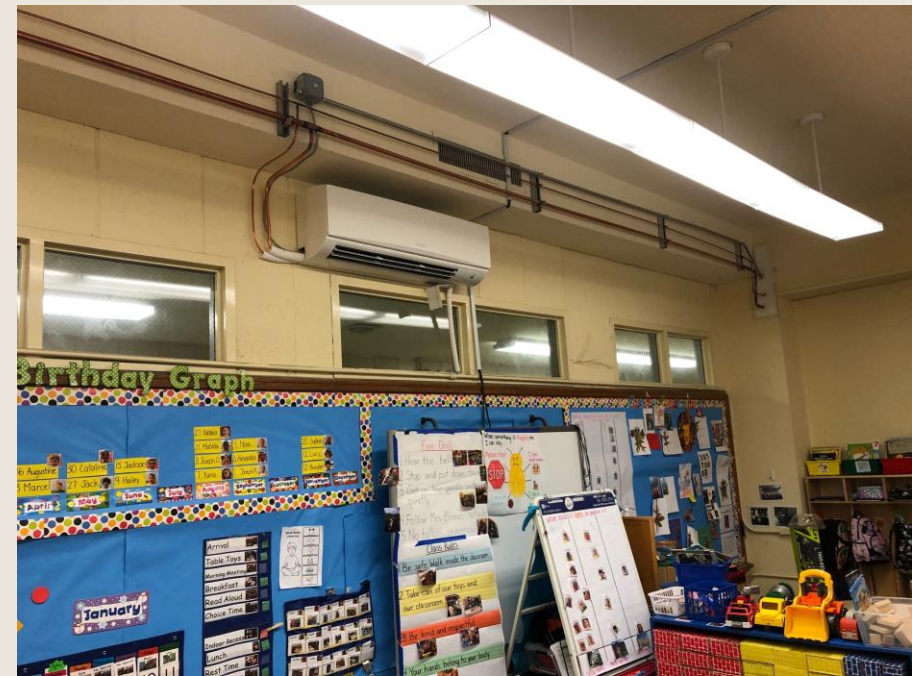
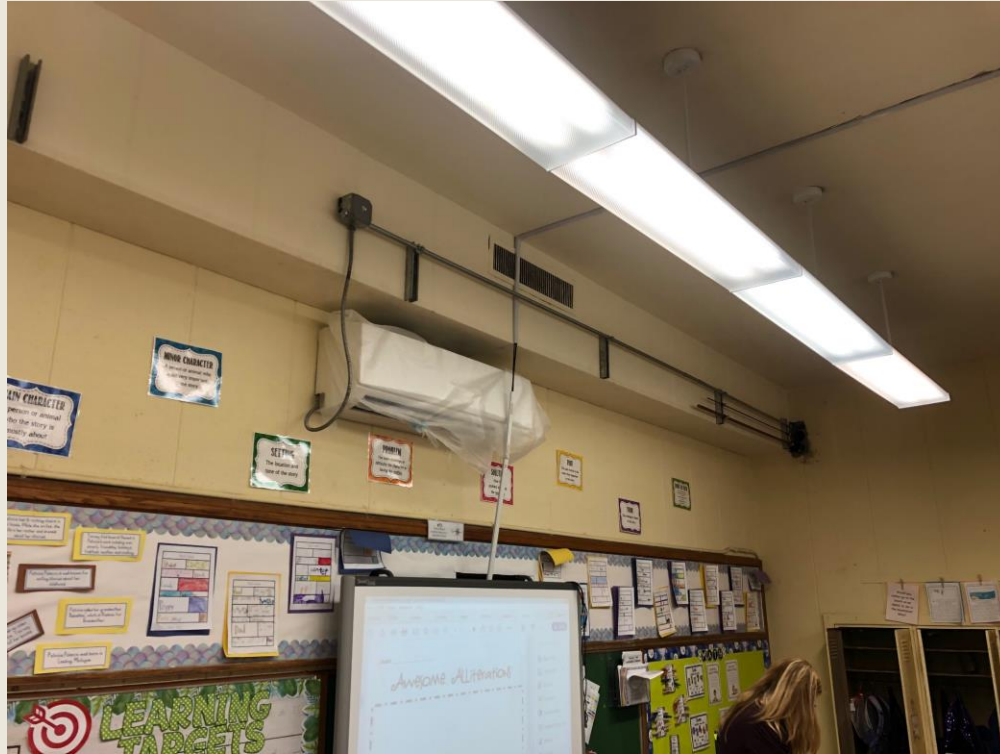
Heating and Air Conditioning Project

- Planning began immediately after completion of Building Expansion
- Replacement of long antiquated Heating system is needed to eliminate risk of system failure
- Provide air conditioning to remaining school spaces will dramatically improve the learning experience for our students
- Joint project with St. Anastasia Parish, with estimated cost of \$700,000. Parish and Academy are sharing costs 50/50; Parish has fully raised its share of costs; Academy has raised \$100,000 of its share
 - *\$24,000 of matching funds still available for new and incremental pledges*
- Please help us raise the remainder of our share!

Project Timetable

- Substantially completed 2020/2021 Academic Year
- Officially started the installation process
- During Christmas break started installing new air conditioning equipment along with refrigerant piping and electrical conduits in the East wing classrooms
- Continuing to work on these and other classrooms during holiday breaks and weekends

Project Progress



Registration Process

- Based on enhancements implemented by Option C, we have moved to **on-line registration for all active students!**
- Announced in our communication on January 10th, 2020
- Visit www.dwcaonline.org to register for the 2020/2021 academic year; click on option C link and log in to Option C as normal, click on **office** tab and then click on **enrollment in the drop down menu**
- Early registration discount available to existing families in grades K-7 through Friday, January 24th
- Payment of registration fees by check or PayPal
- Monthly tuition payments through authorized account withdrawals (ACH), PayPal, or check; ACH preferred
- Registration, tuition, and other program (other than fund-raising) fees through PayPal subject to 3% surcharge to cover cost charged by PayPal to Academy

Registration - New Families & PKA

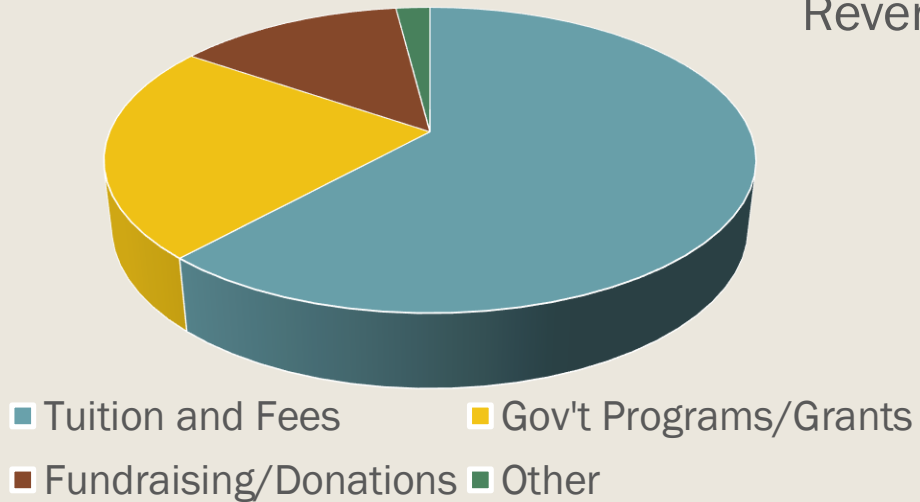
- Application & acceptance process of new families (except PreK for All) now online.
 - Application link www.optionc.com/external/home/admissions-new/welcome/928/C44A82A
 - Link on our website and facebook page
- Application period opens for new families on Sunday, January 26th.
- Our current students, alumni, and their families are our best source of new students! Please encourage them to visit during Catholic Schools Week, apply online, and join our family!
- PreK for All registration for NYC residents born in 2016 begins in February 2020; register online at www.myschools.nyc. For further information visit <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/enrollment/enroll-grade-by-grade/pre-k>

Financial Aid

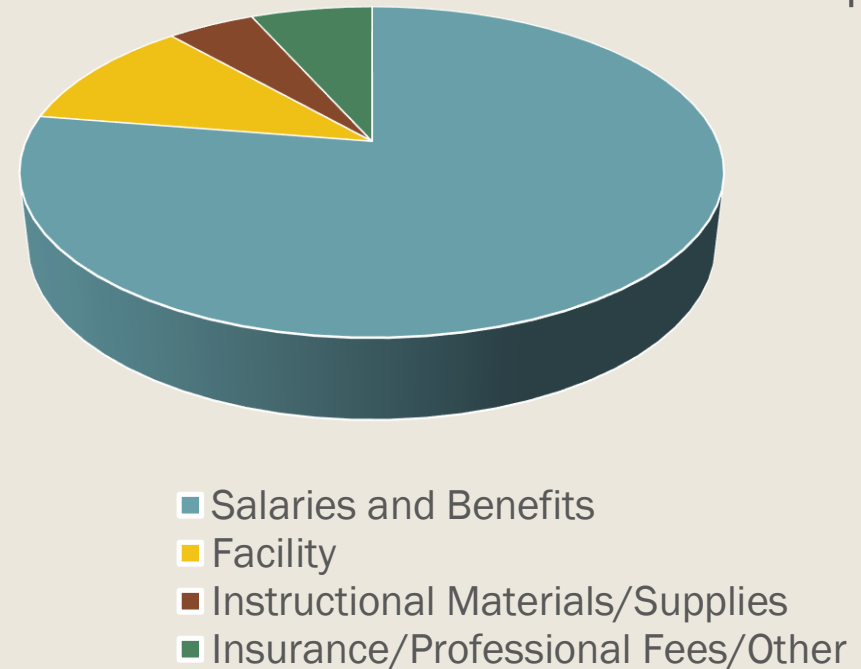
- To request Financial Aid from Futures in Education visit <https://futuresineducation.org/scholarships/>
 - *Must apply annually*
 - *March 31 deadline for returning families*
 - *April 30 deadline for new families*
 - *Late applications are accepted, but priority to those who apply by above dates*
- Additional assistance may be requested through a letter to the Board of Directors only after Futures in Education has rendered their decision; include specific details regarding financial hardship

Finance Summary

Revenues



Expenses



Total Budget \$3.6 Million
2019-2020 Academic Year

Enrollment Update

- Approximately 450 students in Nursery-Grade 8
- Average class size of 19
- 100 new students in 2019/2020 year; primarily in our main entry points of Nursery, Pre-K, Kindergarten, and Grade 6
- Three PreK For All classes
- Two classes per grade in K-6 and grade 8
- Three 7th grade classes

Fundraising and Community Events

- Candy Sale – Currently ongoing through the end of January
- Middle School Dance
- Winter Family Festival
- Gala - May 16, 2020
 - *Queens Botanical Gardens Rose Terrace 6:00 PM*
 - *Theme: Diamonds and Denim*
- Spring Family Fun Festival – Thursday, May 28 to Sunday, May 31
 - *Continued shortened hours, heightened security, and rides geared towards elementary students*

Catholic Schools Week

- Annual celebration of what makes Catholic Schools special January 26 – 31
- Join us at 10:00 Liturgy on Sunday, January 26
- Classroom Visits Tuesday, January 28 from 9:30-11:00; visit your child's class and the grade they will be in next year
- DWCA has Talent – Friday, January 31; livestream available on-line
- Student Activities: Bingo, Family Feud, Accelerated Reader Celebrations, Share a Book, Get Up and Dance, Lunchtime Milk and Cookies, and Themed Dress Down Days

Questions, Comments, Ideas...

We welcome your thoughts!

Our greatest asset is our families!

Thank you for entrusting your children to us!