



The Epiphany School Foundation
Annual Review

2007-08



CELEBRATING
10 YEARS OF SUPPORT



Making a great school greater

Congratulations on 10 Years of Support!



It's not easy making a great school greater. And it's not easy doing it year after year. But you and The Epiphany School Foundation have been making The Epiphany School greater for 10 years!

And what a remarkable decade it has been. Each and every child who has sat in an Epiphany classroom has been directly influenced by your generosity. Here are some of the programs that you have helped the Foundation support:

- ★ The Science program, where students get the hands-on experience needed to understand and retain complex concepts
- ★ The Guidance program, which eases students' transitions from childhood to adolescence and from elementary school to high school
- ★ Enhancements to the Art and Music programs, which not only provide education in the arts, but also augment learning in other subject areas
- ★ Teacher's Assistants, who give the extra individual attention children need to thrive (from Nursery through Grade 3)
- ★ The Reading Specialist, who makes sure every child has the reading skills needed to master learning in the classroom and beyond
- ★ Spanish instruction, which gives children an early global awareness, preparing them to navigate an increasingly diverse world

Thanks to you, these programs have been bringing more to education at Epiphany, helping to enhance the learning and formation of every child for the last 10 years.

Again, meeting a resolution to be greater with each passing year is not easy. But it would be impossible without your continued financial support.

Please continue to give. And know that in making a great school greater, you are helping our children prepare for their own road to greatness.

But don't just take our word for it. Take a closer look at some of these programs, hear what others have to say, and see for yourself.



Programs supported by Epiphany School Foundation:

Art and Music
Enhancements

Curriculum Director

Guidance Program

Reading and Math
Remediation

Reading Specialist

Science Lab and
Instructor

Staff Development

Spanish

Teacher's Assistants
(Nursery-Grade 3)

What's So Great About...



Patti Gallagher
Chair of The Epiphany School Foundation

Dear Friends of Epiphany School,

As I finish my term as Chair of the Foundation, I'm impressed with what we have achieved. Ten years of unwavering support from Epiphany's families, friends, and community have made Epiphany truly great.

Your tremendous generosity has brought our children opportunities far beyond what tuition alone ever could. In just the last year, your support has brought Epiphany the latest technology and a full-time guidance counselor.

Many Epiphany classrooms now boast a smart board—a combination of a blackboard and a computer screen. These touch-sensitive screens let teachers seamlessly weave video, photography, and audio recordings into their classes, so every child's day is filled with the multimedia examples that bring lessons to life.

Your contributions also allowed Epiphany to hire Denise Dee, the school's first full-time guidance counselor. Ms. Dee's experience as a high school guidance counselor and a college admissions counselor gives every Epiphany family a valuable resource for everything from getting along to getting into high school. To find out more about Ms. Dee and the guidance program, please see page 4.

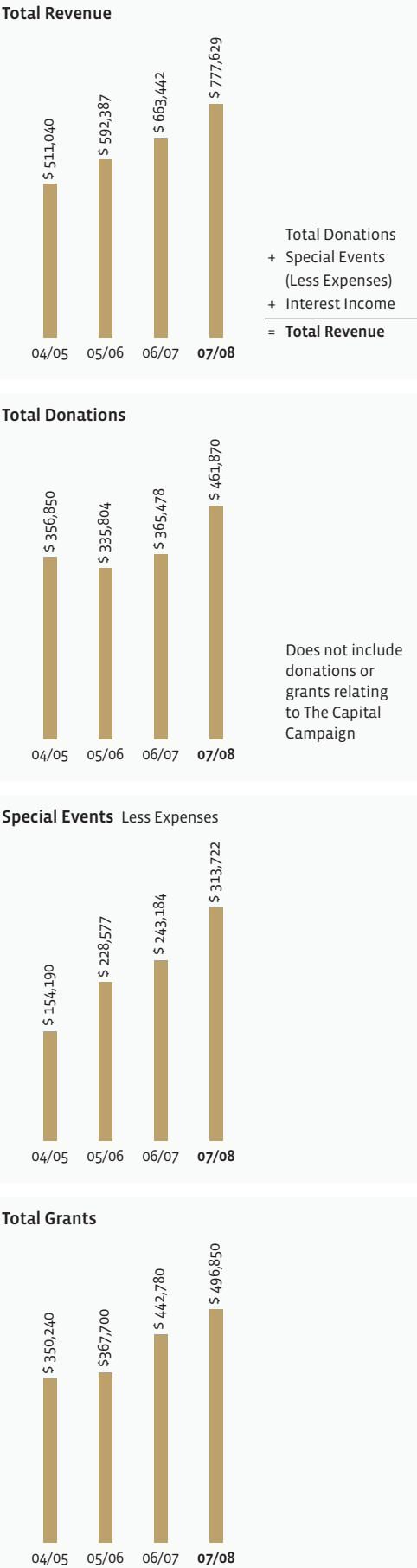
We couldn't provide these opportunities without the support of so many wonderful people. We thank those whose efforts have made such a difference for the Epiphany family:

- Thank you to the dedicated parents, alumni, and friends of Epiphany who have given so generously to our Annual Fund
- Thank you to the tireless parent volunteers whose devotion makes events like the American Girl Fashion Show, Spring Auction, and Golf Outing possible
- Thank you to the many local businesses who contributed goods and services to make each event a success

As great as Epiphany is, it can be even greater—but not without you. Please continue to give generously to make Epiphany the best school possible.

Thank you for all you do to make a great school greater.

Yours truly,
Patti O. Gallagher



What's So Great About...

The Guidance Program?

It's hard to talk to your parents when you're growing up. "That," Denise Dee says, "is why our Guidance Program is so important." Ms. Dee would know. With her Master's degree from St. Bonaventure University and background as both a college admissions counselor and high school guidance counselor, she is well prepared for her role as Epiphany's first full-time guidance counselor.

The program starts with 4th graders, building a safe discussion space in a single-sex setting. The 4th graders discuss friendship and transition, then cover communication skills and responsibility in 5th grade.

As the students mature, the topics become more sophisticated. The 6th graders discuss organization and study skills, which will later lead into discussions of the high school process.

Often, the students drive the discussion, as one 7th grade class did. Concerned that they were growing too cliquish, the students discussed how they could be more inclusive. "It showed a lot of maturity for these girls to recognize the problem and solve it responsibly," said Ms. Dee. They also discuss puberty, substance abuse, and changes in their lives.

Ms. Dee also guides 7th and 8th graders through high school admissions. She streamlines the process, providing a calendar of upcoming open houses, tests, and deadlines. Her students appreciate the help. As one student put it, "I'm applying to 18 schools. It's a lot of pressure, but the calendar helps me keep on top of it."

In addition to working with students, Ms. Dee offers information and advice to parents. As a former college admissions counselor, she can help parents understand the application process and give insight into which schools are the best fit for their children.

This help, along with the Catholic values taught alongside it, sets up students and parents for the best possible high school experience. "That's what we're here for," says Ms. Dee.



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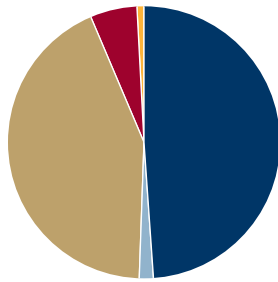
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Participation by Grade



65% family participation — 245 families out of 376 participated.

What's So Great About...

The Reading Specialist?

"Reading is fundamental to everything we do here," explains Kerry Jones. "That's why it's so important to help struggling students before they fall behind."

Mrs. Jones taught for a year at Epiphany, then for the city school system, where she worked with many struggling new readers. To better serve these students, she returned to Bank Street College of Education, where she had earned her Master's degree, for a post-masters degree in Reading and Literacy. At the same time, she interned with the Bank Street School for Children, teaching young students with reading difficulties.

Mrs. Jones' experience benefits each child at Epiphany. She works with the kindergartners for 45 minutes every week. In addition to seeing the words on the page, the children spell them out loud and trace them in the air. These varied ways of learning help all the children reach their potential.

The kindergartners also benefit from Mrs. Jones' experience at the Reading and Writing Project at Columbia Teacher's College, where she studied the last two summers. "These courses help," she says, "because they give me new tools to teach the same material, so I can teach the students however they learn best."

First and second graders who need additional reinforcement participate in small group practice. Mrs. Jones teaches these groups with the Orton-Gillingham program, which emphasizes teaching the same concept with many different methods.

This early focus serves Epiphany students well as the curriculum becomes more difficult in later grades. With a sound foundation in reading skills, the students are well equipped to master complicated topics in science and clearly express their thoughts in history. As Mrs. Jones says, "It lets us make sure they're all ready."



READING

What's So Great About...

The Art and Music Programs?

Together with traditional, core subjects, art and music teach students to communicate and reason logically. In fact, early and sustained exposure to art and music promote creative problem-solving skills that help children understand other subjects—from math and science to language arts and social studies.

That's why these subjects are a focus for providing new technologies, techniques, and materials, all of which are made possible thanks to support from the Foundation.

The process of creating art is one that nurtures the inventive nature of children. Opportunities provided by the Foundation to the art program allow students to learn experientially by creating individual projects in different media, such as clay sculpture, which is fired in the school's kiln, and photography, for which specific Mac computers are set aside. The enhanced art program celebrates the individual and teaches students to respect and value one another's different ways of thinking.

Music, too, allows students to use their imaginations and creativity. The 25 keyboards in the upper school music room and the lower school's glockenspiels, hand bells, maracas, and rhythm sticks—all provided by the Foundation—give students the chance to experiment with many different sounds. Reading music, studying composition, and learning music theory in a "hands-on" approach with these instruments invokes the higher-order thinking skills that underline learning across the curriculum. And performing together reinforces awareness of others and cooperation.

By starting early and having such a broad range of opportunities, the Art and Music programs at Epiphany help prepare students to appreciate a future of invaluable experiences—art and music related or otherwise—as confident, self-directed, inquiring individuals.



The Sports Auction was a fall event from 2001 to 2007. Participants found a wide range of sports memorabilia at affordable prices, along with chances to bid on sporting event tickets, golf packages and more. The 2007–08 Chairs were Kevin Beauregard and Gregg Ettin.

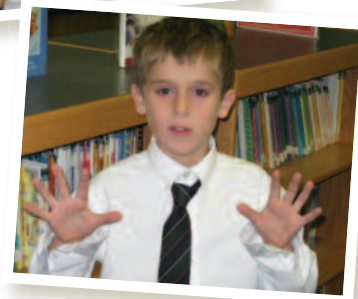
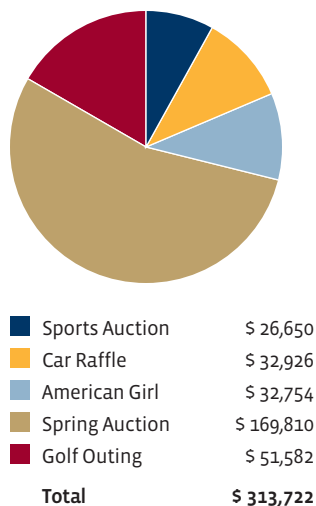
At the Sports Auction in 2007–08, the Foundation also raffled off a Mercedes Benz. For the 2008–09 school year, the Foundation is sponsoring a cash raffle — the winner will get \$15,000.

The American Girl Fashion Show began in 1996. It provides a wonderful opportunity to showcase the style, independence and self-confidence of our Epiphany Community girls. It is attended by multiple generations of families and friends. This 3-day, 4 show extravaganza provides great fun for American Girls of all ages. The 2007–08 Chairs were Fran Glennon and Yvonne Persico.

The Spring Auction has evolved into an elegant night on the town for the Epiphany community. In 2007–08 the venue was once again the spectacular Manhattan Penthouse. The items offered for bidding during the event get bigger, better and more creative each year. The 2007–08 Chairs were Kim Ettin and Deirdre Vertucci.

The Golf Outing is the longest running event sponsored by the Foundation — 2007–08 marked the 14th year. Parents, alumni, friends, family and business colleagues join together for a fun day on the links followed by cocktails, dinner and lots of great prizes. The 2007–08 Chairs included: Kristin Henn, Mike Jones, Ed Pinter and John Sowarby.

2007–08 Special Events Revenue Less expenses



Event dates and Chairs for 2008-09:

American Girl Fashion Show	November 14, 15, 16, 2008
Chairs: Kate Crotty and Jennifer Walther	
Spring Auction	March 10, 2009
Chairs: Kim Ettin and Deirdre Vertucci	
Golf Outing	May 11, 2009
Chairs: Kristin Henn, Mike Jones, Ed Pinter and John Sowarby	

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Clockwise: James L. Hayes, Mr. Ed McLaughlin
and his nephew, David McLaughlin Bery



Mr. Jack Rudin

Principal for a Day

The Epiphany School is blessed to have at its helm a true leader and superb educator — **Principal James L. Hayes**. Jim Hayes joined the Epiphany staff during the school year of 1977–78 as a Science teacher and was named Principal in 1978–79. During his 30 years of service, the school has gone through many transformations. The enrollment has more than doubled to today's current number of about 513 students, representing 380 families who reside in over 50 zip codes in and around New York City.

As enrollment increased, more space was needed. In 1991 Epiphany acquired Saint Stephen's School on 28th Street. That building now houses the Nursery program, one Pre-K class and the upper grades — 4th through 8th.

Periodically a guest Principal steps in and becomes "**Principal for a Day**". On a few occasions, **Mr. Jack Rudin**, our largest individual benefactor, has graced us with his presence. He has visited classrooms, bought ice cream treats for the children and observed the latest strides in all the classrooms in technology, smart boards, etc., many of which have been funded by his generosity.

In May of 2008, **Mr. Ed McLaughlin** visited both the upper and lower school in the role of Principal for a Day. He is the uncle of David McLaughlin Bery, now a 7th grader. Mr. McLaughlin is a huge proponent and supporter of Catholic education at every level.

In a follow-up letter to Principal Jim Hayes, Mr. McLaughlin stated: "I was impressed with the students, the faculty, the parents and the overall commitment to Catholic education and values. Everyone I met was energized and interested in learning, achieving and growing. You and your staff should be very proud! I know that my nephew is getting a great education while building lifelong relationships."

He also stated that the Epiphany education is equivalent to the educational experience offered at far more costly schools.





Upper Campus at 141 East 28th Street, New York City



Lower Campus at 234 East 22nd Street, New York City



James L. Hayes
Principal, The Epiphany School

Founded in 1888, The Epiphany School continues its commitment to quality by providing students with an exceptional, value-centered Catholic education. Here, we educate the whole child — intellectually, socially, physically and spiritually — each ultimately equipped to progress into adulthood with a strong sense of identity and purpose. While the student body is predominantly Catholic, enrollment is open to children of all backgrounds and faiths.

The Epiphany School Foundation



234 East 22nd Street, New York, NY 10010

The Epiphany School High School Selections

The Class of 2008 is attending the following high schools:

Archbishop McCarthy High School (1)
Chaminade (1)
Convent of the Sacred Heart (2)
Dominican Academy (4)
Early College at Bard High School (2)
Eleanor Roosevelt High School (2)
Fordham Preparatory (5)
Loyola School (2)
Marymount (1)
Monsignor Scanlon High School (1)
Notre Dame School (3)
Poly Prep Country Day School (2)
Saint Peter's Prep (2)
Saint Vincent Ferrer High School (7)
Somerset County High School (1)
Xavier High School (8)
Xaverian High School (1)

During the last five years, Epiphany graduates have also gone on to attend the following high schools:

Archbishop Molloy
Birch Wathen Lenox
Bronx HS of Science
Brooklyn Tech
Carle Place High School
Cathedral High School
Christ the King High School
Fontbonne
Friends Academy
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