



FORWARD TOGETHER

A Monthly Update from the President's Office

August 2026

Dear Austin Catholic Community,

I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful summer and had some time to relax and enjoy the slower pace of summer days. We are so excited to welcome our students back to campus next week! Our faculty and staff have been busy preparing for their arrival, and the halls are already buzzing with excitement and anticipation.

It's been an extremely productive summer here on campus, and I have several exciting updates to share with you.

The first thing you will notice when you return to campus is our entrance revitalization project. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our donors and benefactors, Austin looks better than ever! New concrete walkways and landscaping have been installed, along with a beautiful reflective center area with benches. This space will eventually be completed with a large, handcrafted Sacred Heart of Jesus statue. We expect the statue to arrive in late fall and will celebrate with a dedication ceremony when it does. Stay tuned!

We also installed a rock that students can paint for spirit days and other special occasions. We're excited to see how they make it their own. The parking lot was also repaired and restriped, with clearer designations for visitors and staff.

We continue to be extremely blessed by our supporters. We received a major, multiyear gift this summer from an anonymous donor to further support Austin's growth. One of our priorities has been to replace our aging school vehicles, and thanks to this generous gift, we are picking up a brand-new Acadia on Friday to replace our Traverse. I'm also working on replacing our van this academic year. Even more exciting, this gift has allowed us to begin developing a transportation plan that we hope to roll out to select areas in the fall of 2027.

Our 13th Annual Golf Classic was a tremendous success! We profited nearly \$52,000, representing a 25 percent increase over last year. A portion of these funds will be designated for tuition assistance for our students. Thank you to our wonderful sponsors, donors, golfers and volunteers for helping make the outing such a success.

We are already hard at work preparing for our annual gala, which will be held on November 6. All families received commitment forms earlier this month. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. I am so pleased to share that Archbishop Weisenburger will be in attendance. We are truly blessed and very fortunate to have his support and presence.

We've begun streamlining some of our communication and administrative processes. Beginning August 21, you will receive a biweekly newsletter with updates and happenings from the front office, counseling, faculty and administration. My hope is that this will establish a consistent communication rhythm and keep you informed about the important things happening across our school community.

Please also watch your email late next week for an invitation to participate in a new parish marketing initiative. We are inviting current parents to help us spread the word and represent Austin at their local parishes. Details will be provided in the email, along with an opportunity to sign up. We are excited about this opportunity to share the Austin experience with more families in our Catholic community.

Finally, I had a unique opportunity to talk about our school on WJR this past weekend. If you missed the broadcast, you can listen to it [HERE](#). It's easy to shine a light on our incredible community because there is so much to celebrate. Thank you for making Austin such a special place.

There is a lot of excitement and momentum heading into this new school year, and I'm incredibly grateful for the many people who continue to invest their time, talent, and resources into Austin. I'm looking forward to welcoming our students back to campus next week and beginning a great year together!

In the spirit of Austin,

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