

Cassata Catholic High School

EMPOWERING THE NEXT GENERATION

2024–2025
Annual Report



LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Cassata Community,

2025 marks Cassata's 50th year. This milestone is not just a marker of time, it is a testament of the enduring mission of two visionary women – Sister Mary Bonaventure and Sister Mary Fulbright, who saw a need in the community and responded with compassion and courage. Their vision was to create a school where every young person, regardless of background or circumstance, would have the opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive in a nurturing and supportive environment.

Today, their legacy lives on in every student who walks through Cassata's doors, uncertain of their future, in every graduate who earns his or her diploma, in every teacher who goes above and beyond to see their students succeed.

Cassata has never been just a school. It is a community built on second, and sometimes even third, chances, on fresh starts, and the belief that every student deserves a pathway to success. Cassata's model of education, even in its 50th year, remains innovative and truly student-centered. Personalized and flexible, it continues to meet the needs of students in a fast-paced and changing world.

Despite the challenges we faced as a school and as a team, we have always stayed true to our founding mission. While we work on new initiatives in academic support, community engagement, and spiritual formation, we do so with students in mind, ensuring that each of the changes benefits our students and is in line with the school mission.

Our students continue to show resilience, determination, and strength in overcoming the challenges that may have brought them to Cassata. Our faculty and staff remain steadfast in their commitment to holistic education, meeting each learner where they are and walking with them toward who they are meant to become.

As we look ahead to the next 50 years, we carry with us a profound sense of purpose and possibility. With God's grace and your continued support, Cassata will remain a place where hope is restored, dreams are renewed, and lives are transformed.

To all our supporters—alumni, benefactors, board members, volunteers, and friends of Cassata—thank you. You make this mission possible. Your faith in our students fuels our work and inspires our future. In the words often attributed to St. Francis of Assisi, you help us “preach the Gospel at all times, and if necessary, your words.”

God bless you and keep you,

Maggie Harrison, Ph.D.
Principal

OUR MISSION

Cassata is a coeducational Catholic high school with a nurturing staff that provides a rigorous curriculum for students who desire a unique, customized environment that prepares them for college and their chosen career path.

Cassata's open enrollment, self-paced learning, and flexible schedule enables students of all backgrounds to raise their educational level, complete their secondary education, and become healthy, independent, productive citizens.



HOW TO HELP

Volunteer:

 Learn more:
cassatahs.org/volunteer

Advisory Council:

Support Cassata's leadership

Donate:

Support campaigns like North Texas Giving Day, Giving Tuesday, and our annual fundraiser, Noche de Gracias

VOLUNTEER

Club Sponsorship

Mentorship

Tutoring

 For more information
call: 817.926.1745

2024-2025 HIGHLIGHTS

118 STUDENTS SERVED ON CAMPUS

- And 168 students through our off-site, self-paced programs at Innovations and Mesa Springs mental health facilities

DUAL CREDIT COURSES

- Offered on campus through the leadership of Mr. Dennis Cowles, Social Studies teacher

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

- Gaming Club, Dungeons & Dragons, Philosophy Club, and Student Council enriched campus life and supported student engagement

FIRST-EVER SPIRITUAL RETREAT

- Held during Lent, led by Sr. Rosemary Stanton (SSMN), Mrs. Patrice Hall (CSO), and CCHS faculty

SCHOOL-WIDE FIELD TRIP

- To the **Perot Museum of Nature and Science**

TCCB ED ACCREDITATION:

- Cassata successfully renewed accreditation through the **Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops Education Department**

Fundraising

\$75,000 raised on North Texas Giving Day
Thanks to a generous matching gift from Jo Ann and Greg Swienton.

\$3,000 raised on #iGiveCatholic Giving Tuesday campaign.

\$214,000 raised at the 28th Annual Noche de Gracias Fundraiser
Thank you to all who attended and gave so generously!

Speakers & Literacy Programs

Junior Achievement delivered Financial Literacy and Career Readiness classes

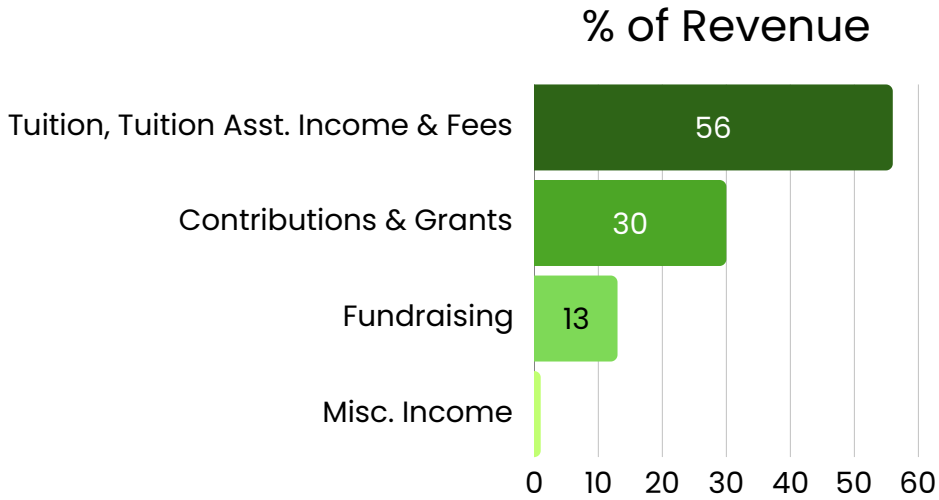
Literacy United/Reading Connection provided remedial reading, dyslexia support, and student evaluations

YES – Youth Equipped to Succeed delivered a talk on the “Success Sequence,” funded by the Vincent Genovese Memorial Foundation

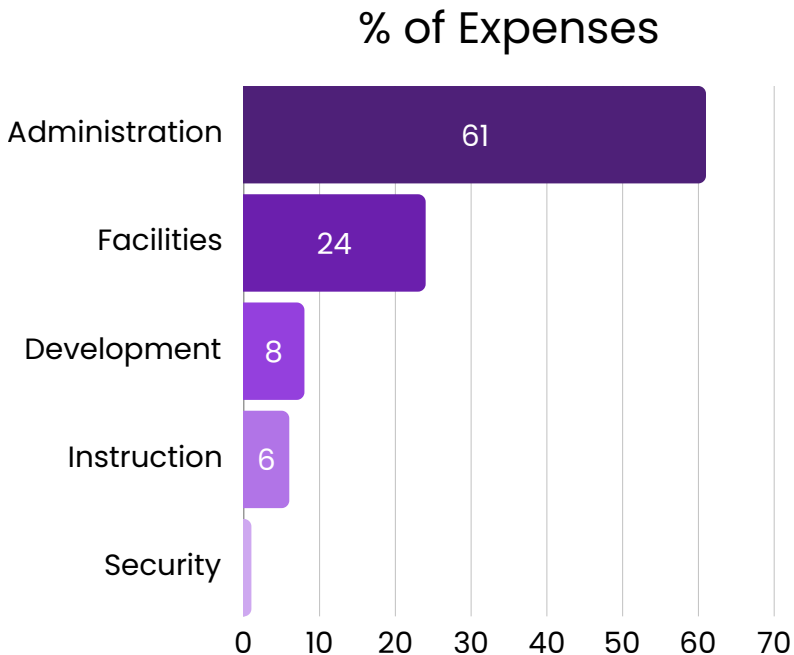
The Life Unleashed Program presented a two-day student leadership workshop

2024-2025 FINANCIAL POSITION

REVENUE



EXPENSES



THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS

\$50,000+

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Graduates

GRADUATE ACHIEVEMENT

Class of 2025:

33 Graduates Accepted to:

College of Healthcare Professionals

Tarrant County College

Universal Technical Institute

University of North Texas

University of Oklahoma

University of Texas at Arlington

Weatherford College

2025-2026 LOOKING AHEAD

We are excited for the 2025-2026 school year. As always, we look forward to the opportunities and blessings.

New Leadership:

Mrs. Julianna McConegly will assume the role of Principal after three years as Assistant Principal.

Continued partnership with St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church and Fr. John Perikomalayil.

Ongoing partnerships with:

ChristianWorks
Individual and family counseling

Junior Achievement
Financial literacy and career readiness

Literacy United/Reading Connection
Reading support and assessments

Tarrant County College
Expanded access to dual credit classes

The Life Unleashed

Y.E.S. guest speakers



Scholarships Awarded:

\$75,000

SAVE THE DATE

29th Annual
Noche de Gracias
Tues, April 28, 2026,
Joe T. Garcia's
Restaurant

Cassata Catholic High School

EX OFFICIO

The Most Rev. Michael F. Olson, S.T.D., M.A.
Bishop of Forth Worth

Dr. Melissa Kasmeier Millard
Superintendent

Dr. Maggie Harrison
Principal

Sister Mary Bonaventure †
Co-Founder 1975-2007

Sister Mary Fulbright †
Co-Founder 1975-2024

