

VERMILION CATHOLIC

a legacy of Mount Carmel



2024-2025 Annual Report

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A Message from the **PRINCIPAL**



As we come to the end of the 2024-2025 academic year, it is overwhelming to reflect on the abundance of God's goodness and blessings that have been bestowed upon our school community. We started this year welcoming a new Pastor who has shared the pure joy that he feels being a part of our school family and the year ended with our 7th state championship in athletics (4 teams - football, tennis, golf, baseball and 3 individuals - powerlifting, tennis, track). The Fall brought many opportunities for new academic enhancements, with every one of our seniors improving on their standardized test scores, and the Spring marked 140 years of Catholic education in Abbeville. With each day focused on keeping our Catholic identity and our core values at the forefront, there were countless achievements this year that led us to recognize the lasting impact of our work to preserve the traditions started by the Sisters of Mount Carmel and the clergy of St. Mary Magdalen so many years ago!

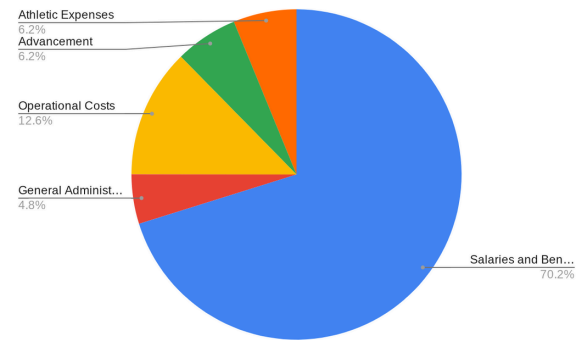
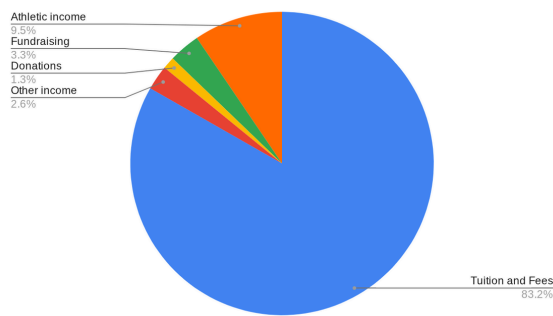
If you haven't already, we encourage you to follow us on Facebook and Instagram, or visit our school website, to stay connected. Our school is thriving as we remain focused on our motto, Enter to Learn Christ, Leave to Serve Christ, and continue to inspire generations of Eagles. All of our achievements would not be possible without your continued support in making VC what it is today. Your contributions of time, talent, and treasure, as well as the involvement of so many generations of families, are invaluable to our mission. Please take some time to review this annual report of all areas of school life and find time to come for a visit on campus. You are always welcome. Remember, Once an Eagle, Always an Eagle!

Dr. Stella Arabie
Proud Principal of Vermilion Catholic, a legacy of Mount Carmel

Through Christ we Soar



Financial Report | Income and Expenses



Financial Information

- Operating budget = \$4,462,553
- Average amount to educate one student = \$8,550
- Teacher salaries are currently 15-20% lower than Vermilion parish public school teachers with their same level of education and experience. Tuition and fees does not currently cover the operating costs of the VC educational experience. The average cost to educate a student at Vermillion Catholic is approximately \$8,500, while tuition and fees per level is currently well below that amount. That leaves a shortfall each year, which is why the work of Booster Club, Development, and the Advancement Departments is so important. We encourage all parents, grandparents, alumni, and friends to continue to support all fundraisers and consider Planned Giving to invest in our students and keep our legacy alive.

Faculty & Staff

- Total faculty & staff - 66
- Teaching faculty - 47
- Master's degree or higher - 17
- Student to Teacher Ratio - 12: 1

Teaching Faculty Statistics

- Total teaching years - 806
- Years teaching at VC - 335
- Average teaching experience - 13.9
- Alumni of VC - 28

Assistance Information

- ACE
 - 27 students in grades K-12
 - Total - \$114,900
- Work Study
 - 30 students in grades PK-12
 - \$47,320.00
- Other Scholarships
 - \$59,000

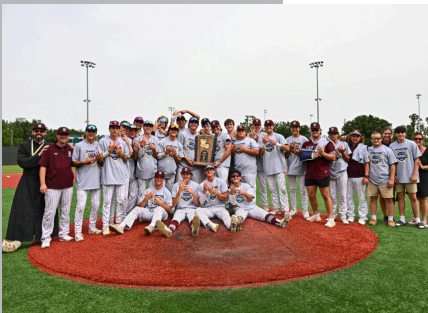
Admissions Department

- 2024-2025 Total Enrollment | 551
- 2024-2025 Accepted 106 New Students

Ways to Give

- Memorial Fund
- Legacy of Success
- Planned Giving

2024-2025 HIGHLIGHTS



Curriculum Department

- Upper School
 - 82 % of our graduating senior class are expectant TOPS recipients
 - 26 students went to State Rally due to our District Rally being canceled and 6 students placed in the top 3 of their category
 - One student was the overall winner of all rally participants in English III
- Middle School
 - Washington DC trip was brought back for Middle School students to expand their curriculum to real world travel
 - Data from Standardized testing has helped to better align core curriculum
 - New BETA students were invited to attend convention along with participating students
- Lower School
 - Our PreK-3 curriculum underwent a significant revamp, and our data clearly shows that our "little eagles" made substantial academic, social, and emotional gains.
 - In our primary grades (PreK-2), we implemented supplemental phonemic awareness and phonics programs to complement our Wonders curriculum. Data indicates that students have benefited tremendously from this combined approach, especially when paired with highly effective teaching practices.
 - All lower students had the opportunity to participate in a curriculum aligned field trip.

Technology Department

- 1:1 Student/Device Ratio
- 64 Security Cameras
- 100% Fiber Optic Internet
- Student led Merchandise Production Team
- Upgraded Network Switches

Athletic Department

- State Team Champions: Football, Boys Tennis, Golf, Baseball,
- Individual State Champions:
 - John Fontenot - Boys singles in Tennis,
 - Marley Moore - State 100 M Champion
- Lene Claire Romero - West Regional Champion, Powerlifting American National Champion and holds the divisional record and the Composite record for the bench
- Vermilion Catholic has 12 sports and just added two more this year
- Gymnastics and swimming
- 167 athletes - 8 All State honoree will be added to the Wall of Fame this year
- Academic All District - 40 players named to the All District Academic team
- Academic All State Class A team - 13 players named to the Class A Team
- Academic All State Composite - 10 players named to the Composite team
- Two young people will be playing on the next level - Congratulations to Jonathon Dartez with Nichols and Marley Moore with McNeese

Faith and Formation Department

- 47 masses celebrated this year.
- 58 juniors & seniors as well as 10 faculty members attend the Kairos retreat this year.
- 28 second graders received their First Holy Communion Seveast Saint Mary Magdalen
- 8th and 9th grade students received their Confirmation at Saint Mary
- Magdalen
- Weekly Confession was available for 6th - 12th grade and quarterly for 3rd-5th grades
- Male and Female Discernment Groups for 6th- 12th grades began this year as a follow up to our Vocation talks.
- Each grade level led a liturgical event throughout the year.
- Service opportunities were provided for the following: Eastridge Nursing Home, St. Theresa Catholic Church, Goodwill Acadiana: Goodbuys in New Iberia, St. Mary Magdalen Christian Service Center, Vermilion Women's Resource Center, and Behold Catholic Ministries

New Additions This Year

- Beak Boutique
 - The Beak Boutique continues to grow, now offering an expanded selection of student-made merchandise.
 - The Beak Boutique now offers customized merchandise for individual team sports.
 - The Beak Boutique offers a wide variety of in-stock gift options, making it easy for students, staff, and families to find unique items for any occasion.
- Stem Lab
 - Students created custom plaques for the school athletic awards
 - Students designed and produced custom spirit buttons then sold them in the Beak Boutique.
 - Students used the sublimation machine to design and create personalized Christmas gifts for their parents, applying creativity and technology to produce meaningful, handcrafted items.
 - Students designed and crafted one-of-a-kind Christmas ornaments with the sublimation machine, which will be sold in the Beak Boutique.



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