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My name is Karen Prevalla and I am the parent of an alumnus and two current St. John school students. I have been a member of St John the Evangelist Parish since 2002 and a part of the school community since 2012. I am originally from the Chicagoland area where I attended a school very similar to SJS. My husband grew up and attended school in Watertown. We originally intended to send our children to public school, but I soon felt they were missing out on the benefits of a full Catholic education – the values, morals, sense of community, and small class size to name a few.

A benefit we did not know we needed was the response St John School would have to a global pandemic. With only a day to prepare, the administration and staff began a full remote schedule for the remainder of the 2020 school year. The students thrived even in a challenging setting thanks to the flawless transition. SJS students were welcomed back in the fall of 2020 for a full-time, in person schedule and are now rounding out the first 100 days!

As with many schools, the cost of education is ever growing – from the expected (technology, building maintenance) to the unexpected (COVID safety supplies). The cost of tuition only covers part of these expenses. St John School relies on fundraising, grants, and generous donations from our parish, school, and town communities.

As an alumnus of the school, I ask you to consider a donation to help support the many amazing programs SJS provides to their students. Your donation will help fund books, computers and other technology, enrichment programs, and scholarship awards. It will expand stewardship opportunities and grow their outdoor classroom. Perhaps most importantly during this time, your donation will help provide the cleaning supplies and other tools needed to keep the students and staff safe from COVID.

No amount is too small, and every donation is greatly appreciated. St. John School looks forward to fully opening their doors for tours and open houses, where you can see firsthand the wonderful things your donation supports.

Sincerely,

Karen Prevalla
Parent of Vesa (class of 17), Lila (class of 21), and Reia (class of 23)
Marketing Chair – St John School Board

If you would like to donate online, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/8jk434je>