



Annual Report 2022-2023

A Year's Overview

WHERE WE ARE NOW

**Dear Partner of Holy Name of Mary College School,**

With a heart full of gratitude and excitement for the future, I'm eager to present to you this year's Annual Report. As we continue our journey at Holy Name of Mary College School (HNMCS), I want to share with you our unwavering commitment to the vision set forth by the Felician Sisters and an overview of our recent achievements and future aspirations.

Upholding Our Foundational Vision

From its inception, HNMCS was envisioned by the Felician Sisters as a nurturing ground for empowering girls, an ideal we uphold today. As we steward the mission of the Felician Sisters, we recognize the changing dynamics of the world and the need to prepare our students to be ready. To do so, HNMCS aspires to instill in its students the charisma of the Felician Sisters: To imitate foundress, Blessed Mary Angela's, boundless love of God, surrender to God's will in compassionate service, and live in total availability and concern for the salvation of all people.

Our focus extends beyond academic excellence, aiming to instill values of compassion, leadership, and resilience, ensuring our students are equipped to thrive in an ever-evolving global society. Even in the face of the pandemic restrictions, the School continued to provide service opportunities to the girls in ways such as donating and preparing bagged lunches, as well as donated and assembling hygiene kits for those experiencing homelessness at the St. Felix Centre.

Strategic Plan Progress: Route 2026

Our journey towards realizing the goals set out in the strategic plan, Route 2026, is in full swing. Key highlights include the implementation of "Innovation" initiatives, such as the introduction of interactive TVs to enhance the learning experience through technology. Equally important is our "Connected Community" goal, emphasizing the value of in-person relationship building. These strides are crucial in shaping an environment that fosters creativity, collaboration, and personal growth among our students. We are excited to bring back

opportunities for HNMCS community members to gather in person to foster and strengthen relationships.

Financial Stewardship

I am pleased to report that HNMCS continues to stand on a solid financial foundation. The completion of our annual financial audit, conducted by Williams & Partners, has once again affirmed the health of our finances and serves as a testament to our commitment to best practices in financial management. This achievement reflects our dedication to transparency and accountability, ensuring that every contribution towards our school is utilized effectively for the betterment of our students' education.

As we navigate these exciting developments, your support and belief in our mission remain integral to our success. The journey ahead is filled with opportunities and challenges, and with your continued partnership, HNMCS will steadfastly advance towards a future where every girl is empowered to reach her fullest potential.

Thank you for being a part of our story. Together, we are making a difference in the lives of young women, guiding them to become leaders of tomorrow.

With warm regards,

Colleen Fulkerson
Board Chair



A Message from the

HEAD OF SCHOOL

It is with heartfelt gratitude that we present this annual impact report to the Holy Name of Mary College School community. Since their founding, the Felician Sisters have had the goal of seeking out the community's need and then a dedication to serving that need. HNMCS was born out of this vision. A school dedicated to serving girls and God through a Catholic education.

Today's world calls forth in us a need to support and nurture the uniqueness and gifts of every girl. Education is a reflection of God's love; a love for children that puts students at the centre of a school. Being a small school means that at HNMCS all the touch points in a student's life invest time in getting to know her and her uniqueness. At HNMCS, we offer a breadth and depth of programming and learning strategies so that regardless of a girl's interests, they are supported in an emotionally nurturing environment where they can explore their passions and find a path that provides them with opportunities to grow and flourish so that they can achieve their potential and become the best version of themselves.

All that encompasses a great school is the concept of relationships. A hallmark of any great school is when all of the constituents work together to strengthen the school community. Critical to that goal is growing a community of strong relationships. This is why as part of our strategic plan, Route 2026, the School has been prioritising ways to enhance in-person events in order to build, rebuild, and strengthen relationships.

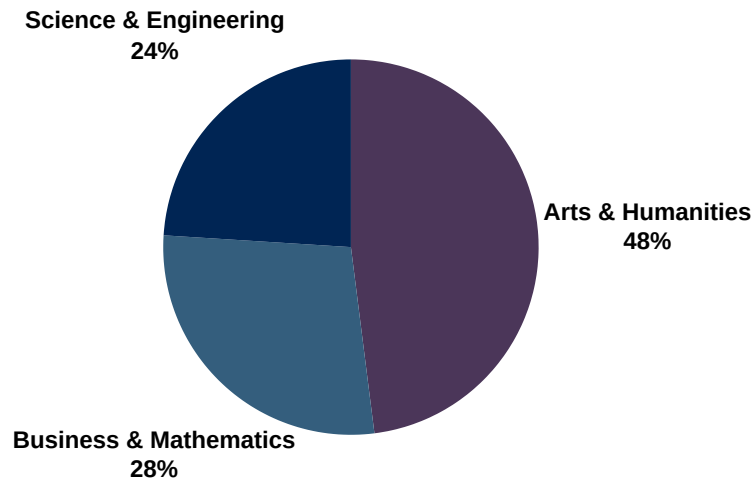


In the tradition of the Felician Sisters, continued through to today, the School remains focused on the future-ready needs of today's girls. It is with Christ-filled hearts that HNMCS celebrates the achievements of the girls and our entire community. Thank you for your continued support, and especially for entrusting us with your daughters.

Yours in Grace,

Carrie Hughes-Grant
Head of School

CLASS OF 2023



- Brock University
- Dalhousie University
- McGill University
- McMaster University
- Queen's University
- Rhode Island School of Design
- Toronto Metropolitan University
- University College Dublin
- University of Guelph
- University of Toronto
- University of Waterloo
- Western University
- Wilfrid Laurier University

An interview with an Alumna

VICTORIA MEOLA '18

What was your overall experience at the school?

I had an amazing experience at HNMCS! The close-knit community of all-girl students gave me the confidence to participate in clubs and activities that I otherwise may not have, such as the Robotics team. Similarly, the small class sizes allowed me to ask questions without fear of judgement. Academically, the teachers were very approachable and truly wished success for their students. It is because of HNMCS that I chose chemical engineering. Dr. Kozma's encouragement throughout her physics courses and her dedication to her students in the Robotics team are what inspired me to pursue an engineering degree. Moreover, it was in Ms. Nicoletti's chemistry labs that I knew I wanted to pursue research in chemistry.



How did the school prepare you for success at university and beyond?

Being in an all-girls school, I was free to ask my teachers endless questions without judgement from my peers. Together with knowledgeable teachers, and well-equipped science labs, I was able to obtain the solid foundation necessary for success in a competitive undergraduate engineering programme and rigorous PhD programme.

What you were involved in during your time here?

Being a part of the Robotics team at HNMCS solidified my decision to pursue STEM. From learning coding skills as a newcomer to leading workshops as a senior team member, I loved it all!

How did the school help in your overall development (character/faith)?

Leading by example, the teachers and administration at HNMCS exemplified how to be a young Catholic woman in a modern world. Engaging in service projects and becoming involved with social justice issues allowed me to deepen my faith. The positive experience of being surrounded by a Catholic community at HNMCS is the reason why I continue to be active in the Catholic community today.

Where are you now?

Following in the footsteps of my dedicated and inspirational teachers to become a lifelong learner, I am now pursuing a PhD in Chemical Engineering at Yale University.



ATINA GORGIEV P'23

A Parent Testimonial

My name is Atina Gorgiev and my daughter Sophia graduated in June 2023. She started at HNMCS in grade 7 and had a wonderful experience; the best 6 years! The opportunities she encountered during her high school played a crucial role in shaping and preparing her for the future.

Everyday she came home from school having something to share. She was always eager to learn something new, and took advantage of the leadership roles.

Whenever possible, Sophia got involved in all the extracurricular activities, sports, clubs, student government, volunteer work and the unforgettable trips. All of these combined helped her develop leadership skills, teamwork and a sense of community engagement.

Sophia would not be where she is today without the teachers who were very supportive and caring. They had a profound impact on her learning. The older girls at the school were also like mentors to her, role models who help shape her values, beliefs and aspirations. She gained independence, growth and development. She became a very motivated individual!

Sophia is currently enrolled at University College Dublin, Ireland, having obtained direct entry to medical school. At first she was scared about blending and fitting in with "all the smartest kids from Ireland", but quite early on in the programme she realized that she was very well prepared.

What Sophia enjoyed the most about the school was the sisterhood. Every girl from grade 5-12 knew each other and helped each other. Friendships were built, and identities were shaped. From walking in the hallway, sleepover parties, school trips, and hockey trips.

If I had to start over again and pick a school for my daughter, without a doubt it would be Holy Name of Mary College School.



OUR PARTNERS IN MISSION

(Listed by Family Name)

Anonymous ****

Ayoub

Berton

Bond

Bynoe

D'Aprile

Dale

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Felician Services Inc.

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Montemurro

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Opaszky

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Ponesse

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RPBratty Family Foundation

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Father Daughter Dinner

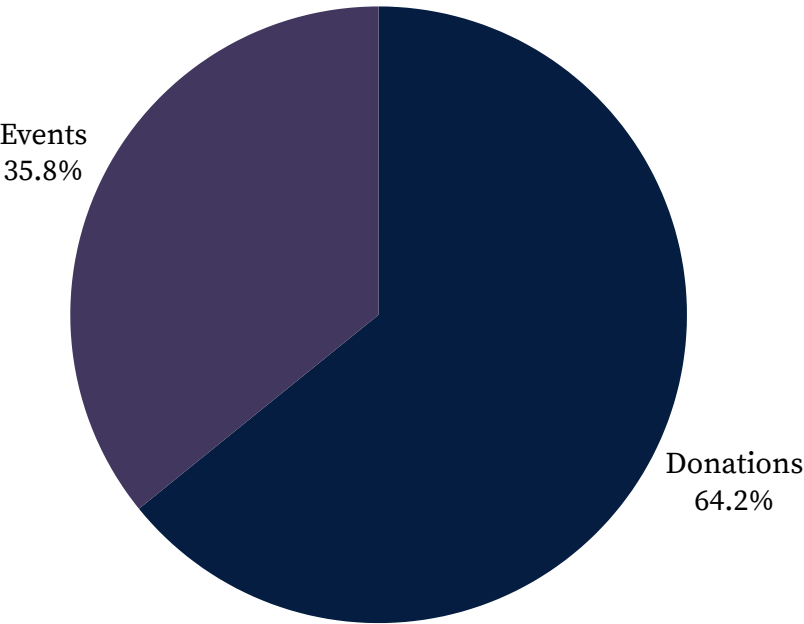
The 8th Annual Father Daughter Dinner & Dance was held on Saturday, April 22nd at the School. The event was very well attended, and included our students along with fathers, grandfathers and even uncles, who came together for a special evening filled with great food, music and amazing auction items! This incredibly successful event raised over \$37,000, with all funds raised going directly towards the purchase of 75" Interactive TV's, LED spot lights for the Arts programme, as well as a recording & streaming system to enable the broadcast of HNMCS events. These items have greatly helped enhance the learning experience for our students, and without the help and generous support from our families, these new additions would not have been possible. Thank you to all the families who helped make the Father Daughter event possible and the tremendous success that it was.

Mother Daughter Brunch

This year's Mother Daughter event was held on Sunday, June 4th at Château Le Jardin in Vaughan. Over 130 mothers, daughters, aunts and grandmothers attended the special brunch where they enjoyed a wonderful meal, played fun table games and competed for top-notch raffle prizes! Thanks to the hard work of our Parent Association, the event raised over \$18,000 with all proceeds going towards replenishing and refreshing Blue Boutique.



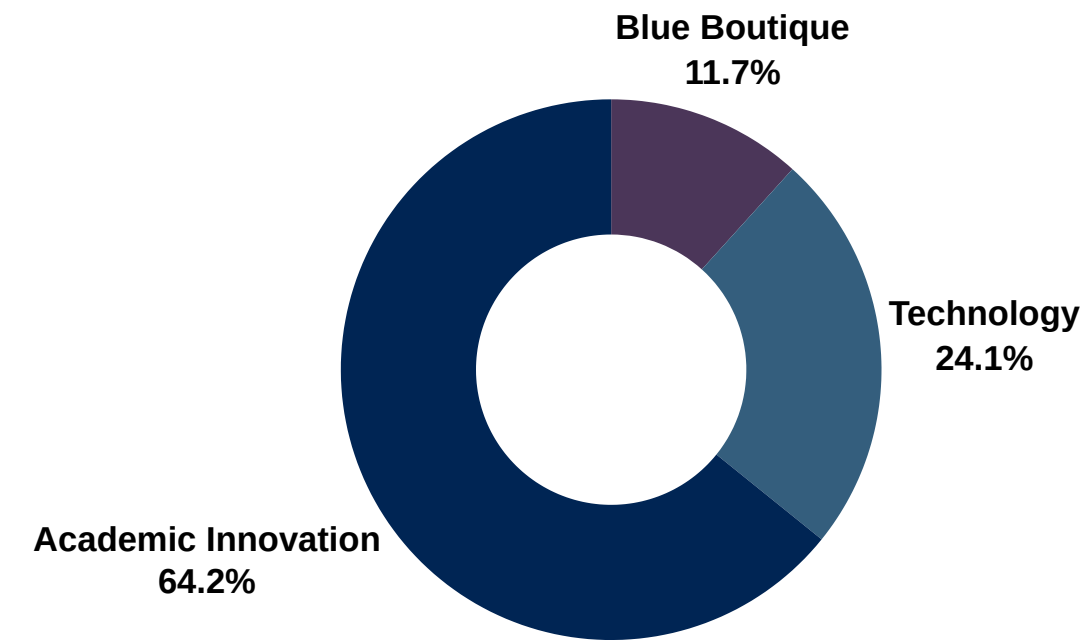
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TOTAL OVER
\$153,500
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PRIORITY FUNDED AREAS





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