



THE LAWLIS FAMILY (Front L to R) John & Carol (Back L to R) Kirby '15, Mason '21, Delaney '18, Gabe Hall, Shea (Lawlis) Hall '15, Tess '23, Molly '21, Thomas, & Jack '15



Dear Friends,

What an honor it is to be the Pacelli Annual Fund Chairs! I remember the day we became associated with Pacelli Catholic Schools twenty years ago. Carol and I stopped in the office, which was at the time located in the old convent at St. Stephen Parish, and we met with Gregg Hansel to see if Pacelli would be a good fit for our triplets to attend first grade. We were very impressed with the staff and teachers and we immediately made our decision that night. Since then our eight children have logged a cumulative 87 years at Pacelli! As they say, all good things must come to an end and our last child will graduate from Pacelli this spring.

We have always been strong advocates of the Catholic school system as Carol and I both attended Catholic grade school, high school, and college. I often tell people the best aspect of Pacelli is FAMILY. Everyone knows your name, your parents, and most likely your grandparents. We are very appreciative to know our children will have a unique bond not only with each other, but classmates, teammates, coaches, teachers, and staff.

Our children have had many excellent teachers throughout the years and, of course, all have their favorites. Someone asked me what my favorite Pacelli experience was, besides winning the Panacea truck (thanks Len Dudas Motors). It was definitely when I walked into Mrs. Molski's classroom in 2003 and I felt I was transported into a jungle. There were trees, vines, and animals all made from paper by the students. I was amazed and I could have sat there for hours looking around. What child wouldn't want to learn in an environment like that?

We have been truly blessed to become part of the Pacelli family and we believe that the education that our children received has set them up for college and beyond. The faith and values that Pacelli provides are also very important during a child's formative years. All that would be nothing if we didn't carry out those actions in our daily lives. I have repeatedly told our boys that the reason God gave them their size and strength was to stand up for those who can't; they have been there for those in need. Our daughters were blessed with compassion and a desire to help others; these gifts are displayed in their career paths as teachers and caregivers.

Please consider making a contribution to Pacelli with your time, treasure, or talents. The greatest gift is knowing your support is fostering an environment that strives to inspire the individual best from each of its students and is building a strong foundation for the leaders of tomorrow.

Sincerely,

*John Lawlis* *Carol Lawlis*

**John & Carol Lawlis, 2022-2023 Pacelli Annual Fund Co-Chairs**

Parents of Shea '15, Kirby '15, Jack '15, Delaney '18, Mason '21, Molly '21, Tess '23, & Thomas

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## HOW YOUR SUPPORT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

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At Pacelli Catholic Schools, our faith is not something that we do - it is who we are! While academic excellence is one of our hallmarks, living our faith is our cornerstone. You can witness this walking through our hallways - students and staff truly care about each other, they respect each other, and are always ready to volunteer when needed. Character development, self-discipline, and ethical values are tools we give our children that will serve them well for the rest of their lives. Your investment in Pacelli Catholic Schools is an investment in our children's future - thank you for stepping up to the plate!

## 2022-2023 FACTS



Your support of Pacelli Catholic Schools annual appeal is vital to us in helping cover our school system's daily operational needs; our annual goal for this year is \$160,000. In addition to our budgeted need, we hope to also be able to raise additional funds to meet those expenditures beyond our operating budget that will allow us to grow and to better serve the greater Stevens Point community!

- 95 new students from 86 new families
- Approximate cost to educate each student is \$12,000
- Tuition ranges from \$2,686 to \$6,147 per student
- Parish support accounts for approximately 19.4% of the PCS budget
- 19% of the PCS budget comes from fundraising, special events, Scrip, and returns from our endowment fund
- 80% of our budget goes to staff salaries and benefits



## SCHOOL SAFETY

While our school has always been an extremely safe environment for our kids to come to every day, school safety is something that continues to be at the front of everyone's minds. While we have invested thousands of dollars in the last several years in safety improvements, we know there is additional work that needs to be done including increased security cameras, updating building access, adding security film to our windows, etc. Not only do we look at school safety from a physical environment point of view, but we set expectations for our students to respect each other, we take a disciplined approach to behavior, and we instill the values of family in everything we do. Current safety proposals are projected to be more than \$300,000.



## NEW 4K OFFERING

New in 2023-2024 PCS will be establishing its own full-day, faith-based 4k program at Pacelli Catholic Elementary School - St Stephen. In preparing for this expansion we will be remodeling a room on the lower level of the school and adding a bathroom. Overall, this new program will require an investment of nearly \$200,000 in additional funds.

