

JULY 2023-JUNE 2024

THE **girls'**
SCHOOL
OF AUSTIN

GRATITUDE REPORT

A GIRLS
SCHOOL
PLACE
ANYWHERE
SHE WANTS
TO GO

girls'
SCHOOL

OUR MISSION

The Girls' School of Austin provides an academically challenging education for girls in a community that fosters creative learning and personal excellence. Our mission is to develop confident young women who lead intellectually vibrant and fulfilling lives.

OUR COMMUNITY

- Is respectful, inclusive, and supportive.
- Celebrates the efforts and achievements of hardworking students.
- Thrives under the guidance of dedicated, inspiring teachers.

WE BELIEVE

- Curiosity, creativity, diversity, and a willingness to take risks advance intellectual growth.
- A well-rounded education provides the foundation for scholarly and personal pursuits.
- Service to others and self-awareness are essential to the learning experience.



LETTER FROM OUR HEAD OF SCHOOL

Dear GSA Families, Faculty, Staff, Students, and Fans:

In a community where 100% of parents contribute to the Firebird Fund year after year, I am struck with a profound sense of gratitude for the commitment, engagement, and support that characterize the GSA community. Our mission is an ambitious one; developing confident young women who lead intellectually vibrant and fulfilling lives is no easy undertaking. Achieving that mission requires the collective efforts of so many, and I want to express my heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to the achievement of the GSA mission in all the ways reflected in the following pages and beyond.

I am grateful for our exceptional and dedicated faculty and staff. Thank you for your creativity, compassion, and deep dedication to the academic and developmental learning and growth of our girls. In your classes, the mission lives and breathes. It is not merely aspirational; you make it reality every day.

For our students, I am deeply grateful for your energy, curiosity, creativity, and courage. You come to school ready to try new things, build relationships with your teachers and each other, and learn and grow. You are the reason we all do what we do.

Parents, grandparents, and community members, I am grateful for your trust, partnership, and support over the course of the past year. Your commitment makes it possible for us to continue building a vibrant, inclusive, and academically rigorous environment for our girls.

As we embark on the year ahead, a shared spirit of gratitude reminds us that none of our successes happen in isolation but rather through our shared efforts and generosity. It makes me excited to look ahead to the year in front of us and the years to come. Thank you for all your support.

With deep appreciation,

REBECCA E. YACONO

HEAD OF SCHOOL



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

It is with gratitude that I thank you for your contributions to the Girls' School of Austin. The annual report confirms my suspicion that we remain the dedicated, generous, vibrant community that was established over 20 years ago. In ways counted and not, every effort results in building a stronger, better school for the future.

In addition to all the contributions highlighted in these pages, I'd like to express my gratitude for:

A school for girls. Thank you for recognizing and supporting the need for a place in the world where girls can learn, grow, and celebrate one another.

A culture of benevolence. I see it in every constituent at our school - from staff, to students, to faculty, to caregivers and families - the desire to do good and lift each other up is the undercurrent of our community.

An inspired curriculum. The professionals at the Girls' School of Austin take the job of educating our girls seriously. From sister groups to science fairs to self-portraits, the school's progressive pedagogy provides an education that allows our girls to thrive.

Thank you, everyone, for the big and little things you do.

With gratitude,

RACHEL NGYUEN
BOARD CHAIR



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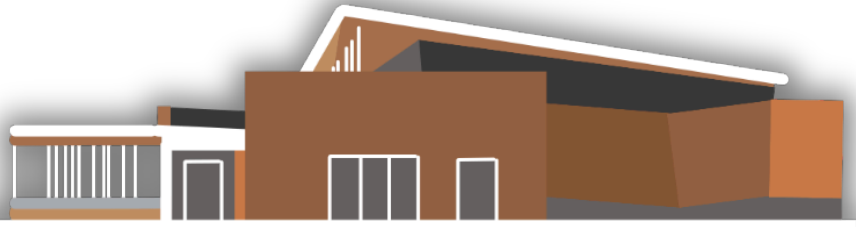
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SCHOOL PROFILE



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YEARS

MIDDLE SCHOOL
56

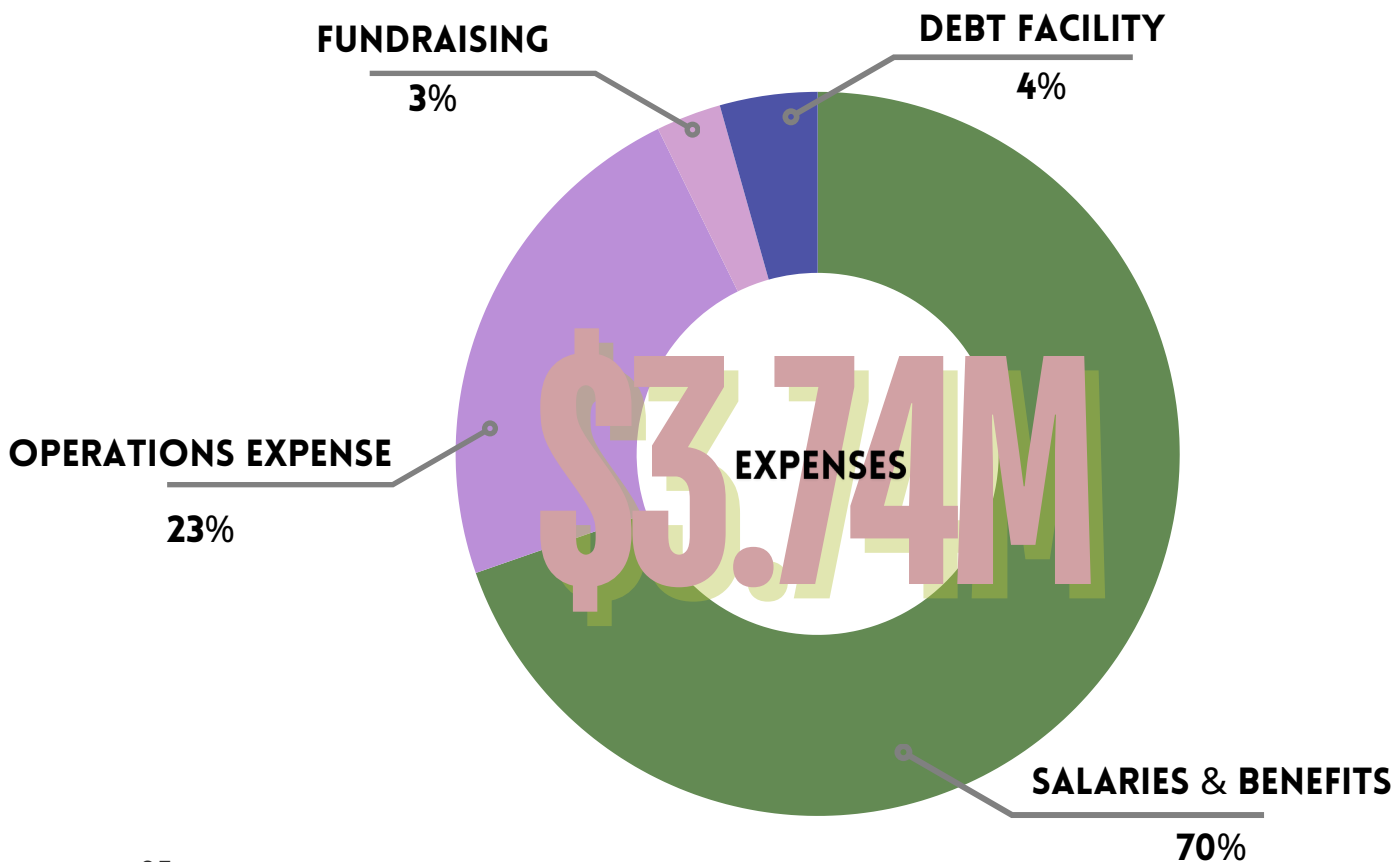
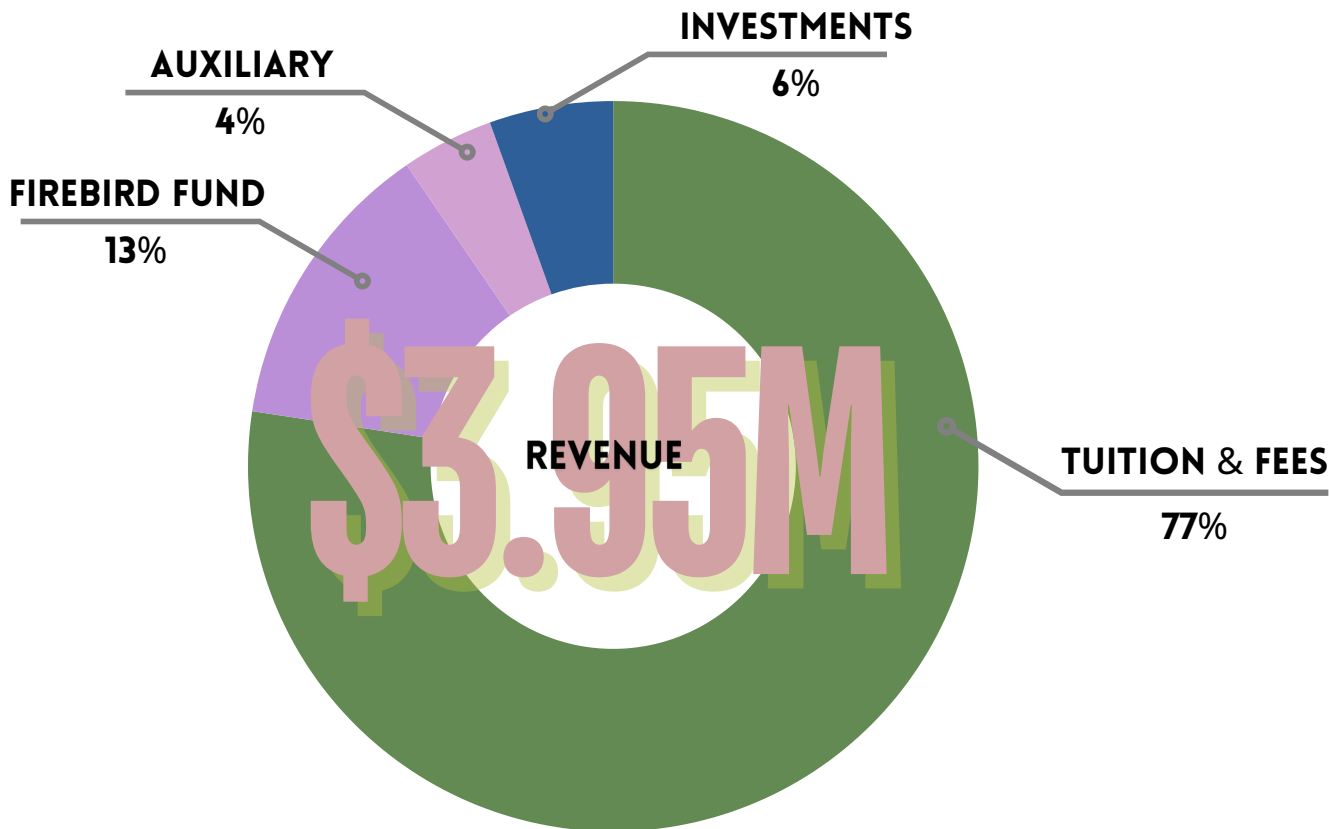


LOWER SCHOOL
87

31
FACULTY & STAFF



2023-24 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW



FUNDRAISING OVERVIEW

FIREBIRD FUND

100%
PARENT & BOARD
PARTICIPATION

\$936
AVERAGE GIFT SIZE



TOTAL RAISED: \$516,000

SPRING GALA

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SPRING GALA

THANK YOU!

— TOGETHER, WE RAISED —

\$320,000

FOR THE GIRLS' SCHOOL OF AUSTIN.



THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

The Girls' School of Austin is incredibly grateful for our dedicated community of volunteers. We couldn't do what we do without your invaluable support and commitment. Your time, energy, and passion make our many community building events possible, creating enriching experiences that deeply impact our families and students. It is with heartfelt gratitude that we recognize your contributions. Thank you for being an essential part of our school!

Alexa Corbett
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THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

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Crystal Farmer
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2023-2024 EVENTS



2023-2024 EVENTS



2023-2024 DONORS

The Girls' School of Austin is incredibly grateful for the community of donors who choose to give each year. The list that follows is a testament to the invaluable contributions made by individuals and organizations committed to our mission. Your unwavering support and recurring investment have a profound impact on our students, enriching their educational experiences and helping them reach their full potential. It is with deep gratitude that we recognize these enduring relationships, as they play an essential role in shaping the future for our students today and tomorrow. Thank you for being a vital part of their journey!

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CLASS OF 2024

CLASS OF 2024 AWARDS

Scholastic Regional Art Awards:

5 Gold Keys, 7 Silver Keys, 9 Honorable Mentions

Scholastic Regional Writing Awards:

6 Gold Key, 4 Silver Keys, 7 Honorable Mentions

Scholastic National Art Awards:

1 Silver Medal

Scholastic National Writing Awards:

2 Silver Medals

All-Region Middle School Orchestra:

5 Musicians Selected

National Math Olympiad:

1 Participant in the top 20% Nationwide

National Spanish Exam:

2 Gold, 2 Silver, 3 Bronze,
2 Honorable Mentions

MATRICULATION

Liberal Arts and Science Academy (LASA)

McCallum Fine Arts Academy

St. Stephen's Episcopal School

Westlake High School

CONGRATULATIONS!

Jojo Herman
Tiernan O'Keefe
Shiloh Hendrickse

Zora Creed
Sophia Tames
Luella Fincher-McConnell

Layne Long
Wynne-Elise Pirkey
Coco Kim



THE GSA GRADUATE

LEARNS

- Messy and curious learner
- Brave risk-taker

SPEAKS

- Elevates diverse voices
- Advocates for self and others

ACTS

- Creative problem solver
- Leads for change with empathy

SEES

- Explores diverse lenses
- Confident in their identity

CARES

- Cultivates inclusive community
- Embraces a global view



THANK YOU!



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