

St. James Episcopal School

Annual Report 2020-2021

2020 was a year of new challenges. On March 17th we closed our doors due to the COVID-19 pandemic surge and moved to virtual learning. We met the new challenges head on and we successfully ended the school year.

Over the course of the summer, we regrouped. The school board organized a task force, along with church and school staff we worked tirelessly to successfully launch a four-week summer camp and returned to on-campus school in August to start the 2020-2021 school year.

We added two new classrooms on the second floor of Wilson Hall to accommodate our new first grade and pre – K3 class.

We continue to offer enrichment classes weekly in Spanish, yoga, music, weekly story time and Godly Play. This year we added environmental science to our enrichment offerings to all students and physical education for our kindergarten and first grade classes. Students at St. James are guided on a spiritual journey, nurtured by clergy and staff dedicated to the growth of our students. Our staff consist of 14 highly qualified and dedicated teachers and assistants who share an enthusiastic commitment to our students.

As we look to the future, we want to continue to build on our strong foundation with more exciting initiatives. We will be offering a second grade for the 2021– 2022 school year.

We are currently in the process of creating a strategic plan for the future growth of St. James Episcopal School.

Many thanks to the St. James community for helping us provide a quality and unique education experience to our students in an inclusive Christian community. The continued support of the school by the Rector, Vestry, School Board, Staff, parents and parishioners is an example of the care we share as we carry out our mission to “Introduce children to Christ in a nurturing environment by providing exemplary preparation for future learning.”

I am excited for the year ahead.

Respectively submitted,

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