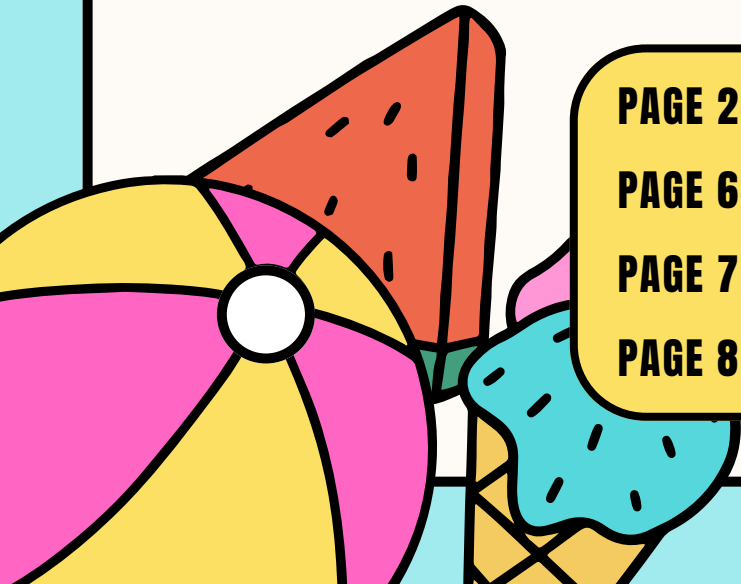
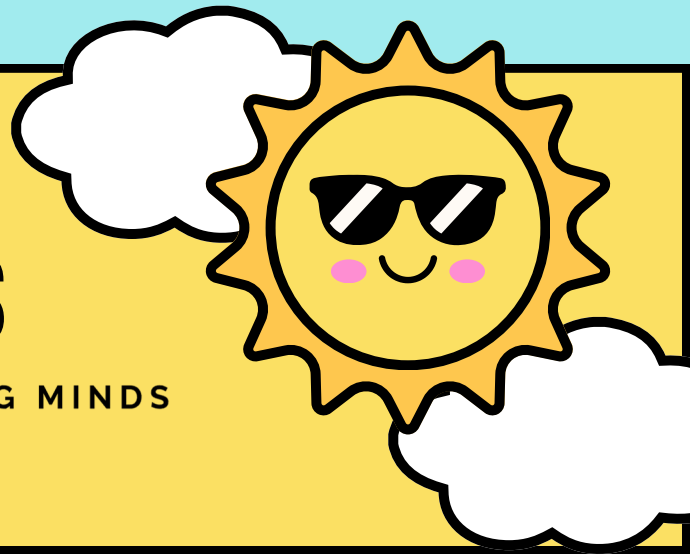




Catholic Tutor Corps

HELPING HEARTS, HELPING MINDS
SUMMER NEWSLETTER



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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

by: Richard MaGuire
President of Catholic Tutor Corps

Another school year has come to a close. It was a year unlike any of the past 25 years that the CTC has been providing tutors to schools. It was a year of tragedy, challenges, and great hopefulness as we witnessed the good that is brought out in so many people when the need is the greatest. The tragedy at Annunciation in August stretched the staff, students, parish, first responders, and many others who were connected to, and touched by, the event. People all over the community rose up to console, heal, and keep Annunciation moving forward.



As winter set in and ICE descended on the Twin Cities, the impacts were felt very directly in a number of the schools served by the CTC. The systemic callousness and hatred unleashed on the city could not break people's spirit. Many tutors stepped forward to assist their school communities in ways beyond just teaching the students. Tutors delivered food to schools and families, stood watch outside of schools, and at times helped get students to and from a school.

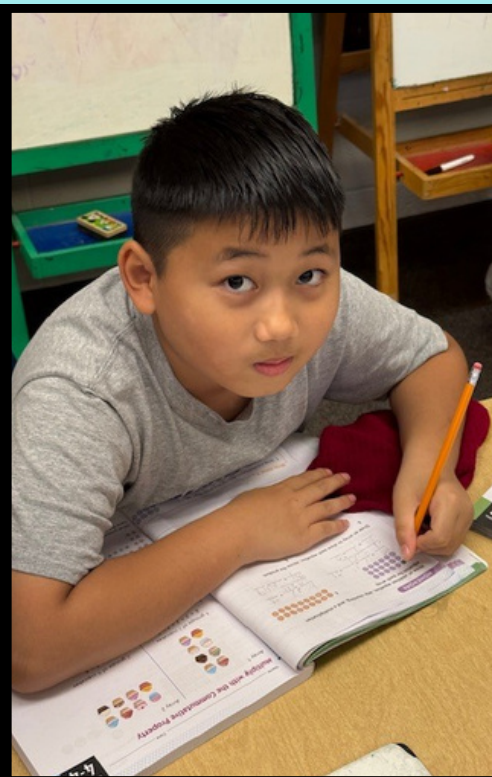
So, was it a successful year? Yes. Sixty tutors worked in classrooms in a dozen schools. Well over 250 students received individualized help that only a tutor can provide. Countless lights were turned on in scholars' heads, sounds of letters learned, vocabulary built, equations figured out... yes, it was a successful year. Thanks to everyone who supported this effort in the many ways you did.

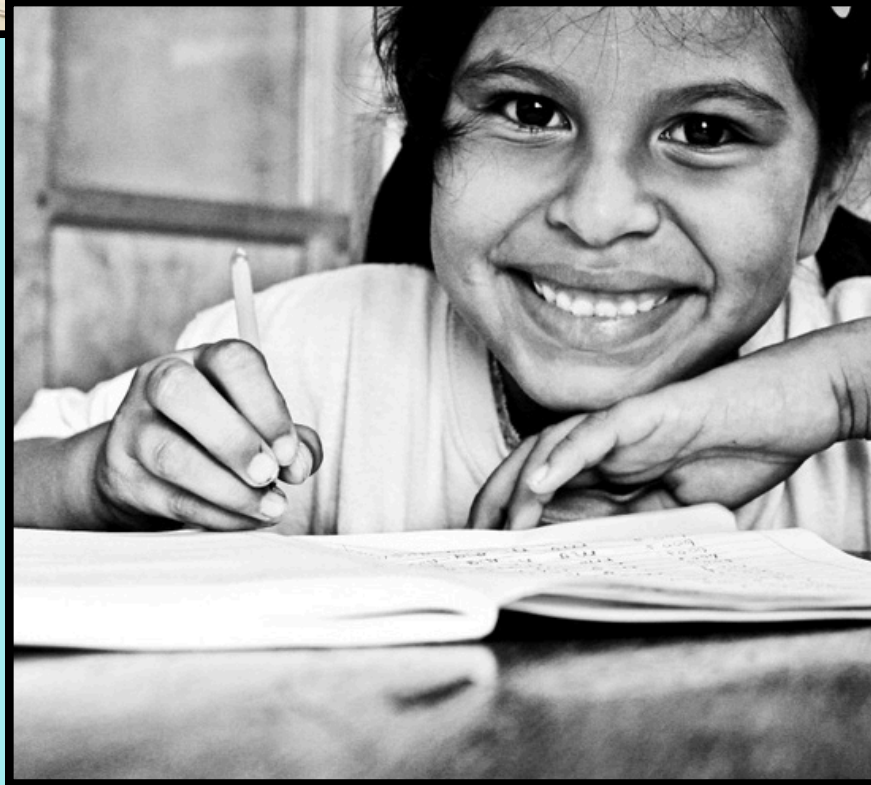
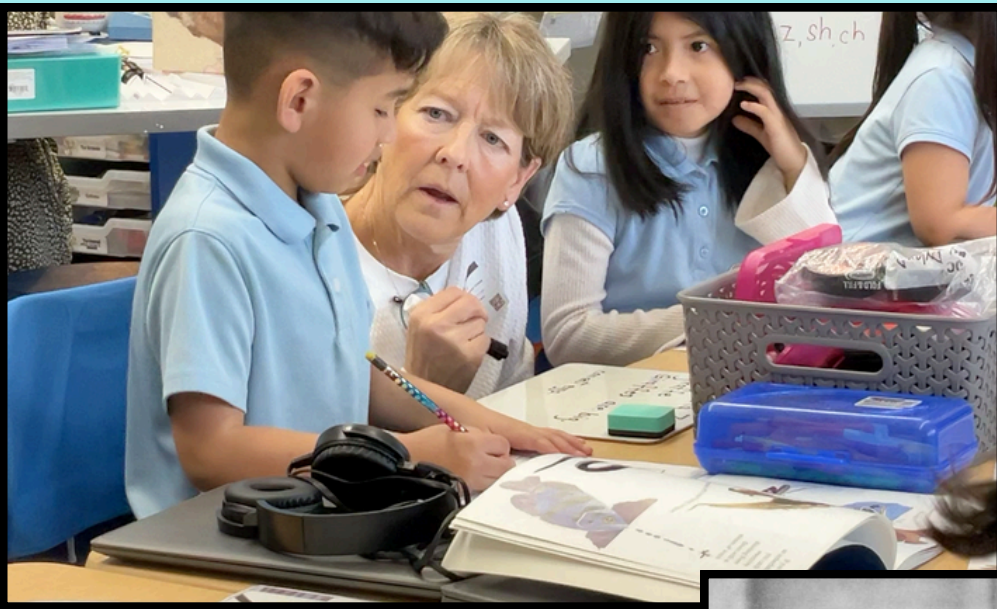
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As I said, the CTC has been quietly going about its mission for 25 years. Over that time, we have been helped along by hundreds of tutors as we served several thousand students. The full impact of this work will only be seen over the years as so many of these young students achieve a little, or a lot, more than they otherwise would have. But we can do more. And we will. We have embarked on an effort to add a part-time, paid staff person to our roster. We have seen what can be accomplished with volunteers up and down the organization. With someone solely focused on recruiting more tutors and improving outreach to more schools, we can give even more young people the hand-up they deserve. The message in all of this is...we need more tutors in the fall. If you are a tutor, please come back next year. If you have supported our work some o way, send some more tutors our direction.

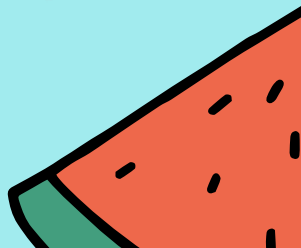
And very importantly, thank you and have a wonderful summer.

Dick McGuire





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LETTER OF REFLECTION

by: Quentin Moore

Vice President of Advancement- Ascension CATHOLIC Academy

Reflecting on my own school experience, one of the most meaningful ways I grew academically and socially emotionally was through the tutoring and mentoring I received at Ascension Catholic School. That support was vital then, and more than 25 years later, tutoring remains one of the most effective ways to accelerate academic growth for scholars and young people. But its impact reaches even further than academics.

Young people thrive in communities that truly care for and nurture them. Tutors are an essential part of a school's ecosystem, helping to uphold the values of care, respect, and high expectations. They provide consistent encouragement, individualized attention, and a steady presence that helps scholars feel seen, supported, and capable. In doing so, tutors also strengthen the work of our teachers by reinforcing classroom learning, helping meet individual scholar needs, and allowing educators to focus more deeply on instruction, relationship-building, and overall classroom growth.

The mission of Catholic Tutor Corps is one that has stretched across many years in partnership with our Ascension Catholic Academy schools, and it continues to empower excellence for our scholars. We are deeply grateful for every tutor who comes alongside our mission to support scholars, encourage teachers, and help form scholars for a future filled with hope, success, and resilience. Thank you.

Quentin Moore - Vice President of Advancement - Ascension Catholic Academy

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BEARING LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS


John Vogl, tutor
St. Joan of Arc parishioner

This past school year I had the privilege of tutoring at two school communities that were unexpectedly thrust into heartbreak and fear. The horror at Annunciation was of course a gut punch to the entire city, and my connection to the second graders from the previous school year made my own pain particularly acute. Tutoring had been such a joyous, fulfilling experience, and memories of that especially happy last day of school the previous May were still fresh in my mind. What lay ahead, obviously no one knew. Meanwhile, across town at Risen Christ, fear and uncertainty were swirling, threats from ICE were impacting enrollment and attendance, and the worst, Operation Metro Surge, was yet to come. Cruelty against innocent children, such madness.

What would my role be in all of this, stepping into this uncharted territory as a mere one day a week math tutor? Could I make any kind of difference in these young lives beyond helping them understand the workings of formulas and numbers? If so, what, and how? One of my daughters, a social worker wise beyond her years, assured me that not only indeed I could, but that perhaps this year, the actual tutoring might be secondary. What the kids perhaps needed most, she counseled, was joy, and hope. An adult presence whom they could trust and who could be attuned to their anxieties and fears, but who could encourage joy in the midst of it all, and help them see beyond that veil of fear. Looking back, I think that's what happened, and in turn, I found myself the grateful recipient of the kids' joy and hope. That's what fueled me, week after week, and that's why all of us adults must keep showing up for the kids, to give and receive hope, to be a light, to encourage and protect. And in my case, if they happen to learn a bit of math in the process, all the better!

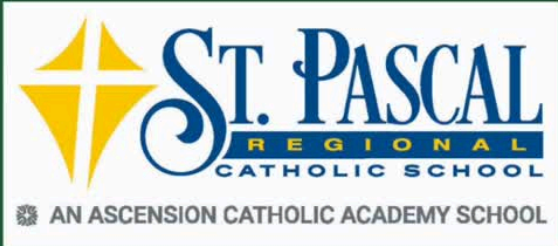
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A central graphic of a chalkboard with a brown frame. The top section is white and contains the school's logo (a blue key with three circles) and the text "ST. JOHN PAUL II Catholic School" in blue. Below this, in a smaller font, is "AN ASCENSION CATHOLIC ACADEMY SCHOOL". The main green area of the chalkboard contains the text "THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS" in white, bold, uppercase letters. At the bottom of the chalkboard is a brown tray with a white piece of chalk and a yellow eraser. On either side of the chalkboard are stacks of colorful books (blue, pink, yellow) with a red apple on top of each stack.

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if you know someone who would like to join us on this mission, or know an organization that might partner with us, please contact me via phone, email or the website

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