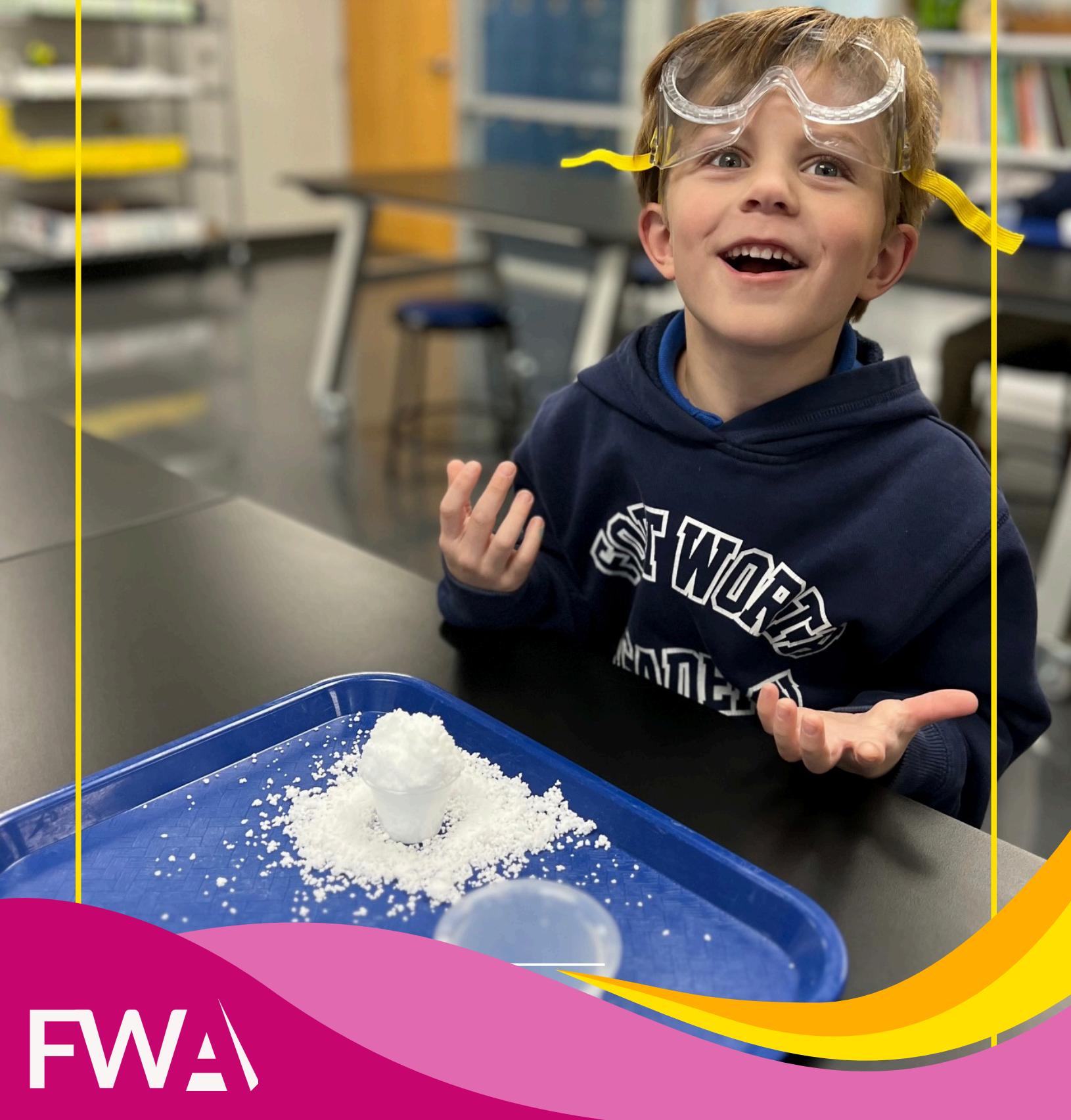


Fort Worth Academy

YEAR IN REVIEW 2022-2023



A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

SHANNON R. ELDERS



What an exciting time for Fort Worth Academy! The 2022-2023 school year was bursting with achievements, learning, and fun. This past year we renewed our focus on inclusivity by encouraging our community to "Be Here, Be You, Belong," and our students were the first to share how much they appreciated the welcoming and inclusive nature of FWA.

Further achievements from this past year include the addition of key positions, including our school nurse, counselor and librarian. Additionally, FWA and our Board of Trustees continued to prioritize the safety of our students, school and campus. In doing so, we improved the security of our campus perimeter and technology, along with the addition of our wonderful full time security guard, Officer Ladda.

We are encouraged by our community's feedback which is demonstrated through our strong retention of our students, achieving 100% 'Blazer Giving' participation, and the continued endorsement of FWA to other families. We are so thankful to the parents, grandparents, teachers and staff who support us in delivering on our statement, *the best education begins here!*

It is our incredible FWAmily that creates the spirit of innovation, excellence and collaboration. Thank you for generously supporting FWA and our mission!

Warmly,

Shannon



Who we are: **FWA MISSION**

Fort Worth Academy is a K to 8th grade school that empowers young people to think critically, lead with empathy, and collaborate effectively, to become the innovators and problem solvers of tomorrow.

Our students become self-aware, self-driven, courageous, confident, and creative Trailblazers.

AN ELITE PROGRAM

EST. 1982

PBL

Project based learning allows students to collaborate, learn to express and advocate for themselves, while listening to others and considering their ideas. There is no single "right" answer to any question. Students are more engaged, empowered, and allowed to "own" both the process and outcome of their learning.



E.L.I.

Fort Worth Academy empowers students by teaching the attributes of Entrepreneurship, Leadership, and Innovation. This initiative is fully integrated into the curriculum at all grade levels, and positions students as breakthrough thinkers and doers.



ELECTIVES

Fort Worth Academy students are given many opportunities to explore their interests. With electives such as Wild at FWA and Outdoor Survival, students with an eye towards the outdoors are able to learn more about those passions. Drama, Visual Arts, Rock Band and Fabrication allow students to explore their interests in the arts. Additional electives include Exploring Engineering and Future Teacher Training.



OUR NUMBERS

TELL A STORY

42 YEARS

100%
STUDENTS ATTEND
A HIGH SCHOOL
OF CHOICE

7:1 STUDENT TO
TEACHER RATIO

20
GATED
ACRES

88 COMPETITIVE
ATHLETIC
TEAMS

100%

STUDENTS MET WHERE
THEY ARE ACADEMICALLY

24

ELECTIVE AND
E.L.I. CLASS
CHOICES

EMPLOYEES WITH
FIVE OR MORE
YEARS OF SERVICE

31 LONGEST YEARS OF
TEACHER SERVICE

2ND LONGEST
YEARS OF
TEACHER SERVICE

28

27
ZERO
DOLLARS PAID
TO DEBT OR LOANS

HIGHLIGHTED ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Eighth grader Izzy Ritter was awarded **NASA's You've Got Perseverance Award** for her hard work, dedication, and determination.

Third Grade teacher, Mrs. Belyeu presented at the **Maryland State Conference on Gifted and Talented Education**. She hopes educators will walk away from her presentation, "Ready Player 1: Game Development in the Gifted Classroom," with greater confidence and innovative ideas to incorporate digital and physical game development into their gifted curriculum. Way to go, Mrs. Belyeu!



Our very own Ms. Kowalski is the recipient of this year's **Sister Cities Volunteer of the Year**. She is always intellectually curious, friendly, encouraging, and enthusiastic. This year, she assisted multiple sister cities with their exchanges. She is always willing with a "yes, what time do you need me?" to any requests Sister Cities has for her. Congratulations Ms. Kowalski, and thank you for all that you do!

Middle School Science Teacher, Mrs. Parker, was recognized as one of **Limitless Space Institute's Educators and as a Space Foundation Teacher Liaison**.



"being a 'top student' doesn't just mean 'the smartest' or 'the most popular.' A top student has the ability to act as a beautiful human being, bringing care and respect into a community without being concerned with what they'll get back." Eighth grader Will Conner was selected as part of the **2023 Class of Madeworthy's Top Students in Fort Worth!**

Every year, Madeworthy features either the best teachers or the best students in Fort Worth. Schools nominate their top students, and Madeworthy says

Will Conner

Fort Worth Academy

Will Conner is intellectually curious and makes strong connections not only across content areas but also to events happening around the world. Will is a world traveler, which has helped develop his broad worldview. He seeks to understand different perspectives and is very mature with differences of opinion. Will is not only a strong leader but also a great teammate. He is willing to give others the opportunity to lead while he supports their ideas. Outside of school, Will is an avid gamer with a large online following and enjoys spending time with his family and friends.

OPERATING BUDGET

May 2023 Financials

Fort Worth Academy's fiscal year is July 1 - June 30

Revenues

Tuition*	\$3,644,984	77%
Contributions / Fundraising	358,621	10%
Student and Other Fees	384,798	9%
Extracurricular Activities	104,506	3%
Other	49,194	1%
Total Revenue	4,796,040	

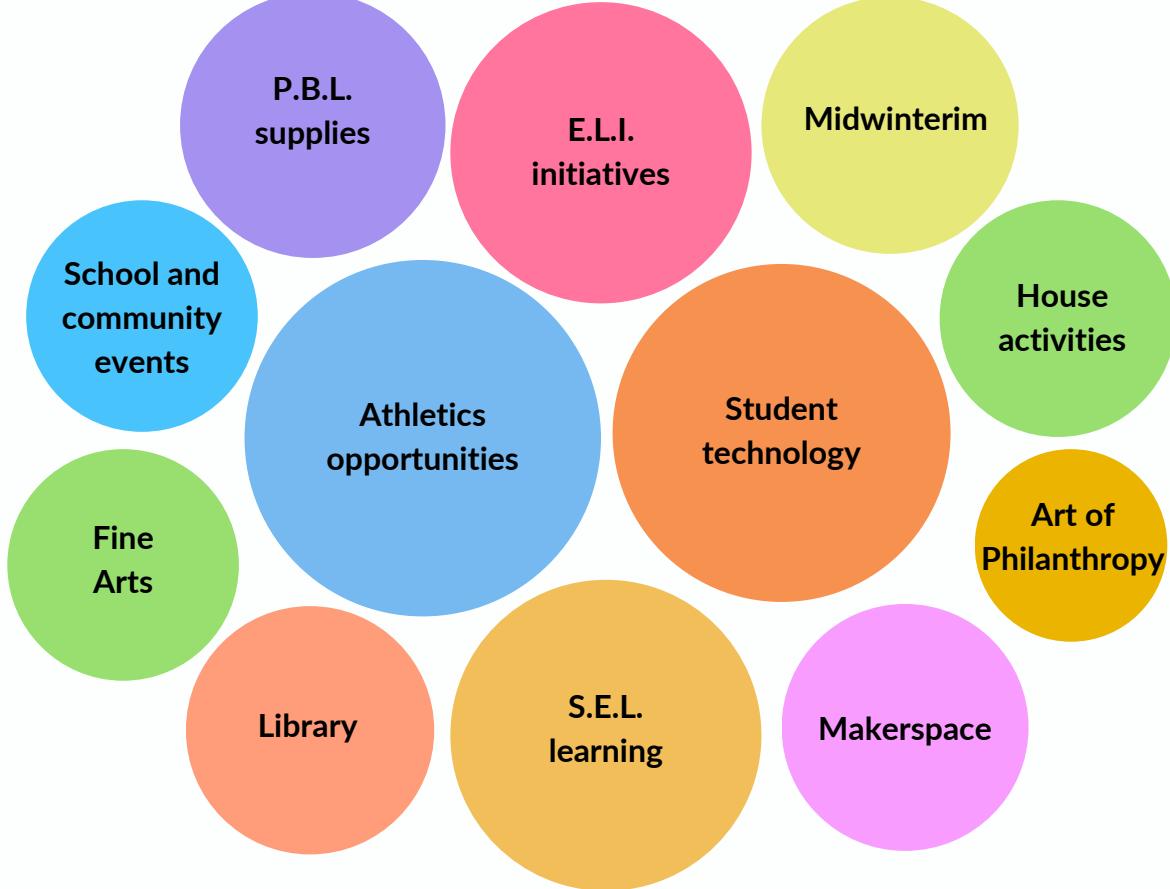
*net including financial aid

Expenses

Salaries and Benefits	\$3,450,684	75%
Instructional Equip. and	365,584	8%
Student Activities		
Facilities and Maintenance	433,370	9%
Advancement	118,543	3%
Other Expenses**	184,607	5%
Total Expenses	4,573,962	

** including Cafeteria, Yearbook, Parents' Club, Postage, etc.

Student centric **EXPENDITURES**



At Fort Worth Academy, we value giving students unique, meaningful experiences. Our commitment to small class sizes ensures each student has both personalized attention and a caring relationship with their teachers—the number one predictor for higher achievement. Fort Worth Academy teachers know how to challenge students while building their confidence to take risks and lean into ambiguity. They help students explore their interests in areas such as the arts, service learning, and athletics, while working to ensure their students experience the joy of learning, nourishing them to be more creative and curious than the day they enrolled.

100% ANNUAL FUND *participation*

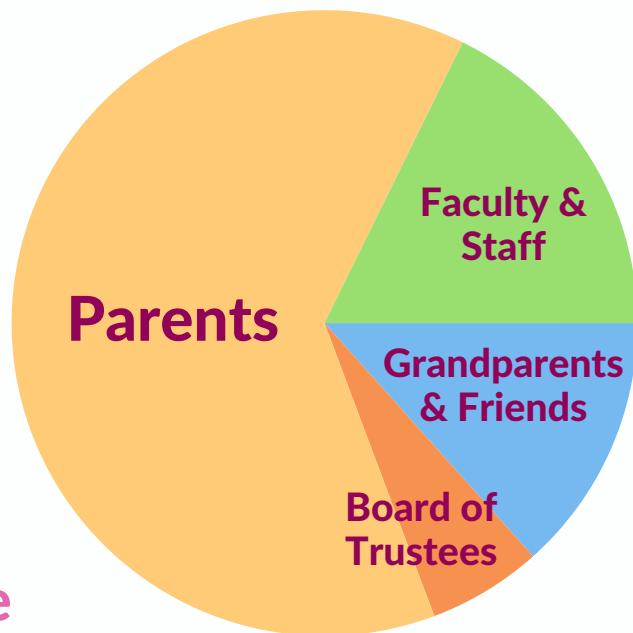
Thank you to the entire FWA community!

It is truly remarkable that Fort Worth Academy
reached 100% participation in 2022!

Your participation makes all the difference!

We are
all In!

239
'Blazer Giving
donations made



What is 'Blazer Giving?

'Blazer Giving is our annual giving program that directly impacts our greatest assets—our students and teachers. 'Blazer Giving supports the Fort Worth Academy operational budget for the current school year, and is a critical part of what helps to make the Fort Worth Academy experience exceptional.

CELEBRATING THE PARENT
PARTY OF THE YEAR!

EXTRAVAGANZA



Extravaganza is the parent party of the year! This fun night is coordinated by FWA's Parents' Club. The 2023 effort was lead by: Morgan Cooper, Jackie Karlsson, Jaime Loke and Sara Murphy.

This beloved event raised over \$145,000 in funds for FWA.

Thank you Parents' Club! Save the date for Extravaganza 2024: March 1

BECAUSE OF OUR DONORS

WE ARE ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH GREAT THINGS



Fort Worth Academy added four, full-time instructional staff members, including a Lower School Spanish teacher and two Kindergarten aides.



Smart Boards have been added to **all** ten Lower School classrooms. Additional Middle School elective offerings, including Podcast Explorers and Outdoor Survival.



Expanded professional development for all teachers, including in-depth exploration of learning and learning variations with the latest neuro-developmental research.



Continued efforts to keep our 20 gated acres beautiful and safe with a full-time security guard.

BECAUSE OF OUR DONORS

WE ARE ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH

The E.L.I.T.E. (Entrepreneurs, Leaders, and Innovators Talking about their Experiences) speaker series provides students the opportunity to hear from successful entrepreneurs, leaders, and innovators. The Board of Trustees has taken on expanding this initiative to bring even more expert voices to speak to FWA students.



The "Get Wild at FWA" elective class provides middle school students the opportunity to discover and understand the conservation needs of the natural environment on our campus. Students survey the landscape, learn what wildlife is present, build bee homes, monitor bluebird nest boxes, and build campfires. This class helps students develop a passion for nature conservation and also prepares students to turn their knowledge into community contributions.

At the beginning of the 2023-24 school year, FWA outfitted all Lower School classrooms with upgraded interactive whiteboards. Smart Board technology in the classroom enriches FWA instruction by taking a typical lesson and turning it into a fun, more interactive one.



A CULTURE OF PHILANTHROPY



Collaboration at Fort Worth Academy emphasizes inclusivity and empathy, which, in turn, naturally fosters philanthropy. **A spirit of empathy is exhibited by FWA students on a daily basis.** Many of our students bring to life their own individual altruistic callings, and those student driven endeavors are widely supported here at Fort Worth Academy. This benevolent spirit is expanded upon in 8th grade when all students participate in the Art of Philanthropy elective class. During this class, students research and select charities to support with a designated amount of donated funds. The Spring 2023 eighth grade Art of Philanthropy elective spent the semester researching charitable organizations. The class culminated with the decision to donate \$750 to Don't Forget to Feed Me, \$750 to Alliance for Children, and \$1,000 to Exodus Road.

WHY DO YOU GIVE?

WHAT INSPIRES OUR DONORS?

"I think the class size and the family feeling make FWA very unique. The extra attention shown to all the students due to the class sizes is really effective. I hope that the contributions going forward will continue to provide a more well rounded educational experience for all of the students. One of my favorite things is the role the middle school science educators play in making the FWA science experience friendly and inspiring."

- Steve Washuta

"As former Fort Worth Academy parents, we are still honored to share our abilities to donate/discount our services **to show our support and appreciation to the school and the faculty that not only enriched our son, but all the students. We will continue to support FWA in years to come, too. It is actually our honor to work with FWA and see all the positive attributes that they bring to the students and the community."**

- Todd & Michelle Stiles

"We believe in the mission of Fort Worth Academy and have experienced how this school lives by its principles... We give because we believe that this school is an educational pillar in Fort Worth. No other school in the area provides the environment that FWA does, and it deserves our support. We want FWA to continue to thrive and grow so that our grandkids can be students here."

- Farhan and Semi Ali

"The Fort Worth Academy community has given our children so much; **we give in gratitude to their mission of acceptance, belonging, and inspiration."**

- Matt and Yvette Dzurik

'BLAZER GIVING 2022-2023

THANK YOU

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GIVING TIME!

Your gift toward 'Blazer Giving is an opportunity to express your gratitude for Fort Worth Academy while supporting essential needs for this school year! Let's be ALL IN, AGAIN!