

A Few Of Our Accomplishments

April 2018

Student goals and growth this year:

- Reading shows the most promising growth in participation from the student body: from 10% (Q1), to 70% (Q2) to 95% in the third quarter, and the year is not even over yet!
- We have some readers in 2nd to 5th grades jumping even two grade equivalency levels in comprehension skills in less than one year with teacher instruction, independent reading practice, and extra help outside the classroom.
- Student PSIA results are in, with The Highlands School achieving beyond any other school according to our student body.
- Students got involved with service projects and missions in record numbers: half of those eligible lived their Spring Break as missionaries in Nicaragua, over three quarters of our high school served in Dallas as missionaries over their Holy Week holidays, and our average high school student freely opts to give a week of vacation days to serve as a missionary or volunteer!

New programs rolled out this year:

- field trips this year,
- new math practice initiatives to build mastery,
- robotics learning,
- band
- Dancing Classrooms in 8th grade,
- investigations into early childhood reading programs for 2019
- evaluation of data across all grades to effectively evaluate our achievement of learning goals and for zapping the gaps,
- PSAT and SAT math practice,
- professional recognition of our Middle School math program as nationally award-winning,
- an evaluation of a new hands-on vocabulary-rich science learning program for adoption in this coming fall.

Parent contributions:

- We see steady progress in the multi-purpose building project,
- book donations to support student independent reading,
- increased teacher attention to student classroom discipline and personal accountability,
- family volunteering that adds value to the school with parent coaches,
- parent-led formation initiatives,
- support on field trips,
- Boosterthon's support of our elementary classrooms and library,
- And helping support financially – especially making our annual Gala to be the most successful in many years!