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Protecting potential.

# The Messenger

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## Our Vision

All children who desire, but cannot afford, a quality Catholic education will have that opportunity, regardless of the neighborhood in which they live, the economic status of their families or their religious beliefs.

We are **faithful protectors** of children's potential.



Simply put, Guardian Catholic Schools  
is changing lives.

*The mission of the Guardian Catholic Schools is to participate in God's work by providing advocacy, resources and governance to Guardian Catholic School. These resources enable the school to provide educational and spiritual opportunities to children and families regardless of financial situation or religious preference.*



# Join us for the Guardian Catholic Schools' 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Ron Townsend Golf Classic!



Anthony S. Kurlas

Please join us as we celebrate **23 years of protecting our children's potential** by attending the Guardian Catholic Schools' 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Classic on **March 4, 2019** at Timuquana Country Club. Each year, this tournament helps **raise funds for scholarship opportunities** for our students to receive a quality education in Jacksonville's urban core. Last year, thanks to our loyal donors, we raised over \$189,000 for scholarships! Thank You!

This year, by popular demand we will have the same format and new contest and prizes.

- **Helicopter Ball Drop** - Closest ball to the pin wins \$5,000 cash! Balls available for \$100 donation
- **9 Hole-in-One Contest** - Par 3 holes, 9 chances to win \$10,000 cash, and much more!
- **\$1 Million Shootout** - 9 Golfers closest to the pin on the Par 3 holes qualify for the Shootout

As Honorary Chair and Chair of this year's tournament, we are proud to announce **Merrill Lynch Bank of America** has joined us again this year as our Title Sponsor. We offer our thanks to Anthony S. Kurlas for believing in our students and protecting our children's potential.

Your support is invaluable to achieving the Guardian vision that **all children** who desire, but cannot afford, a quality education will have that opportunity.

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## Protecting Potential: Alumni Spotlights



### JALEN CHANCE, ST. PIUS V

**Current:** Senior, Bishop Snyder High School

**Academics:** 3.0 GPA

**Athletics:** State Champion Track and Cross Country

**Goal:** Preparing for college; seeks to major in Agricultural Sciences

*"St. Pius taught me great social skills and how to interact with both students and adults. I still have strong relationships with my classmates."*

### SEMAJ MCGHEE, HOLY ROSARY

**High School:** Graduated from Bishop Snyder High School

**Current:** 3.2 GPA at Cloud Community College in Kansas, MO (full-ride scholarship for Track)

**Athletics:** State Champion Track

**College Major:** Sports Medicine

*"I appreciate that my teachers at Holy Rosary had high expectations and didn't cut me any slack."*



# New Year, New Numbers



**65 Teachers and Support Team Members**



**STEM Lab + Learning Commons + Fine Arts Center**



**1 Early Learning Playground + 1 Playground for 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> + 1 Athletic Field**



**422 Total Students** enrolled in 2018/2019



**Parents of Guardian students are required to be involved in their child's education and must provide 25 volunteer hours annually**



**Daily integration of Gospel values, weekly Mass and religion classes**



**100% of Guardian students qualify for free breakfast and lunch**



**Average daily student attendance is 96%**



**96% High School graduation rate for 2014 GCS grads**



# 100%

- of PreK-4 students **achieve Kindergarten-ready status**
- of students receive some level of **scholarship assistance**
- of our children **have hopes, dreams and aspirations for a meaningful and successful life!**



Potential 8<sup>th</sup> grade Townsend scholars have an initial meeting with Ron Townsend.



Rick Cannington (fourth from right), long-time Guardian supporter, shared some holiday joy with the Fears and Richmond families during the Christmas season.





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