

Dear Friend of Fenwick High School,

**“Excellence, Leadership, Tradition”**

This familiar motto has long been used to describe the transformational Fenwick experience. It is manifest in our mission to inspire excellence and educate each student to “lead, achieve and serve.”

This mission is as important today as it was at the school’s founding in 1929, and as it will be in Fenwick’s second century. To ensure Fenwick continues to fulfill its mission in 2029 and beyond, ***Excellence, Leadership, Tradition - The Centennial Campaign for Fenwick High School*** has been undertaken to ensure Fenwick thrives well into its second century.

Through a comprehensive strategic planning and visioning process several years ago, the Fenwick community identified a few areas that must be critically addressed to continue Fenwick’s legacy into its second century.

Those areas are:

- Academic, arts and student life
- Athletics
- Facilities
- Financial
- Administrative/Governance

Many administrative and governance issues have been addressed by the Board of Directors during the past **several** years, including Fenwick’s administrative structure and personnel, as well as Board composition and governing bylaws.

Facilities improvements and athletics have also been addressed with the negotiation of a ten-year lease (seven years remaining) at Triton Community College to hold our home football games and other athletic events in a beautiful new stadium. Hundreds of thousands of dollars have also been allocated from the operating budget over the past several years towards improvements in the building.

To strategically address other challenges over time, a facilities master plan was developed which envisions a bold, re-imagined Fenwick campus. ***Excellence, Leadership, Tradition - The Centennial Campaign for Fenwick High School*** will provide the resources necessary to complete the facilities master plan and address long-term financial challenges, including the growth of our endowment and scholarship funds.

Because of the practicalities of construction and fundraising, there will be three distinct phases of the facilities master plan. We are thrilled to announce phase one of the plan is complete!

Phase one includes completion of three projects:

- [Pearl and Angelo Mazzone Chapel renovation](#)
- [Fenwick Field at the Priory](#)
- [The Michael R. Quinlan '62 Parking Center in summer 2020](#)

**As the world has been upended in 2020 by the coronavirus pandemic, and the facilities improvements are well underway, we now turn the primary attention of the Centennial Campaign to endowment and scholarship fund growth. During this crisis, Fenwick’s primary philanthropic priority is to provide our students and families the financial support they need to come to Fenwick, to stay at Fenwick, to provide as much opportunity for the students of today who will be the leaders of tomorrow. We do not want financial uncertainty to stand in the way of anyone receiving a Fenwick education.**

I invite and encourage you to learn more about the bright, bold, exciting vision for Fenwick’s future and ***Excellence, Leadership, Tradition - The Centennial Campaign for Fenwick High School*** by exploring the website further or contacting Chris Ritten, V.P. of Institutional Advancement, at [critten@fenwickfrairs.com](mailto:critten@fenwickfrairs.com) or 708-948-0350.

Please consider partnering with us to extend Fenwick’s legacy of *Excellence, Leadership, Tradition* well into our second century. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Fr. Richard Peddicord, O.P.

*President*