

Saint Matthew *View*



In 2017, a group of Saint Matthew students, alumni, parents, staff and administrators participated in a strategic plan to determine our goals for the future.



Increase the number of service learning opportunities for Saint Matthew School students.

The past five years have seen a dramatic increase in the service opportunities offered to SMS students. Each class was given a service-learning project, which students participated in each day through lessons created by teachers that supported the chosen service-learning project. To manage this process and to carry forward these plans, we also hired a service-learning coordinator—a first for all Diocesan elementary schools.



But, perhaps most importantly, Saint Matthew School partnered with Run for Water, an organization that provides clean drinking water to vulnerable communities, to build relationships and help less-fortunate residents of Sneedville, Tennessee, an area of Appalachia that has the lowest per-capita incomes of any city in the United States.



In November 2021, we sent five teams of 8th graders and teachers to deliver Thanksgiving meals, meet families and build bonds with the people of Sneedville. Later, as a part of the 8th grade trip, two days were spent in Sneedville playing with children and cleaning water tanks. The trips have been so successful that we have formed a partnership with Run for Water and will offer opportunities in the coming years for all students to participate.



Want to know more about our Strategic Plan? [Click here.](#)

We invite you to review the plan in its entirety, the other individual initiatives, our goals and measurables, and the steps we took over the past five years to make this plan come true.

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