

The Maecenas Society: The CMHS Foundation was founded in 1995 by a group of visionary parents to provide financial support to the school by purchasing technology items not covered by the Caddo Parish budget. In today's society the use of computer technology has become a vital part of our children's education. Unfortunately the money that we receive from the parish is nowhere near the amount needed to provide the latest technology in our classrooms.

Mr. Ilgenfritz has spent time assessing our school's technology needs and has developed a master technology upgrade plan to assure that all of our core subject classrooms have up to date equipment in place to maximize the students' educational experience. Outlined in this plan, each classroom will be equipped with an interactive SmartBoard or SmartTV, ELMO document camera/projector, a computer and the software necessary to run the equipment. As you can imagine, this kind of upgrade is expensive. It costs \$4,500 to equip each classroom. In the last 3 years, Maecenas through giving by parents and supporters was able to provide upgrades to approximately 20 classrooms. Along with this vital technology we were also able to purchase several items requested by teachers, as well.

This school year is off to a great start! Our faculty is hard at work and the students are hopefully stepping up to the challenges that a new school year can bring. However, to meet our school's technology needs, we still have a long way to go. Teacher requests are already starting to come in and despite the money donated last year we still have about 20 classrooms that are in need of technology upgrades. Maecenas has officially kicked off our 2017-18 fund raising campaign. Our fund raising goal is \$45,000 for this year. We will be dedicating 80% of the money we raise, to the technology upgrade plan. We will still be taking specific teacher requests, as we have in the past for needed items, with the other 20% of the money raised. I know that many families will want to support Magnet by becoming a member of Maecenas. We appreciate gifts of any amount and have membership levels as follows:

Mustang =	\$150-
Honor=	\$300-
Cum Laude=	\$500-
Magna Cum Laude=	\$1000-
Summa Cum Laude=	\$4500 + (* adopt a classroom upgrade)

\*Corporate sponsorships are also available. Please contact us for additional information.

All donations are tax deductible and any money raised will be spent **this school year**, so our students will be directly impacted this year by your donation. Thank you in advance for your generous support of Magnet through membership in Maecenas. The faculty, administration and students are all excited about the prospect of having these state of the art instruction tools to work with. Be a part of bringing this vision to life! Help us reach our goal so that all classrooms have the new technology they need. Join today!

Sincerely,

*Heather Basinger*

Heather Basinger, President

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