

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, celebrating its **125th Anniversary**, **Jesuit High School**, an all-male private school for grades 9-12, has been *Forming Young Men in the Tampa Bay Area* since September 1899, when it was established by the Jesuit priests of Sacred Heart Church in downtown Tampa, Florida, and it was first named Sacred Heart College, and renamed Jesuit High School in 1940, in honor of the 400th anniversary of the founding of the Society of Jesus; and

WHEREAS, beginning with five students, the school enrollment and needs increased over the years, so in 1956, Jesuit High School opened its doors at the present Himes Avenue campus, and it continues to be a leader in academics, teaching a college preparatory curriculum and providing a quality education that assists its students in the formation of the whole person that allows them to reach their full potential, and it was named a *Blue Ribbon School of Excellence* by the Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, with its motto *Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam* (For the Greater Glory of God), Jesuit High School is committed to its students in the longstanding tradition of a Jesuit education with its educators fully committed to “finding God in all things” and exploring a wide-range of cultures and academic fields, and its mission includes forming men engaged in the world who are dedicated to serving God by being open to growth, intellectually competent, religious, loving, and just, and the students dedicate themselves to serving others here in the Tampa community, nationally, and globally; and

WHEREAS, along with academic and spiritual excellence, Jesuit High School is dedicated to helping its students discover the deeper meaning and purpose in their lives, while also finding their individual places in society, and the students not only excel in academics earning National Merit recognitions and with 100 percent of students accepted into colleges and universities, but also in athletics where the Jesuit Tigers have won over thirty national, state, and individual championships; and

WHEREAS, Jesuit High School is hosting a *125th Anniversary Ceremony* on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, and the event will bring together the students, faculty, staff, alumni, and special guests to celebrate its many accomplishments over the years, and to reflect on the tremendous impact the school has made in the Tampa community and in the lives of the young men who have benefitted from the guidance and education they received.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, September 10, 2024, as

“JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL DAY”

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to offer their congratulations to this outstanding institution on this milestone anniversary and thank Jesuit High School for its commitment to the youth of our community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 1st day of September 2024.



Jane Castor

Mayor