

## PLANNED GIVING AT SJA

A planned gift to St. James Academy can bring substantial benefits to you and to St. James Academy.

A planned gift is any charitable gift, current or deferred, which is planned, usually with professional advice, to optimize a donor's financial, tax, and estate plans, while helping to secure the long term financial security of one or more charitable institutions. A planned gift usually involves immediate benefits to the donor and deferred benefits to the Academy. In addition to bequests, planned gifts include:

CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUSTS

CHARITABLE LEAD TRUSTS

CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY

GIFTS OF REAL ESTATE

GIFTS OF LIFE INSURANCE

GIFTS OF RETIREMENT ASSETS

GIFTS OF TANGIBLE PERSONAL

PROPERTY & CLOSELY HELD STOCK

For more information or guidance on planned giving options please contact the Academy's Development Office.

A planned gift to St. James Academy helps build endowment, therefore providing the resources to assure excellence over the long term.

*Therefore I tell you,  
do not be anxious about your life,  
what you shall eat,  
nor about your body,  
what you shall put on.  
For life is more than food and body more  
than clothing.*

Luke 12:22/23

## GIFTS OF RETIREMENT ASSETS, LIFE INSURANCE, AND OTHER ASSETS



For additional planned giving information or guidance, please contact the Academy Development Office 410-771-4816  
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We cannot give you legal or tax advice, so we recommend review of you plans with your attorney or tax advisor.

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## GIFTS OF RETIREMENT ASSETS

Retirement Plans are among the most tax burdened assets you can leave for your heirs. If you die before you have taken most of your distributions from your IRA or other retirement plan, the balance can be subject to a combination of taxes that may claim 75% or more of its value.

Assets remaining in your qualified retirement plan at death may be subject to both federal income tax and estate tax or generation skipping tax (if it applies) because retirement plans are designed by the IRS as Income in Respect to a Decedent (IRD).

Instead of giving your hard earned retirement assets to the federal government, consider giving them to St. James Academy. There are several ways to accomplish this:

> The easiest way is to name St. James Academy the primary or secondary beneficiary of your plan. Simply fill out a “*Change of Beneficiary Form*” provided by your plan administrator. Your estate will receive an estate tax deduction for any plan assets payable to the Academy.

> Take annual withdrawals from your plan and make outright gifts to SJA, offsetting the taxable income incurred by the withdrawals with a charitable deduction.

> Specify in your will that any remaining IRD assets in your estate be gifted to St. James Academy.

Note: You still must complete a Change of Beneficiary form for IRA’s or other retirement plan contracts.

## GIFTS OF OTHER ASSETS

Gifts of assets other than cash or marketable securities such as **real estate, closely held stock, partnership interests, tangible personal property, and life insurance** can be advantageous. Consider the following ideas:

### REAL ESTATE

Gifts of real estate including **personal residences, commercial buildings, farms, and parcels of land** qualify for a charitable income tax deduction based on the appraised fair market value of the property on the date of transfer, regardless of what you originally paid for it. In addition, no capital gain is incurred on the transfer of real estate to St. James Academy. There are many ways to give real estate. You may give real estate outright to the Academy, use it to fund a charitable remainder trust, or even transfer ownership of a residence while retaining the right to live there for the rest of your life or a term of years. Gifts of real estate through your will are also welcome. Since gifts of real estate can involve issues such as valuation, taxation, and environmental liability, they should be carefully reviewed by legal and tax counsel before proceeding. Contact the SJA Development Office for more information.

### CLOSELY HELD STOCK

If you own closely held stock and it is transferable, it may be to your advantage to gift it to St. James Academy. Gifts of closely held stock qualify for a tax deduction based on the fair market value of the stock. Acceptance by the Academy may depend on redeemability. Contact the SJA Development Office for more information.

## TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY

Gifts of tangible personal property such as **books, works of art, jewelry, and coin collections** can benefit both you and St. James Academy. Your gift may qualify for an income tax deduction based on the fair market value on the date of the gift. An appraisal may be required. Contact the SJA Development Office for more information.

## LIFE INSURANCE

Life insurance can be a very effective way to give to St. James Academy. When you name SJA as the beneficiary of a policy, your estate receives an estate tax deduction for the proceeds payable to the Academy at your death. When you name St. James Academy as both the owner and beneficiary of a paid up policy, you will also qualify for an immediate charitable income tax deduction based on the replacement cost of the policy. If you transfer ownership of a policy on which the premiums remain to be paid, you will qualify for an income tax charitable deduction based on the “*Interpolated Terminal Reserve*” of the policy, usually calculated by the insurer. If you choose to keep the policy in force, you may contribute the premium amounts to the Academy. These contributions are tax deductible. Contact the SJA Development Office for more information.