



WCGS Stakeholders,

We are fortunate and blessed to be part of the Wheaton Christian Grammar School family. God has been so very gracious to His school over its seventy-five year history. As one takes time to reflect upon this ministry, one quickly realizes that our Amazing God has been so very faithful to us. Lives are being transformed through the power of God's Word. Minds are being equipped and prepared for action. Students are involved in student activities that grow, stretch, and refine them.

We encourage you to take a few minutes and peruse this abbreviated Annual Report. As you do so, we trust that you will be encouraged with the ways in which God is at work in our school and the lives of our students. This has been a banner year in so many different ways. We celebrated our 75th anniversary, received the U.S. Department of Education National Blue Ribbon Exemplary Performing School Award, began the *Continuing the Discussion....* WCGS Parent Series, created the role of a STEM Coordinator, experienced solid TerraNova 3 scores for the fourth consecutive year, and saw the establishment of the Fifth Grade *Fight Club*. These are but a few of the highlights from this year.

We hope that you are encouraged and grateful for all that God is doing at the Grammar School. As we think of you, we are reminded of Philippians 1:3 – "I thank my God every time I remember you." Thank you for investing yourselves into the lives of your children and our school. The support we receive from you is so helpful and encouraging. Through prayer and the gifts of time and financial support, you not only demonstrate your love for the Lord, but for WCGS as well. Thank you for being vested into this great work. Glory to God alone!

With sincere gratitude,

Stephen E. Clum
Head of School, on behalf of the
WCGS Administrative Team

2017-18 ANNUAL REPORT

75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



September 8, 2017 was an incredible day of celebration as we gathered for the 75th anniversary of God's school. The atmosphere was filled with joy, gratitude, expectation, and happiness. Graduates from as far back as the Class of 1949 and from all parts of the United States returned for the special evening. We reminisced, shared stories, caught up on life, and enjoyed giving thanks to God for His faithfulness and blessing upon Wheaton Christian Grammar School. WCGS is a beautiful story of how an Amazing God placed a vision upon the hearts of a small group of individuals in Wheaton and how their faithful prayers and pursuit of God led to the founding of this school. This school has made an eternal difference and been transformational in the lives of thousands of people through its graduates, teachers, and the families who have been touched by its ministry. Glory to God alone!



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON EXEMPLARY PERFORMING SCHOOL



We were blessed to receive this very special recognition from the U.S. Department of Education in early November. Of the 34,000+ private schools in the United States, only 50 schools (.0015) are eligible for the award each year. This recognition validates the outstanding work of students, parents, teachers, staff, Board members, administrators, and stakeholders over the years in providing a challenging education that is fixed on biblical truth. It also exemplifies our commitment to moving the school forward, building on our strong foundation, our vital biblical worldview integrated into all areas of learning, and improving the educational experiences of our students. Glory to God alone!

Continuing the Discussion....WCGS PARENT SERIES

Partnership with the Christian home is one of our core values. This year the administrative team began a Parent Series that has helped strengthen the school-home relationship. Focusing in on Colossians 2:8, our desire has been to reinforce a strong biblical worldview in our students and homes. Topics for the year are: Axis: Alone Together Presentation (technology), the curricular connection to cultivating godliness, "The Tech-Wise Family," showing the documentary "Screenagers," developing executive functioning skills, and helping ease student anxiety. We're grateful for the wonderful support we have received from school families and are excited to continue the Series in 2018-19.



STEM COORDINATOR INITIATIVE 2017-2018



New STEM lessons and projects are occurring throughout all grade levels. First graders used microscopes for the first time as they learned about germination. Second graders learned about urban gardens using the aeroponics Tower Garden. The second graders also created bioluminescent animals using simple circuits and lights. The fourth graders created brand new animals that can survive in a particular habitat. The fifth graders worked in groups to create devices using at least four different types of simple machines. Special thanks to Jacqueline Lauriat for collaborating with our teachers to institute meaningful STEM lessons and projects for our students.



FIFTH GRADE FIGHT CLUB

This past November, we launched 5th Grade Fight Club for all boys in fifth grade. Mr. Painter, using Scripture and the book, "Know Who You Are: Live Like It Matters," by Tim Tebow as the framework for discussions, meets with these boys for 30 minutes every other week. They have explored their identity in Christ and challenged one another to live a life of faith and obedience to God through a vibrant relationship with Jesus. The name of the group is based on I Timothy 6:12, which references "fighting the good fight of faith." Topics of discussion have included character, integrity, bullying, relationships, the importance of our words, daring to be different, and focusing not just on "who we are" but "whose we are." As a school, we believe in the importance of being intentional about our conversations with students to help foster positive relationships with one another and a genuine faith in Jesus Christ.

TERRANOVA 3 TEST SCORES

Over the past four years, our complete battery median scores for the TN3 have ranged from the eighth stanine, 91st percentile to the eighth stanine, 95th percentile. Also during this time we've seen 76.6% to 81.6% of our students score in the above average to superior range. Our students test well because they are motivated to achieve, have great life experiences, have teachers who teach and invest in them well, and have parents who partner with us to help them achieve at a high level. We're grateful that our educational program makes it possible for every child to be successful in their experience at WCGS.

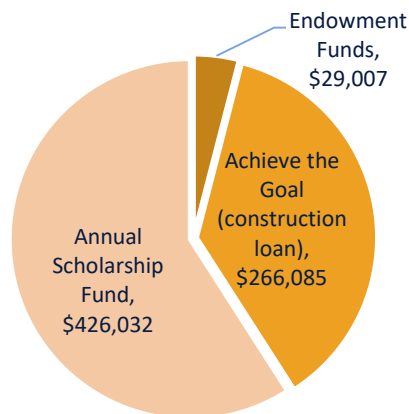
PROPOSED 2018-2019 TUITION AND FEES

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| Kindergarten (Half-Day) | \$6,100 |
| Kindergarten (Full-Day) & Grades 1-5 | \$10,850 |
| Junior High (Grades 6-8) | \$11,470 |

Multi-Student Discount:
Available upon request

Two Students = \$500 discount per family
Three Students = \$1500 discount per family
Four Students = \$3000 discount per family
Five Students = \$4500 discount per family

DONATIONS FOR YEAR ENDING 6/30/17



We're so thankful for your generous gifts!

We have just \$1.994M left on our construction loan (as of 2/1/18).

PROPOSED 2018-2019 BUDGET

Revenue:

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|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| Tuition | \$5,762,000 |
| Annual Scholarship Fundraising | \$425,000 |
| Endowment & Other Income | \$168,500 |
| Total Revenue | \$6,355,500 |

Expense:

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| Salaries & Benefits | \$4,443,805 |
| Student Scholarships | \$700,000 |
| Contracted Building Services | \$291,299 |
| Development & Marketing | \$130,000 |
| Athletics & Student Activities | \$111,200 |
| Curriculum & Technology | \$165,000 |
| Contracted Organizational Services | \$118,500 |
| Utilities & Telephone | \$115,500 |
| Departmental & Classroom Supplies | \$76,000 |
| Office Supplies, Printing & Postage | \$68,500 |
| Professional Educational Services | \$45,000 |
| Construction Loan Interest | \$30,000 |
| Repairs & Maintenance | \$42,500 |
| Total Expense | \$6,337,304 |

Highlights of the proposed 2018-2019 budget are as follows:

- 2.52% average teacher salary increase
- 2.5% tuition and fees increase
- 510 student budget base



WCGS Auxiliary

Brittany Fellowes, president
Amy Shelton, vice-president
Lindy Mathews, secretary
Carrie Lynn Reeder, treasurer
Micah Lindquist, chaplain



The WCGS Auxiliary is comprised of 19 committees, each having its own leadership and volunteers.

6 Spiritual
Committees

5 Service
Committees

2 Social
Committees

6 Fundraising
Committees

3 Special
Events



The Sunshine Committee has provided practical help, support, and encouragement to 14 families!

Blessed 14 families



Fathers' Prayer Breakfast blessed 30 dads with a delicious breakfast while they gathered to pray for WCGS.

Served 30 praying dads



The Grandparents' Day Committee welcomed and honored 500 grandparents!

Honored 500 grandparents



Fall Fundraising organized the annual student Charleston Wrap sale and raised \$9,133. This fundraising supports all our committees and special events throughout the year.

Charleston Wrap sales yielded \$9133



The Children's Christmas Sale raised funds which blessed 42 non-homeroom faculty and staff with a monetary gift at Christmas.

42 gifts given



The Food Pantry committee collected 3,335 lbs. of food and \$788 for local food pantries.

**3,335 lbs. of food
donated during
'16-'17 school year.**



What a privilege to welcome the 275 ladies who attended the Ladies' Salad Social.

275 attenders



Box Tops for Education committee raised \$990 during one of the two yearly school contests. These funds allow the Auxiliary to assist WCGS for specific school needs.

Box Tops generated \$990 for WCGS

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YEAR VERSE 2017-2018

*"But be sure to fear the LORD and serve him faithfully with all your heart;
consider what great things he has done for you." 1 Samuel 12:24*