

Dear Parents and Friends of WCGS,

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning" (Lamentations 3:22). As we reflect back over the 2018-19 school year, we have experienced God's faithfulness, love, and mercies each and every day. We have seen students commit their lives to Christ, deepen their knowledge and understanding of their walk with Jesus, become more outspoken in sharing their faith in Christ, and begin to live victoriously. Students are learning and being challenged to think critically, to ask deep questions, and to look more deeply into the vast expanse of knowledge that is available to them.

We encourage you to take just a few minutes to look through 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. WCGS is His school. Be encouraged as you read about the value of our student activities, the benefits of our 2018-19 theme of "Making Every Day Count," the gift of our many leaders and volunteers, the significant benefit of Connect Groups, the gracious generosity of God's people to meet the needs of our school, and the integral role of a biblical worldview in the education of our students.

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 gift 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 wonderful work. All glory to God!

With a grateful heart,

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



2018-2019 ANNUAL REPORT



STUDENT ACTIVITIES/ACHIEVEMENT



Our students excel in a variety of activities that build into their rich WCGS experience. Since August, students have participated in the First LEGO League Robotics Competition, Illinois Elementary School Association State Athletic Series, Illinois Music Educators Association Music Festivals, Wheaton Public Library Battle of the Books Competition, Midwest Scholastic Art & Writing Awards Competition, All-Wheaton Chess Championship, and the Illinois Grade School Music Association Solo and Ensemble Contest to name a few. There are also music concerts (band, orchestra, and choir), sports (soccer, volleyball, cross-country, basketball, and track and field), the spring musical, *Annie*, Spelling Bee Club, and Creation Care Club for students to participate in as well. Each of these activities, coupled with the many other school activities, allow our students the opportunity to sharpen their skills through working together and competition. The life experiences (teamwork, perseverance, sacrifice, hard work, confidence, win/lose humbly, practice, dedication, commitment, overcoming adversity, and time management) that are learned through the above mentioned activities are priceless in helping shape the very person and character of our students. Special thanks to our coaches, sponsors, and directors of these activities.



MAKE EVERY DAY COUNT

Helping our students live and appreciate life one day at a time has been a focus of the school this year. This focus is based on the book, “Make Every Day Count,” Teen Edition by Max Lucado. It has been encouraging to come alongside you, but especially our students/your children, as they have better learned how to live and make each day count as they seek to honor God and display Christ in their lives. Our focus on knowing, understanding, and applying biblical truths each day to impact attitude, behavior, spiritual disciplines, and character has produced fruit in the lives of many students. The Christian life is a journey. We are sinners saved by grace. We rejoice in the fact that God is at work, continually refining, shaping, and conforming us into His image. Thank you for partnering with us to infuse these truths into your family devotions, meal-time conversations, and everyday activities. It does make a difference for eternity!!!

LEADERSHIP/VOLUNTEERISM



In providing oversight of WCGS, one quickly realizes the importance of those the Lord raises up to lead our school and the many people who help make this place special to us. Our WCGS Board of Directors and WCGS Auxiliary Board provide our school with outstanding leadership. Both groups work closely with the administration to lovingly and sacrificially share their insight, time, talent, and resources in helping provide vision and direction for the school. Our Auxiliary exemplifies well their goal to “serve God by helping to meet the spiritual, social, and practical needs of the school and its families.” The Board of Directors leads well by setting policy, casting vision, working their strategic plan, giving general oversight to the finances, as well as working with the head of school in moving the school forward. You, our parents, and volunteers, in partnership with the staff and faculty, bring to life the spirit of the school as you graciously give of your time and energy with servant hearts. You are incredible with the many ways you help support our efforts. Thank you.

CONNECT GROUPS



Making connections and building relationships with students is a strength of the school. One of the many ways this is accomplished is through our weekly Connect Groups with sixth through eighth graders. Students are placed in small groups of 8-10 and are assigned to an adult leader (Jr. High teacher, administrator, or office personnel). We have many goals (making connections, ensuring that each student has at least one adult who is their advocate, and helping students be successful within the academic and social options the school provides, to name a few); however, for all of us who lead, one of our primary goals is to get to know each student at a personal level. One of the joys of spending time with our students is when they recognize that they are often challenged with many of the same challenges as others in their group. Arriving at a point of transparency and trust goes a long way to solidify relationships and being there for one another through the joys and heartaches of life.

GENEROSITY

I believe we experience generous acts of kindness at WCGS each and every day. Parents grace the hallways and classrooms daily as they support the educational program, activities, and services that are provided our student body. Parents drive and accompany on field trips, spend hours planning and preparing for Chess Tournaments, Children's Christmas Sale, Daddy-Daughter Nights, Summer Reading Celebrations, and Family Fun Nights, to name a few. We receive notes and e-mails of encouragement. Food and treats abound and are enjoyed by all. Thousands upon thousands of hours of volunteer time are given to help us carry forth our work. I am humbled often when I see the ways in which our parents give of their time, talent, and resources to support us. We're blessed. It is also encouraging to see how the Lord works in the hearts of people to provide for the financial needs of the school. Sacrificial giving of one's financial resources helps to sustain and meet our many obligations. It has been especially encouraging to see the Lord meet our \$425K Scholarship Fund, while helping us lower the debt on our building to under \$1.55M. Thank you for being part of this great work at WCGS.



BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW INTEGRATION

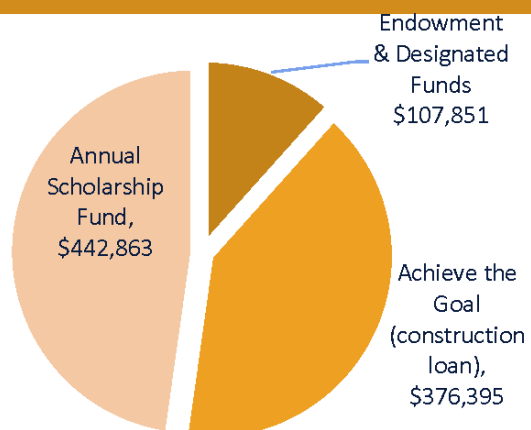
One of the most integral aspects of a WCGS education is the integration of faith and learning. This doesn't just happen. Think of the world in which we live. Our students must be taught to view their world through the lens of Scripture. Over the years, the administration has been intentional in providing the faculty and staff with ongoing biblical worldview integration training. Most recently, Dr. Annie Gallagher trained our faculty/staff in *PAQ for Biblically Integrated Instruction*. This model guides teachers in planning and teaching lessons, which influence the students' mind in that it draws each person into critically thinking about God, creation, mankind, moral order, and purpose of life so that he/she is transformed and "proving" the will of God (Romans 12:2). What are the outcomes of this work? Students learn the biblical purpose for what they study. Students are able to connect and compare underlying worldview assumptions with academic content. Students are equipped to ask worldview questions that engage them in growing in wisdom and reasoning as an image bearer of God. In the past, a number of us were very fortunate to learn under Dr. Glen Schultz and his focus on *Kingdom Education*. Dr. Schultz emphasized that biblical worldview integration requires every teacher to develop their own biblical philosophy of life. He says, "effective integration cannot arise out of biblical ignorance." The WCGS administration and faculty are committed to intentionally and continually striving to integrate the truths of Scripture into every aspect of our teaching, coaching, and mentoring of students at WCGS.

PROPOSED 2019-2020 TUITION

Kindergarten (Half-Day)	\$6,200
Kindergarten (Full-Day) & Grades 1-5	\$11,110
Junior High (Grades 6-8)	\$11,740

Multi-Student Discount:
Available upon request

DONATIONS FOR YEAR ENDING 6/30/18



We're so thankful for your generous gifts!

We have just \$1.55M left on our construction loan (as of 2/12/19).

PROPOSED 2019-2020 BUDGET

Revenue:

Tuition	\$5,558,040
Annual Scholarship Fundraising	\$400,000
Endowment & Other Income	\$181,500
Total Revenue	\$6,139,540

Expense:

Salaries & Benefits	\$4,475,613
Student Scholarships	\$568,670
Contracted Building Services	\$276,457
Development & Marketing	\$124,000
Athletics & Student Activities	\$108,700
Curriculum & Technology	\$145,000
Contracted Organizational Services	\$118,500
Utilities & Telephone	\$112,500
Departmental & Classroom Supplies	\$67,100
Office Supplies, Printing & Postage	\$60,500
Professional Educational Services	\$23,000
Construction Loan Interest	\$25,000
Repairs & Maintenance	\$34,500
Total Expense	\$6,139,540

Highlights of the proposed 2019-2020 budget are as follows:

- 3.03% average full-time teacher salary increase
- 2.4% tuition increase
- 485 student budget base



WCGS Auxiliary

Amy Shelton, President
Erin Dieter, Vice President
Lindy Mathews, Secretary
Carrie Lynn Reeder, Treasurer
Micah Lindquist, Chaplain



The WCGS Auxiliary is comprised of 20 committees, each having its own leadership and volunteers.

6 Spiritual Committees

6 Service Committees

3 Social Committees

5 Fundraising Committees

3 Social Events



The Sunshine Committee has provided practical help, support, and encouragement to 15 families to date and will be 20 by the year end (including welcoming 6 new babies to the WCGS staff)!

Blessed over 15 families



Fathers' Prayer Breakfast blessed 50 dads with a delicious breakfast while they gathered to pray for WCGS.

Served 50 praying dads



The Grandparents' Day Committee welcomed and honored 500 grandparents!

Honored 500 grandparents

The hot lunch/food/spirit wear fundraisers support all of our committees' efforts for fundraising. This past year approximately \$20,000 was raised. \$15,000 was donated to the school toward new laptops and a cart, and \$999 was given to the scholarship fund.

\$20,000 raised through hot lunch/food/spirit wear fundraising



The Children's Christmas Sale raised funds which blessed 41 non-homeroom faculty and staff with a monetary gift at Christmas.

41 gifts given



The Food Pantry committee collected 2,330 lbs. of food and \$1,263 for a local food pantry. 995 pounds of food have been collected so far in 2018-2019.

2,330 lbs. of food donated during 2017-2018.



What a privilege to welcome over 200 ladies who attended the Ladies' Salad Social and heard about God's amazing faithfulness in the lives of five school moms!

Over 200 attenders



Box Tops for Education committee raised \$1524 during the 2017-2018 school year. So far this year we have raised \$1098.

Box Tops generated \$1524 for WCGS in 2017-2018.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

David Moore, President
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Assistant Principal of Spiritual Life and School Counselor

Susan L. Macaluso
Director of Curriculum and Instruction

YEAR VERSE 2018-2019

"Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil." Ephesians 5:15-16