



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

This final campaign newsletter for 2021 comes during Advent season – it's almost Christmas! As we reflect on this past year, a year full of many challenges, we are thankful for all that our community continues to provide for our schools, our staff and our students.

You are likely currently making plans for celebrations, for family, and to celebrate the coming of Christ. The nation of Israel had been waiting for their Messiah for centuries. They were a people set apart, a blessing to all nations, saved by grace, and yet their story was filled with a bloodline with an unlikely and scandalous

heritage. Sometimes it feels that we are an interesting crew as well. Undeserving of God's grace or attention, and yet we eagerly anticipate the arrival of God in our midst, desiring to be a blessing.

The *Building the Way Campaign* is defined, as well, by a similar anticipation. God is working among our community to bring about something new – projects that will bless and transform children and families for years to come. This comes not because we are deserving of it, but because we choose to follow Him, despite our own inadequacies.

We pray for this Campaign, that it will be a blessing. We pray for you, as you prayerfully consider and pledge your support for it. We pray, for all of us, that we may become increasingly aware of the astounding and unfathomable grace that comes to us bundled in strips of cloth... God WITH us.

"...the Lord himself will give you the sign. Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel (which means 'God is with us')." Isaiah 7:14

PRAY

GIVE

VOLUNTEER

SUPPORT

GROW

WHY IS THE BOARD WAITING UNTIL WE REACH 90% TO BEGIN WORK ON THE PROJECTS?

The Cairn Board of Directors intends to be a good steward for our donors and provide for the financial stability of Cairn Christian School. This means not incurring more debt to achieve the goals of the Campaign. As one of the pillars of the Campaign is to alleviate our existing debt, it would negate the goals of the campaign to take on more.



Thank you to our *Building the Way* Volunteers for your time, talent and commitment throughout 2021.

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PRAYER OF THANKFULNESS

At this time of year and at this time in our Campaign, we are thankful for the support our community has shown Cairn Christian School. This prayer of thankfulness, shared by our Campaign Cabinet Member Danielle Vandenberg, provides the sentiment we are all feeling:

Father God,

We come to you today with hearts full of gratitude.

Thank you for all your blessings and your goodness in everything we do. It is by your kindness and grace that we can go through each day. We give you all the glory, honour, and adoration.

Thank you for forgiving us of all our sins and for loving us. For everything you do in our lives, we say thank you.

Thank you for being our guide and helping us to make the right decisions.

Thank you for everything you allow to happen in our lives, even when times are hard. We trust that you are at work, and you always carry us through.

We thank you for the work going on at Cairn. For the teachers and support staff, for administrative, for bus drivers, cleaning crews, for all the committees, and the Board. We are thankful for all the students, and their parents and for the supportive community surrounding the schools.

Dear God, we are thankful for our volunteers and the guidance of The Dennis Group. For all the work and time, they have all put into running this campaign. We are thankful to all the donors who are supporting us as we raise the funds to expand, repair and make our schools a better place for our kids to be. Words cannot express how thankful we are for all you do.

*Bless your Holy name, oh merciful Father
In Jesus name we pray, Amen*

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