



CAMPAIGN REACHES 40% MARK!

We have had an excellent start to the *Building the Way Campaign!* Thank you to our active and dedicated Campaign Cabinet, willing Canvassers and excellent guidance from our consultants, The Dennis Group. The generosity of our supporting community, who are choosing to invest in the long-term vision of our school projects has been humbling. In just four short months, we have already reached the 40% mark of the campaign having raised \$1.3 million toward our \$3.2 million goal. We are so thankful to God for His blessings on the campaign, thus far.

However, given the many different ways in which COVID-19 is impacting our daily lives, we have decided to put the *Building the Way Campaign* on 'pause' for a few months. The Dennis Group will scale back their services while we wait this out. The leadership of the campaign will check in monthly to assess whether or not it is the right time to restart the campaign.

For those of you who have already supported the campaign financially, we say THANK YOU and rest assured that we are still committed wholeheartedly to these projects. For those of you in our communities who are looking forward to partnering with us, we hope to be contacting you in the near future. In the meantime, please keep the campaign in your prayers, as well as the work of our schools as they transform young lives for God's service.

If you have any questions, comments or feedback, I would love to hear from you. Call or email me directly.

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Stay safe and God Bless!

Wayne Schilstra
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PRAY

GIVE

VOLUNTEER

SUPPORT

GROW

INSPIRING STUDENTS... AT HOME

You are living in a new reality. As you read these words, I'm not sure where you are, or what you are experiencing. We asked the families with children enrolled at Cairn Christian School what they were experiencing during COVID-19, and what they thought 'learning at home' would be like. As you can imagine, their responses were as varied as could possibly be. Some were looking forward to working with their kids on schoolwork at home, while other parents are both working from home able to watch the kids, but unable to work WITH them. Still other parents are employed in essential services and have a difficult enough time finding childcare in this crazy new normal, let alone think about how to support learning for their children.

What do we as a K-8 Christian Education institution do with this information? We start with our mission: *We will inspire students to love, learn, and lead together in God's world.* We are still doing the same work of Christian Education, but have had to change our delivery into the widely varying contexts and reality that our students' homes provide. Teachers are working from their homes gathering, organizing, creating, curating and delivering various learning activities that will engage and help our students continue to grow in knowledge, wisdom and faith.

We still have so much to learn, but we are so thankful for the grace and engagement of our partnership with our parent community who are equally committed to this growth. This has been a stressful switch, but it has been a beautiful switch. Crisis brings out anxiety, angst, and tears. It also brings out cooperation, collaboration, integrity, joy and hope.

Just as our logo at Cairn Christian School bears witness to the stones placed at Gilgal as an altar to teach the children of Israel and the pathway ahead, we pray that our current work during the COVID-19 building shutdown will result in our community looking back acknowledging that it "...was so that everybody on earth would recognize how strong God's rescuing hand is and so that you would hold God in solemn reverence always." Joshua 4: 24 (MSG)

We pray for peace for you however you are experiencing the response to this global pandemic. Please remember our students, teachers and families in your prayers as they continue their 'learning at home'.

Kevin Huinink
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We give our heartfelt thanks to our Campaign volunteers, and their families, for sharing their time and talents with the *Building the Way Campaign* to ensure its success.

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