

EXCITING ANNOUNCEMENT TO BE MADE AT THE SPRING MEMBERSHIP MEETING!

Over the past 7 months, the Campaign Team has been working hard visiting members of our supporting community and sharing the story of Huron Christian School and our exciting plans for the future. During this time, we have made overwhelming strides towards reaching our \$3M campaign goal and we want to share our exciting news with you as to how far we have come. We would like to cordially invite you to attend the Annual Spring Membership Meeting on Monday, May 8th, 2017 D.V. at 7:30pm at the school. We hope you will join us to celebrate how much has been raised toward our \$3M goal thus far. You won't want to miss it!!



DETAILS OF OUR PROJECT: A NEW SLANT FOR HCS

One of the final details of the renovation project is the construction of a pitched roof over the entire building. A slanted roof will not only unify the look of our school, it will resolve ongoing repair issues associated with the current flat roof.

Since our school was built, it has featured a flat roof with a raised lip and channels around the perimeter for drainage. Anyone who has spent a term serving on the Board or the Property Committee can attest to the continued issues associated with the current design. Leaks occur at various times throughout the year.

Approximately one third of the roof was repaired in 2011 for a cost of \$40,000, while the remaining roof has only ever received spot repairs. With major renovation plans for the school underway, it was felt this would be the appropriate time to finally address the ongoing challenges and repair costs associated with the flat roof. The new slanted roof design will improve water flow and will eliminate level surfaces where water can collect.

The new roof design will also accommodate the new heating, ventilation and cooling (HVAC) system. The present age of the boiler is 20 to 25 years old and will need an upgrade in the near future. As well, there is currently no ventilation or air exchange system other than opening windows or doors, and turning on fans. Today, very few people build or renovate without installing air conditioning and it makes sense to address these needs during our major renovation project. Air quality and the teaching and learning environment will greatly improve with the new HVAC system. By raising the roofline, the area above the current roof and ceiling will allow for ease of installation of conduits for overhead heating and cooling and air exchange systems.



BUILDING SECTIONS OF THE WALL

When I attended the baptism of my niece Evelyn in Exeter back in February, Pastor Kevin TeBrake delivered a message from Nehemiah 3. This text challenges your ability to pronounce the names correctly or can tempt you to skip over it with tongue in cheek saying "and all those guys". I was intrigued by the Pastor's message and it stuck with me for quite some time.



God was revealing something cool to me in this text about how it relates to our Capital Campaign journey. The text tells about the participants in the reconstruction of the wall of Jerusalem. This small group of people accomplished something awesome. A wall in those days was a necessity for protection from wild animals and enemies. Rebuilding was something that needed to be done for the fallen city of Jerusalem. The background information from the sermon also revealed that this project was needed to turn the apathy of the remnant of Israel back to a people living in the promises of God. Reading through the list of names and descriptions of the occupations, status, and gender of those associated with the rebuilding of the wall of Jerusalem, illustrates a picture of a community coming together to do Good Work.

The people of Israel were sacrificial in their giving. They do not all give equally (this is most evident when you view a schematic of the city walls and gates paired to the names of those who worked on them), and each worked near their home. (Link: <https://tben.files.wordpress.com/2015/10/cob5e-jerusalemwalls.png>) I feel this chapter can model something awesome for the community of Huron Christian School in this journey of the Capital Campaign; a community of people coming together to build God's kingdom. I think it will be awesome for future generations to recount the many individuals of the community of HCS that followed God's calling to invest, again, in Christian education. To give sacrificially, to each use their different talents and abilities, and to demonstrate to the next generation and to those outside the city walls that Whom we serve is our ultimate priority, and we will see that we could not have done any of it without His lavish blessing.

What a joy and privilege it is to be part of this community of HCS. But a wall is not a wall if it is not complete. Each person, each gift, each ability is needed to make the community whole, to make the Campaign a success, to follow God's leading, and to give Him the glory.

Blessings

Harrison Burgsma

Campaign Cabinet Member

A FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION

Where will the financial support come from?

It is anticipated the majority of the funding for the building project will come from families who no longer have children in the school. It is our hope they continue to recognize the impact Huron Christian School has made in the lives of their children, and will want to ensure that future families have the same opportunity as we follow the Lord's leading for the future of our school.

The campaign, however, has two important goals – raising the \$3M necessary for our building project, as well as ensuring everyone in our supporting community past, present and future, has been provided the opportunity to make a gift to the capital campaign. Over the course of this year, we will continue to reach out to all current and past parents, grandparents, alumni, staff, volunteers and past donors. We will invite them to make their mark on the future of HCS and help us continue the legacy for families for the next 50 years.

We give our heartfelt thanks to those who are sharing their time and talents with the *Same Foundation Next Generation* Capital Campaign to make it a success.

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