

Huron Christian School to undergo major renovations

Huron Christian School, located at 87 Percival Street, in Clinton, is about to undergo a major renovation project to its facility.

The project will affect many areas but most significantly in the primary classrooms of the school. The entrance, foyer and administrative office will also be renovated, the stage in the gym will be repositioned, a performing arts space will be added, and a newly designed pitched roof will cover the entire facility.

Designed by Henry Swinkels Architect, the new design drawings for the existing building will boast 12,500 square feet of renovated space and 3,660 square feet of new construction, increasing the current square footage of 19,575 square feet up to 23,235

square feet.

"By the grace of God, Huron Christian School has been offering a Christ-centred education in these facilities for 54 years. We have benefited from the vision and work of the generations before us. And now we want to ensure future generations also enjoy their legacy.

We all know that life changes at an incredible pace so we need to ensure our programs and educational environment continue to be relevant and current. To this end, improvements to our building are necessary to not only support our current programs, but to expand our educational opportunities, as well as create new spaces for learning. These enhancements will allow us to continue to provide a quality Christ-centred

education which is so vitally important to us" says Nick Geleynse, Principal.

"A lot of thought and planning has been done over the last two years in preparation for this project and now is the time to shift our ideas from paper to actual bricks and mortar. These are exciting times at HCS - a time for us to lay the groundwork for Christian education in Huron County for many years to come. It's time to make history once again!"

The Huron Christian School Board of Directors has approved moving forward with the \$3M Same Foundation, Next Generation Capital Campaign that will raise the necessary funds for this large project. The decision came following the undertaking of a Community Assessment that was

conducted by The Dennis Group Inc., a fundraising consulting firm, in the spring of this year, and the completion of concept designs by Henry Swinkels Architect in June 2016.

The Pre Campaign Team has been meeting through the summer months to prepare for the campaign, including the recruitment of a Campaign Cabinet who will move the campaign forward under the guidance of The Dennis Group Inc.

Members of the community were invited to a BBQ at Huron Christian School on Friday, September 16 to help celebrate and launch the Same Foundation, Next Generation \$3M Capital Campaign and see the latest plans for the renovation project.