

HURON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE CAMPAIGN CHAIRPERSON

We, as a school community, can do this renovation and campaign because we have been given a vision; God's plan, building with passion, a foundation of Christian education.

God lit a passion for Christian education in our founding fathers. He lit this torch in their hearts and our school was established. He has been faithful year after year; generation after generation, walking with us on the journey of Huron Christian School. God continues to keep the flame going. Our community has been benefiting from Christian education for four generations! It is with this strong foundation, and only by the God's Grace we can move forward to grow with the school; Investing in the building, the place where students learn and hear the stories that will also ignite this fire in them for generations to come.

We are the next generation to go forward with the torch, and God will continue to keep lit.

As a cabinet, we invite you to reflect with us on God's faithfulness, to commend to each other the foundation work that has been done at Huron Christian School before us, and to prayerfully consider how you will join us and invest in the future of Christian education: building on the Same Foundation, for the Next Generation.

May God bless us as we move forward in the light of His Grace,

Agnes Waanders

Campaign Chair

Huron Christian School is eagerly anticipating a major renovation adventure where many changes will be made to the current facility. Also exciting is the *Same Foundation Next Generation* Capital Campaign that will raise the necessary funds for the project.

The Capital Campaign is the result of a Community Assessment that was conducted by The Dennis Group Inc., earlier this year with representatives from our supporting community to determine our readiness for such a significant undertaking. The results clearly indicated overwhelming support and understanding of the need for renovations at Huron Christian School and we were deeply encouraged by the feedback that reflected the passion for Christian education, love for the school and its staff, and respect for its leadership. There was a genuine desire to invest directly in the lives of our students today and for future generations as so many have done before us.

Over the summer months a Campaign Cabinet was recruited who will oversee the campaign over the course of the next year and a half. The Cabinet members have geographical, generational, and denominational diversity to represent the school's supporting community and the wide range of communities it draws from to ensure all the voices are heard at the table and can contribute to the process. We are thankful for this dynamic group of individuals who are committing their time to this important project for our school. We also wish to express our appreciation to their families as the time committed to this campaign will be noticeable on the home front.

There is a great deal of work being done behind the scenes to get ready to move the campaign into the community. We are busy preparing fundraising materials, recruiting and training many more volunteers who will visit our supporting community over the coming months to share information about the campaign and the project. We ask that you keep the campaign and our volunteers in your prayers as we get ready to take this next step into the community.



L-R: Paul Vandendool, Dwayne Feddes, Sheila VanderLaan, Kim VanWyk, Dave Boersma, Nick Geleynse, Agnes Waanders, Harrison Burgsma, Karen Wynja. Absent: Luke Bouman





SAME FOUNDATION NEXT GENERATION: A FEW WORDS ABOUT OUR THEME

Determining the campaign theme and logo is an important part of campaign planning. We felt the look of the campaign needed to represent who the school is, and what the project stands for. During a brainstorming session, the Pre-Campaign Team was committed to maintaining the current logo of the school, particularly the torch and the Bible because God's Word is central to our lives and is a light to our path.

The Same Foundation reflects the foundation of Christian education laid down by the founding members. We are building on that strength. It also represents the literal sense of building on our existing and sound facility. The Next Generation speaks to the desire of today's generation to continue the legacy of past generations, positioning the school for the generations of tomorrow.

A FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION

How will the project be communicated to the community?

The Huron Christian School Campaign Cabinet has a detailed Communications Plan for the campaign. Overall, project communications will occur through regular monthly campaign newsletters which will be widely distributed across our supporting community, and will provide key developments regarding the campaign efforts and building plans. Strategic use will be made of all Huron Christian School's existing communication channels on a regular basis, including the Pink Sheet, the Link, Facebook, and a special campaign section on the school's website.

You can also stop by the Campaign's display wall in the school foyer for more information.

The renovation project even made a variety of papers and radio stations throughout the county.



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Calling all alumni!

If you are a graduate of HCS, we would like to reconnect with you! Please email us at capitalcampaign@huronchristianschool.ca

COME AND JOIN OUR CAMPAIGN TEAM!

Our Campaign Cabinet is comprised of past and current parents, graduates, and grandparents. They are busy recruiting as many volunteers as possible to assist with the hundreds of campaign visits that will take place over the coming months. If you have a desire to get involved in the campaign and would like to help us share our story with our supporting community, please contact us. We have a lot of hard work ahead of us and the more hands the lighter the work.

Should you meet any of our Campaign Cabinet and Canvassers (see list below), please offer your thanks for their commitment to helping ensure we reach our goal of \$3M.

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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