

**HARFORD
CHRISTIAN
SCHOOL**

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VISION 21 TOGETHER

SPRING 2023 | A QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT ON OUR BUILDING CAMPAIGN | 2ND EDITION

A Word from Bryan Wilson, HCS Administrator

Spring has sprung, and the team that is Harford Christian School is bound to a vigorous schedule as we race toward the end of the school year. Along with the academic rigor that is part of the HCS culture, we are squeezing into our schedule field trips, award events, outdoor sports and end-of-the-year activities, involving hundreds of our students. The HCS community has never been accused of having too much time on its hands.

We are excited about finally moving both of our 6th grades classes into their modular classrooms off of the south wing of the high school. Mr. Williams, Director of Buildings and Grounds, devoted himself to the many tasks that were necessary to place the building on site and then to prepare it for occupancy. Finally, just before Christmas, we received our “occupancy permit” from the County. With our 6th grades now in another building, our two 4th grades are finally “side-by-side” in our elementary building. And Mrs. Peters

is happy to return to her long-awaited classroom to teach music. We trust that this temporary space addition will bring some very needed relief to a growing school community. How greatly we need a new classroom building!

Admissions inquiries remain very strong, as evidenced by a large group that attended our Open House in November and in

March, along with weekly phone calls from inquiring families. Parents seeking HCS enrollment appreciate the HCS mission of serving families by providing excellent education from a Christian worldview—all to the glory of God. Regrettably, this vision is not shared by public education and secularist private schools in our land.

Our staff members are very encouraged by the

giving that was part of the October Vision 21 Extravaganza. We pray that God’s supply through our school friends will soon lead to “breaking ground” for the new school building.



“Make a Wish” by Eden Crouch
4th grade, Mrs. Diamond

**O God, thou hast taught me from my youth:
and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous
works. —Psalm 71:17**

Progress Report

Since our Vision 21 Together “Friendraiser” last October 14, we’ve continued to make significant strides toward the new classroom building. The vision is coming into focus and we are excited to share the 1st and 2nd floor plans. Completion of this phase of planning is a significant mile marker. The architects can now proceed with serious design details.

But some bad news came with the completion of this phase: the building is projected to cost a half million dollars more than former estimates—a total of \$7.5 million. So, we’ve begun investing the funds on hand in insured CDs to take advantage of slightly higher interest rates. The architects tell us that when their design work is complete, it will take 18 months to get through the permit process and begin building, so we feel comfortable committing funds to multi-month CDs, striving to earn as much interest as we can to help defray the increased cost. Think of it this way: your gift now to Vision21 Together can yield 4-5% more as we wait for permits.

1st Floor



We continue to receive gifts toward the building. This year's student "Dollar-a-Day" campaign was the best ever, with a record number of people pledging to give. This will bring in more than \$100 thousand to the cause.

Our first Vision 21 Friends Tour and Luncheon was a great success. We were able to welcome friends to the school and to the team. Thanks to you who invited participants, and be prepared to invite more for next year's Friends Tour and Luncheon events. A schedule will soon be available.

By The Numbers	
Current Funds on Hand	\$813,108
On HCS's Books (as of February 28, 2022)	\$784,349
March 2023 Donations	\$28,759
Number of Donors (+104 since October 2022)	334
Average Gift Size	\$556
Largest Gift	\$100,000

VISION 21 Friends Tour & Luncheon

Invite your friends to spend a few hours with us to find out what Harford Christian School is all about and our plans to build an even better educational experience!

WATCH FOR UPCOMING SCHEDULES

2nd Floor



In Support of **Vision 21**
TOGETHER

For the past 26 years HCS has played a very prominent role in our family. We first learned of the school when Deb was working as a homecare Occupational Therapist and met Pastor McKnight's Aunt Helen. In God's providence she mentioned HCS at a time when we were increasingly dissatisfied with the private religious school our eldest daughter attended. Unfortunately, the culture there was worldly despite the religious label. Upon entering HCS our family found a home where the leadership, including the pastor, principal, and faculty, consistently taught and modeled that Christian distinctiveness is a way of life based on God's Word and not just an academic



Len and Deb Tippet
Harford Christian School

exercise. Their steadfastness to God's Word without yielding to worldly culture was comforting and encouraging as we navigated raising our daughters. After our third daughter graduated in 2017 we missed the culture and fellowship that we enjoyed at HCS. As the demands of our previous careers subsided, we sought to re-enter the HCS community, not as parents but as employees. Retirement is overrated when we can be here! It's our hope that investing time here, at the school we love, will be a testimony to the value and importance of HCS in a challenging world.

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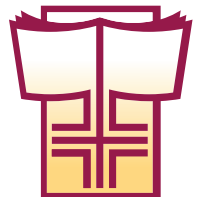


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