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# GOOD NEWS REPORT

Cedar Park Christian Schools

Creating  
opportunities for  
people to be  
changed by the  
Good News  
of Jesus Christ.

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# MISSION

Our mission is to create opportunities for people to be changed by the Good News of Jesus Christ. Our hope is for students to be bold and uncompromising through upholding absolute truth, igniting academic excellence and growing in a thriving community.



**But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign in righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*Romans 5:20-21*

If your ears are like mine, we hear bad news at every turn in our society today. Social media feeds, news reports, and our friends and neighbors speak of tragedies at home and abroad. We hear of disintegration in marriages, with our children, and in the changing values in our culture. We may become distracted and discouraged.

At Cedar Park Christian Schools, we are witnessing a different story. It is a story of hope and encouragement. It is a story of lives in the process of being changed by the Good News of Jesus Christ. We regularly hear stories of students responding to Truth in God's word and growing in their knowledge of Him. We see evidence of God working across generational lines.

At Cedar Park Christian Schools we are flooded with Good News. We can't wait to share it.

It is my desire that these pages remind you why you chose Christian education. It is intended to highlight what God is accomplishing in partnership with hundreds of parents, teachers, friends, family and the students themselves. Cedar Park Christian is committed to the teaching of God's word which leads us to Christ himself. We are committed to exceptional academics. We are engaged in today's culture by remaining ambassadors for Christ. This report is intended to convey these things through authenticity, transparency, and the stewardship of our resources.

This is our commitment.

This is our calling.

This is our purpose.

**"The one who calls you is faithful, and He will do it."**

*1 Thessalonians 5:24*

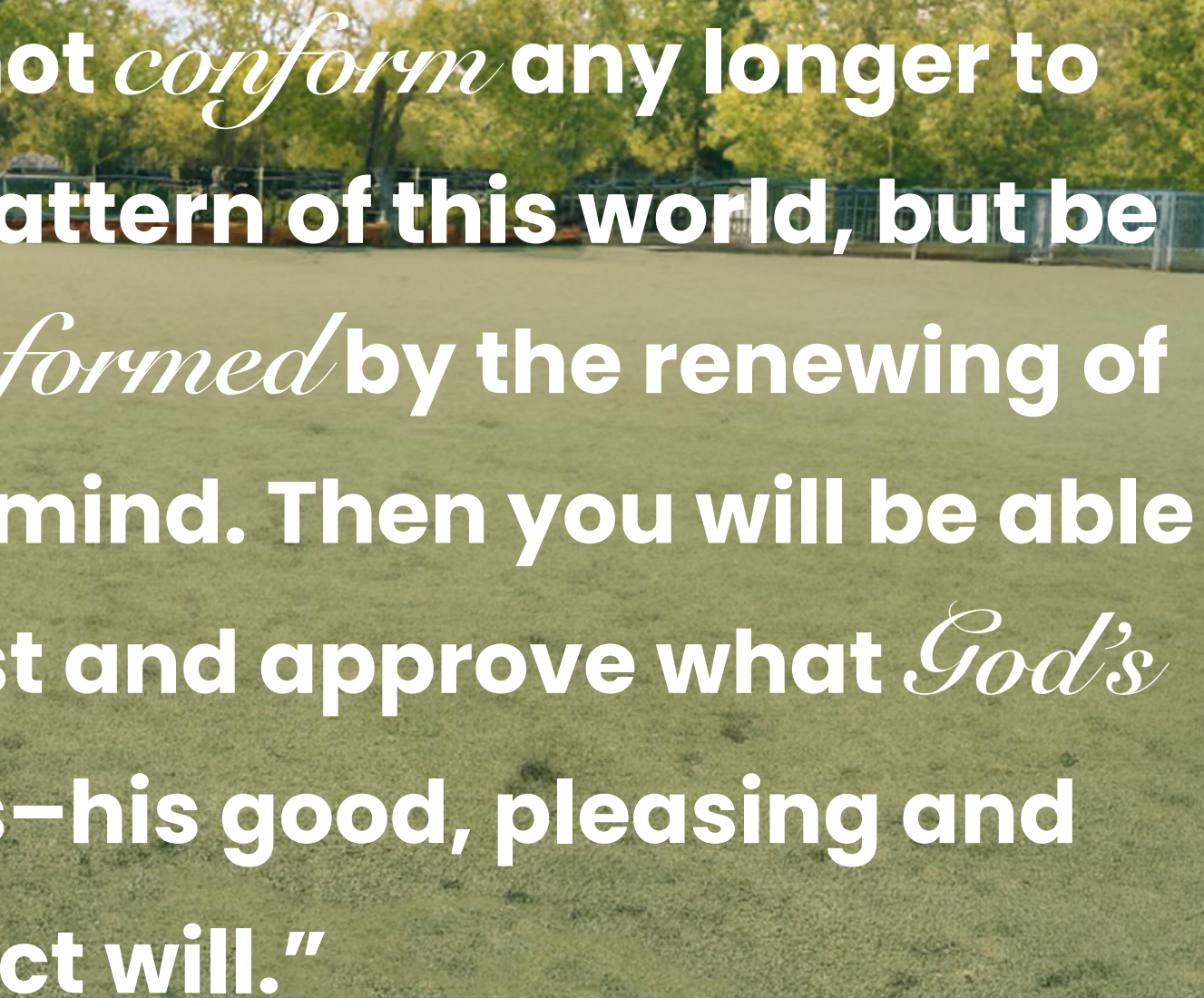


**Nina Tejada** | Development and Communication Director





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Do not *conform* any longer to the pattern of this world, but be *formed* by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to discern what *God's* will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."

*Romans 12:2*

# ACADEMICS

EACH NUMBER REPRESENTS A LIFE THAT HAS BEEN IMPACTED BY JESUS. WE CELEBRATE ALL THAT GOD HAS DONE IN THE **2023 - 2024** SCHOOL YEAR.

## 2,275 days

FROM KINDERGARTEN TO GRADUATION THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 2,275 DAYS TO EDUCATE OUR CHILDREN.

## 2,416

STUDENTS

## 1982

YEAR ESTABLISHED

## 324

CHURCHES REPRESENTED

## 100%

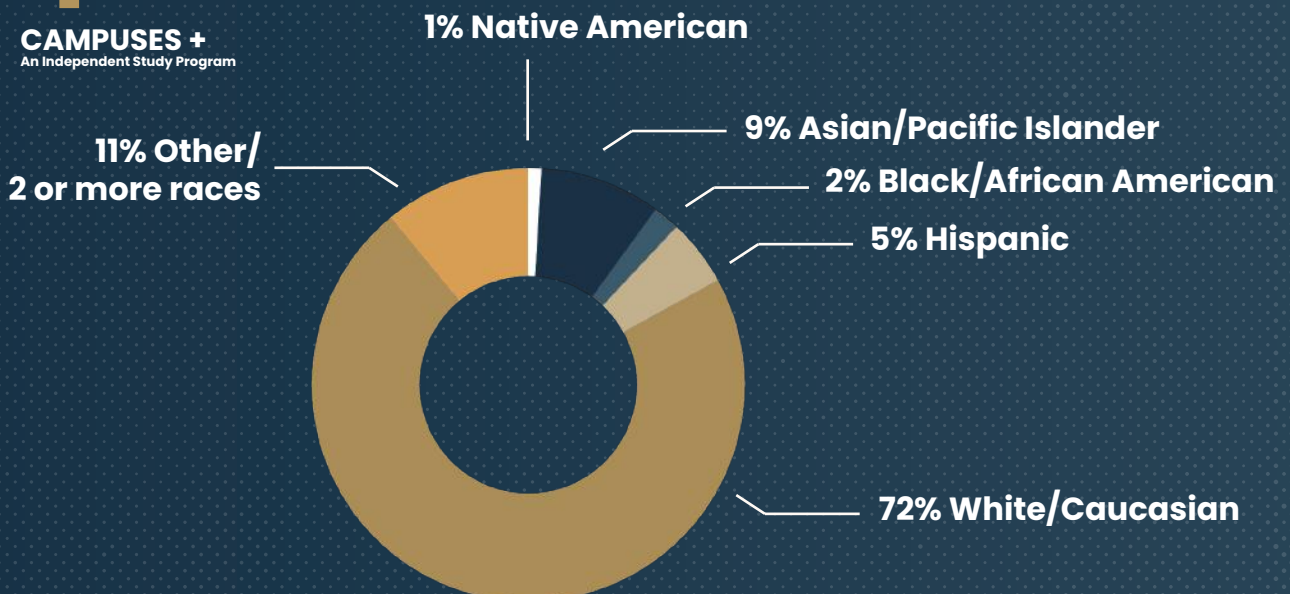
PRIVATE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL

## 30+

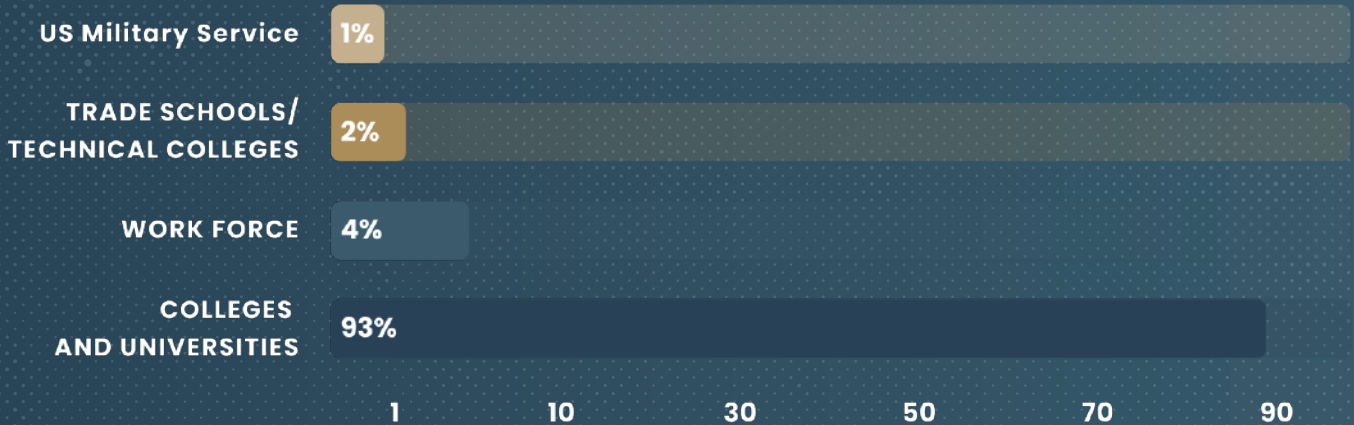
COUNTRIES REPRESENTED

## 4

CAMPUSES +  
An Independent Study Program



## PERCENTAGES FOR STUDENTS' ACTIVITY AFTER GRADUATION:



# EXTRACURRICULAR



**4 CAMPUSES | 46 ATHLETIC TEAMS: GRADES 6-12**



**APPROXIMATELY 700+ MS AND HS STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN ATHLETICS AT CPC**



**APPROXIMATELY 10-20 STUDENT ATHLETES AT CPC ANNUALLY MOVE ON TO PLAY AT THE COLLEGIATE LEVEL. SCHOLARSHIPS VARY**



**AWARD WINNING ROBOTICS TEAM**



**MUSIC ARTS PERFORMANCES AT CARNEGIE HALL**

# SPIRITUAL RHYTHMS

We are always excited about what God accomplishes in the hearts and minds of our young people during the year. From weekly chapels to daily life in every K-12th grade classroom, keeping Christ first is what we strive to do. This year we walked with students as they prayed for salvation, got baptized, went on missions trips, and grew in their discipleship.

It was simply awesome to watch our students grow in grace and understanding (2 Peter 3:18). At the elementary level, chapels were one of the highlights of the year. Kids grew in their knowledge of God's word and had the opportunity to get to know Jesus more deeply. Watching our elementary students worship and engage in praise makes it a fantastic reminder that we are all invited to come to and trust in our Savior with child-like faith.


On the secondary level, one of the ministry aspects that stands out to me this year was our chapel worship. Our student-led worship team was composed of not only talented musicians but faithful servant leaders with a heart for worship. As they authentically worshiped God, they led by example and created space for their peers to respond the same way. As usual there were student-led Bible studies throughout the year, but we also saw students really desiring to understand their faith and grow spiritually in our Bible classes.

This was the first year offering Systematic Theology to our upperclassmen, and for me personally, watching our students lean into difficult material with intellectual dedication and the intentional goal of unity in the faith, was both inspiring and hopeful. Our campuses comprise of many different denominations, and our young people are coming to understand secondary doctrinal differences, but choosing not to divide over them is, in my opinion, a foretaste of eternity. I look forward to seeing what God continues to do in and through our students as they live purposefully for his kingdom!



**Dr. Sara Boyd** | Campus Pastor & Bible Department Head





**"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."**

*Romans 8:28*

# CPCS FAMILY HIGHLIGHT

## SAMUELU STORY

Our family was introduced to Cedar Park Christian School by a church member who recommended we check out the Cedar Park Jr Football program. We have 3 children currently in 8th, 7th, & 4th grades; two boys and one girl. Our boys are very competitive and love playing sports and making friends through their activities. Our daughter is independent and a kind friend and brings us so much joy.

We moved to Seattle in February 2020 with our kids enrolled in Seattle Public Schools' Green Lake Elementary. It was a rough transition when COVID hit and our kids had a year and a half of remote learning, making it difficult to make new friends and truly learn. It also opened our eyes to what was being taught in the Seattle Public School system. As our oldest was about to begin middle school we felt it heavy on our hearts to look into other options.

Serving in Seattle as pastors was very difficult and we wanted our kids in an environment where they could feel like themselves and learn and grow in a place where they weren't afraid to be a Christian. We knew private school wasn't something we could afford but staff encouraged us to set up an interview and talk to CPCS. I can't tell you how nervous I was walking into that meeting. My husband and I said a prayer on the drive to the school from Seattle and agreed to "not get our hopes up." I literally cried as we drove on campus and met with Mr Bryant. CPCS is a place that "feels" like home when you drive on campus. It was the first time since moving to Seattle that I felt comfortable and that my kids would be ok. We are so extremely blessed and grateful and humbled to receive a tuition scholarship so our kids can be in a safe place while we work and do ministry in Seattle. I can tell you that if it wasn't for Cedar Park Christian Schools I don't know if we'd still be here.

Since our children have attended Cedar Park Christian School, they have grown in their faith and confidence as believers, as well as being pushed academically. They are involved in many sports and activities on campus from junior football and cheer, basketball, volleyball, track and field, football and Leadership class. They have also seen and experienced the other side of reality living in Seattle and I believe God will use both of these experiences for His good. I am truly grateful to CPCS for providing a quality and Christian education and coming alongside families as they navigate raising children in today's culture.



# LETTER FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Cedar Park Christian Community:

School was hard for me, for many reasons. Believe it or not, I could not read until I was in the 6th grade. My mom, a teacher, would help me try to learn with phonics cards and also read out loud to me for most of grade school. I found myself memorizing stories just to get by.

I often wonder how my life would have been had I been at a school with a community of teachers and staff who lived for Christ and imparted God's beauty and truth on a day-in, day-out basis. In fact, it wasn't until Jesus rescued me that I was able to comprehend and obtain highest academic honors in middle school.

At Cedar Park Christian Schools we endeavor to show and tell the beauty of the Gospel and Christ's singular ability to transform our hearts and minds. We endeavor to live our lives for Christ and his kingdom in such a way that our students will see at school what you as parents are seeking to nurture in your homes.

It is a tremendous blessing to serve in Christian education. During these years I have witnessed numerous stories of God's faithful involvement, and I have seen that there is a unique and precious relationship between a teacher and a student. This is one key to an effective partnership with parents and fruitfulness in Christian education. Jesus said, "When a student is fully trained, he will be like his teacher." (Luke 6:40) In the context of a loving Christian relationship, the teacher then teaches, trains, and encourages a student academically, intellectually, and spiritually. (Titus 2)

Thank you for your commitment to support Cedar Park Christian Schools as we continue to see your students be formed in Christ: body, soul, and spirit.

God bless you,



**Blair Bryant | Superintendent**





I am delighted to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the CFO for Cedar Park Church and Christian Schools. I bring a background of 25+ years in commercial finance working the majority in the banking sector. I have also served as the treasurer for Cedar Park Church for over a decade as well as on both boards of the school and the church.

All four of my children are Cedar Park graduates and I now have the privilege of my first grandchild attending school at Cedar Park on the Bothell campus. Our family is grateful for the Christian education and mentorship that Cedar Park has provided to all of us.

God has blessed Cedar Park tremendously over the years and the 2023-24 year was no exception. I am confident going forward in God's continued favor and the commitment of our families as we navigate the 2024-25 year ahead.



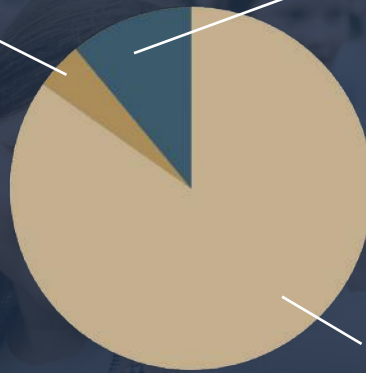
**Jason Shirley** | Chief Financial Officer

# FINANCIALS

**CPCS District Overall Operating Revenue : \$23,202,000**

**Campaign & Auction Income  
(Fund a Need, General Fund,  
Eagle Fund, Concert Donations)**  
4.23%

**School-Specific  
Programs (Program  
Activities, Athletics,  
Mission + Other)**  
11.02%

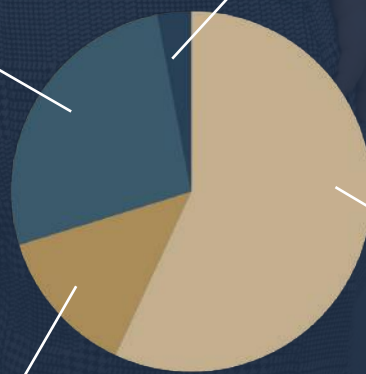


**Tuition & Fees**  
84.75%

**CPCS District Overall Operating Expenses: \$23,428,000**

**Facilities, Maintenance,  
Transportation**  
26.76%

**Other**  
3.03%



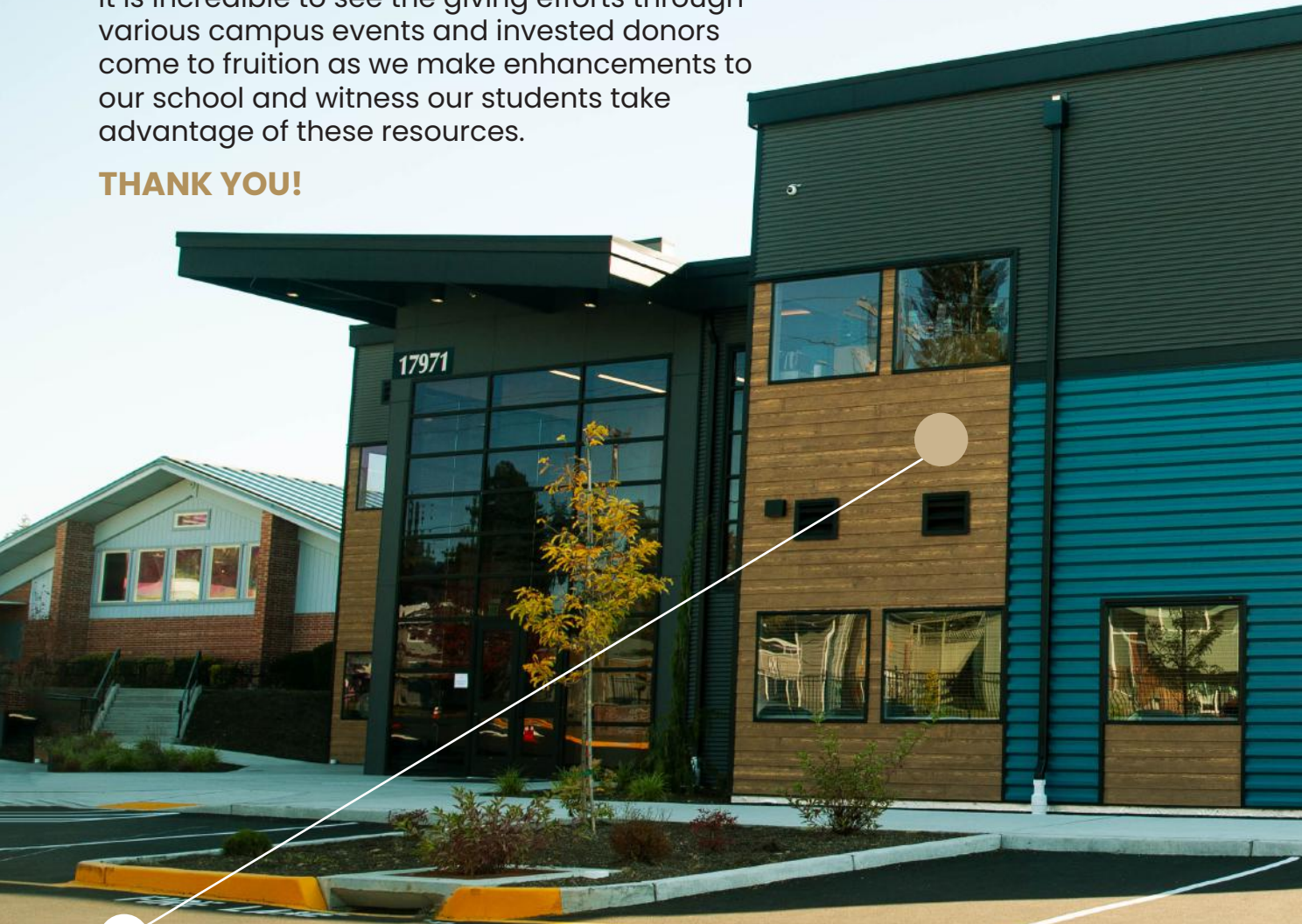
**Salaries and  
Benefits**  
56.91%

**School-Specific Programs  
(Instruction/Curriculum,  
Materials)**  
13.30%

# GIVING IN ACTION

It is incredible to see the giving efforts through various campus events and invested donors come to fruition as we make enhancements to our school and witness our students take advantage of these resources.

**THANK YOU!**



The demand for excellent Christian education is high in the Pacific Northwest region, and while our Lynnwood campus was operating at capacity 2 years ago, today we are so excited to see this new expansion which allows CPCS to impact more students for Christ and expand the mission in the PNW. This building was paid for through the sale of our MountLake Terrace Building, Cedar Park loan and our operating costs.

## **Bellevue:**

Technology updates  
Classroom renovations

## **Bothell:**

Elementary security fob door entrance  
High school doors (In progress)  
New transit vans (In progress)  
North field: new soccer field stairs  
North field hydroseeding and drainage  
Carpet cleaning A,B,C,D and middle school classrooms  
HS hallway waxing  
HS gym refinishing  
Undercover play area resurfacing  
Undercover play area new LED lighting  
Clear trees and mulch west entrance of high school  
Main campus speed bumps  
Rebuild field bathrooms, sheetrock, heaters and plumbing  
Pressure washing parking areas  
Light post in north bus parking lot  
New carpet in administrative offices  
New HVAC zoning for heating and cooling in A&B buildings  
C&D post and chains for student safety (on roadway)  
New flooring in boys bathroom by elementary gym

## **LYNNWOOD:**

Property Fence  
Sewer repair  
New hot water heater  
Concrete patches along walkways  
Painted roofs over kitchen and gym

## **MILL CREEK:**

Parking lot fencing  
Preschool playground  
Soccer nets  
Outdoor basketball nets  
Bottle-filling water fountains

**Our most valuable giving initiative begins with making Christian Education possible for families.** Throughout the duration of so many cultural shifts, our generous donors play a significant role in funding scholarships, without which many students would not be able to attend CPCS.



**WILL YOU JOIN US?**

## CALL TO ACTION

A culture of generosity is what makes it possible for the young lives at Cedar Park Christian Schools to be transformed by the Good News of Jesus Christ. *It is what we believe in, what we are doing, where we are headed and the reasons why.*

For generations, churches, grandparents, and friends have provided financial gifts and volunteer partnerships along with a commitment to pray. We are thankful for your generosity and support of Christ-centered, bible-based education.

*Will you join us in creating a culture that is invested in our mission to provide sustainability for our current and future students?*

## WAYS TO GIVE

**One Time or Monthly Donations:** You can give online as a monthly or one-time donation using the QR Below. You can also write a check payable to Cedar Park Christian schools, mailed to 16300 112th Ave NE, Bothell, WA 98011

**Transfer Securities:** CPCS accepts gifts of securities like stocks, bonds and mutual funds, in addition to cash gifts. Donating appreciated securities to CPCS may allow you additional tax benefits if you have securities that have unrealized capital gains.

**Commitment to Pray:** Will you commit to praying with us? Will you pray that we grow in the grace and knowledge of God? Pray that God will give us wisdom and provision for what He has placed on our hearts. Pray that we will steward what God has given us to continue in the mission of people being changed by the good news of Jesus Christ.



**Give now.**  
[cpcsschools.com/give/give-online](https://cpcsschools.com/give/give-online)

# ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT

## LARSON FAMILY STORY

It was 2001, right after Y2K when our family of 6 moved back to Washington from San Francisco. We had happily homeschooled our 4 children and felt it was the time to broaden their circle of influence. We toured Cedar Park Christian School in Bothell and became prayerfully enthusiastic about submitting applications for our children Sally, Mary, Jane, and Luke. We were delighted to be accepted, and our children began their CPCS years with anticipation and curiosity about the future. We would be commuting to Bothell from Fall City, so Shar took a job as an aide to mitigate the 1 ½ hour round-trip commute. (Shar still works part-time in Admissions today, 22 years later, because of her love for Cedar Park and Christian education). Our children are all married and have given us 8 super grandsons. When we asked them to recall their days at Cedar Park, they had numerous memorable stories and many glowing words.



**Luke Larson**  
2004 graduate

My brief 2 years at Cedar Park were great days of challenging classes with teachers and coaches, who loved Jesus and desired to see us learn and succeed. After graduation, I had a serious car accident that landed me in Harborview for a month. My CPCS baseball coach, team members, and many teachers visited and prayed over me while I was hospitalized. Those prayers were powerful in my healing—all praise to God. I later attended university and was well prepared to transition to post-secondary education.



**Jane (Ricardi) Larson**  
2006 graduate

I had the great pleasure of attending Cedar Park from 8th grade through graduation. I now live in Wenatchee, and my husband and I are parents to 3 little boys. If we still lived in the area, I know we would send our boys to Cedar Park. During my time there, I joined cross-country and track teams to make new friends. God used Mr. Smith, other coaches, and teammates as a vehicle to reveal the special place running would have in my life. The trails and track prepared me for a college running career and gave me confidence and irreplaceable life experiences that changed me forever.



**Mary (Beezhold) Larson**  
2009 graduate

My 8 years at Cedar Park were packed with academics, fastpitch softball, drama, leadership, and many great memories! One memory in particular was my interaction with my math teacher, Ms. Yeazell. She mentored me through a lack of confidence in my math abilities by telling me, "You are capable, smart, and made in the image of God, and you can do this." Ten years later, I would return to CPCS to begin my own teaching career in the English department. It was then that I had the opportunity to remind myself of that truth again. I am a testimony to the community of skillful educators at Cedar Park who care about the hearts and souls of individual students.



**Sally (Crowther) Larson**  
2013 graduate

I spent 12 years at Cedar Park, from the 1st grade through my senior year. By graduation I felt enveloped in a familiar community and very known. It is a special thing to experience a community like that through your formative years. I had a beautiful foundation to learn and grow through teachers' very personal involvement, coaches mentoring and believing in me, and just the pure joy of friendships and shared life in the close-knit community of CPCS. Education is important but being known and learning to function with a community is invaluable.

Our story of coming to Cedar Park Christian School is representative of hundreds of other families who have been led in unique and specific ways to find Christ-centered community, discipleship, and a robust education at Cedar Park. He brought our family with kind clarity to this beautiful school in which He would plant our children. Here, they continued to grow through interesting and challenging classes. They explored sports and drama, discovering abilities and forming profound connections. We have immense gratitude to our Lord Jesus for his leadership and precious care over our family.



**Bill & Shar Larson**





**“Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; He is the *faithful* God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who *love* him and keep his commandments.”**

*Deuteronomy 6:7-9*

**“But when the goodness and loving kindness of *God* our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own *mercy*, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become *heirs* according to the hope of eternal life.”**

*Titus 3:4-7*





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## JOIN OUR FORMATIVE DISTRICT WIDE EVENT

REMEMBERING THE SACRIFICE

# THE TABLE

MARCH 22ND 2025  
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