

Dear Friend,

Thanksgiving marks the final stretch of what to many of us has been the longest year of our lives. Those four digits, 2020, marked the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Calvary Christian Schools, and on October 24, 2019, we had record attendance at our Fall Fundraising Banquet (more than 300). At that wonderful event, we introduced a new donor display called "Leaving a Legacy: 40 Years and Beyond." We are very grateful to say that in the nine months following that banquet more than \$200,000 in support came from you, our dear friends.

Thanks to help like that, we began this 2020-21 school-year with tremendous momentum and hopes that the pandemic was ebbing away and a vaccine was on the horizon. That hope remains, but sadly so does the restrictive cloud of COVID-19. Our Fall Fundraising Banquet had to be cancelled. Behind the scenes, school leadership whispered, "Oh, no. What will we do?" Dear friends, I have been at CCS for over twenty years, and no year has tested our mettle like 2020.

Our GAP need this year is over \$175,000. That is the "no frills" **gap** between our projected income and the costs of paying teachers and bills for the school year. We know from past years that this is an achievable goal. Our donors trust our good stewardship. Our collective time, talent, and treasure are poured into young lives for the glory of God. Never is that more apparent than in challenging times like the present.

You may not know, however, that we welcomed a record number of new families this year. The recovering economy has left many of our families in need of additional help. More than \$225,000 in need-based financial assistance was granted this year. We love that our school is an inclusive family. It's a beautiful picture--a giant Christmas card, if you will--but God uses many people to paint that picture each year, and sometimes the canvas looms large. This is one of those years.

Our "Twelve Days of Giving" drive begins on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Gifts can be given now through the end of this tax year. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 for each of the 12 days (\$120,000 by the end of the tax year). Please pray about how God can use you to help CCS in-turn help others. The need is great, but as we sing in this season of Messiah, may we also sing Jehovah-Jireh..."The Lord will Provide."

During the "12 Days of Giving," please visit the CCS Website at [calvaryeagles.org](http://calvaryeagles.org). Go to the top right and click "blog" for updates past and present. An inspirational video will be available on the CCS Website on December 3. If you would like to support Calvary Christian Schools "Twelve Days of Giving", please use the PayPal link by [clicking here](#) to donate or send a check directly to the school (Calvary Christian Schools, 5873 Kendra Rd., Fruitport MI 49415) with "Twelve Days of Giving" in the memo line.

Thank you for your consideration.

Tom Kapanka, CCS School Administrator



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