

High School Update

February 5th ,2007

Projected milestone dates:

Feb 12

GCHS Project kickoff meeting 7PM

Feb 15

Conditional Use Application filed

Late March

Planning commission meeting

March 31

Fundraising target of \$50,000

April 29

Groundbreaking ceremony

June 4

Site work work begins

June 30

Fundraising target \$250,000

Mid-August

Buildings delivered

9-5-07

GCHS opens!!

We have no money. We must seek government approval for construction. We have a short timeline. But we serve a mighty God.

Our vision for GCHS goes beyond mere schooling. Proper education informs not just the mind, but also the heart. We intend to be Christ centered in both academics, and action. The development of a heart for God, and a heart for service will be one of our core missions. It is exciting to anticipate the impact GCHS can have on our children, but even more so is the impact that eighty godly young men and women can have on their world.

Proverbs 19:21 states, "Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails." Pray with me that God's purpose will prevail, in our school, and in the lives of our children.

Your Servant in Christ,
Steve Parker

Skills and Services Needed

We are about to undertake our most significant building project in 30 years. Obviously, much of the work will require licensed professionals, however, there will be numerous tasks that can be done by volunteers. Also, it would be helpful if anyone has contacts with professional contractors that may be willing to perform work at below market rates. This also applies to materials suppliers who may be willing to furnish items below retail.

Examples of areas of need include: Trades such as Plumbing, Electrical, Carpentry, Decking, Fencing, Landscaping. Technical areas such as network and telecommunications, computers, and audio visual. Professional skills such as Graphic Design, Web Design, Publishing, Marketing, Videography. Building Materials such as Decking, Fencing, Landscape supplies, electronic equipment, and classroom equipment.

If you can help out, or have contacts that may be able to help out, please let us know.

Committees

There is much work to be done in establishing our high school program, so we will be forming three committees to assist with various tasks. These committees will

Ready, Set, Go!

"Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

To my friends and fellow parents:

A little over 3400 years ago, a small nation camped near the banks of the Jordan river preparing to enter their Promised Land. They faced giants and fortified cities, but God was with them.

Today, we stand in a similar place as we prepare to build the High School that we believe God has promised to us. We face obstacles and uncertainties, but we serve the same God.

operate under the supervision of the project coordinator, and the church/school board. If you would like to participate in any of these committees, please contact Steve Parker. You are also strongly encouraged to attend the February PTF meeting and GCHS kickoff on Feb 12th at 7PM at the school.

A brief description of these committees and their goals is listed below.

Fundraising

This committee will organize and implement fundraising activities for the GCS Capital Fund.

Goals:

- Raise a minimum of \$250,000 for the GCS Capital Fund
- Reach 5,000 people with a message about our High School project by June 30, 2007

Marketing/Communications

This committee will organize marketing and communications related to Grace Christian School, and the High School project.

Goals:

- Achieve 07-08 enrollment above 90% of capacity
- Reach 5,000 people with a message about our High School project by June 30, 2007

Construction

The construction committee will assist in the management of the building acquisition, siting and related site improvements, as well as any improvements needed to the main building.

Goals:

- Buildings acquired and ready for occupancy by August 20, 2007
- Project completed for less than \$250,000.00

GCS Capital Fund

The board has approved a new designated funds account to finance capital projects for the school. This fund will be called the "GCS Capital Fund".

This fund will be used for facilities development and equipment purchases.

Curriculum

The curriculum for the high school is under development, but we do know a few things. Students graduating from GCHS will have met all the requirements for college admissions in the State of Oregon. We are tracking state requirements closely, and will ensure that our students

are properly prepared to continue their education at a college level.

We are also developing a compelling list of elective courses. One area of focus will be the intersection of technology and the creative arts. Possible areas of study include Journalism, Graphic Arts, Photography, Publishing, Film-Making, Music, Web Design, Programming. We plan to have a state of the art computer lab to support these areas.

Prayer Requests

There is no greater need in this project than the need for prayer. We ask that you add these seven project related items to your daily prayer list.

That God's will be done

"Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain." Psalms 127:1

Favorable decisions from government agencies

"The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord; he directs it like a watercourse wherever he pleases." Proverbs 21:1

Volunteers and Contractors

"... and every skilled person to whom the LORD had given ability and who was willing to come and do the work." Exodus 36:2

Favor from neighbors

"When a man's ways are pleasing to the Lord, he makes even his enemies live at peace with him." Proverbs 16:7

School Staff

"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth." 2 Timothy 2:15

Students

"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it." Proverbs 22:6

Finances

"For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened." Luke 11:10

If you are interested in helping with any aspect of this project, please contact Steve Parker.

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