



FAITH COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Lifelong Explorers on a Christian Journey

Dear Families,

As the school board and staff at FCCS, it is our goal to offer exceptional Christian education while providing outstanding curriculum and instruction. Programs like our green engineering, animal husbandry, robotics team, GROW program with onsite speech and occupational therapy, and dyslexia therapy clearly provide additional educational support and experiences unique to our school. Next year, we are excited to offer new curriculum and opportunities to our 5th and 6th grade students. As we continue to pray for the direction of our growing school, we are faced with financial challenges.

Many have noticed the tuition increase for the 2022/2023 school year. The standard for other local Christian schools is a 4% annual tuition increase. While we strive to keep our tuition cost down, the discrepancy between the money coming in and the cost to operate the school is too great to overcome. While we realize that the tuition increase for next year is significant for all of us, you may be surprised to learn that tuition only covers 72% of the school's total expenses. School operating costs include paying our amazing staff, a large portion of curriculum costs, utilities, cleaning, office supplies, insurance, technology, and maintenance. You should also know that our staff makes about 20% less than the average public school teacher. Our staff chooses to be here because they believe in Christian education and love our kids! Christian education is a choice. When chosen, it becomes our responsibility as a school community to cover the remaining 28% of the cost to operate the school. This typically comes in the form of fundraising and donations.

If we do not include fundraising and donations to supplement operating costs at Faith and rely solely on tuition to run the school, the cost of education at Faith would be as follows:

Preschool: \$6,656

Young 5's: \$5,990.40

Kindergarten: \$6,220.80

Grades 1-4: \$6,246.80

Grades 5-6: \$6,656

We, as a community, do not want this.

Additionally, we provide the lowest tuition rate in comparison to other local Christian schools, such as: Rockford Christian (\$9,300 - \$9,800), Ada Christian (\$10,975), Algoma Christian (\$6,505), and Grant Christian (\$5,860). We make every dollar count *and* stretch.

In order to meet our financial obligations without a major tuition increase, we need to come together as a community. This has ALWAYS been the Faith way. As we continue to look for an additional revenue stream to supplement operating costs, our immediate needs include help with fundraising, volunteer services, and donations. Please consider how you and your family (this includes grandparents, aunts and uncles, neighbors) can help contribute; keeping in mind that all volunteer activities count toward your 40 annual TASK hours.

Volunteer Opportunities - Use your God-given talents and gifts!

- Serve on the PTO Board: Help organize fun activities for our classrooms, kids and families!
- Volunteer Coordinator: Help recruit and place new volunteers and oversee volunteer activities.
- Lunch Volunteers: Help cover classrooms so our amazing teachers can enjoy their lunch.
- Graphic Design: Help us design a new school logo!
- Web Designer: Help us continue to develop our website to showcase our school!
- Spring Clean-up: (Date TBD) Help tidy up our property for warmer weather; playground maintenance; lawn care, weeding etc.
- General Maintenance Projects: Deep cleaning (kitchen, hallways, carpet, etc.), seasonal painting.
- Animal Care: watering, feeding, cleaning
- Skilled Tradespeople: Electrical, plumbing, construction, HVAC, telecommunications, projector installation.

Donate Items:

Bottled water
Colt Care Snacks
Hand soap
Paper towels
Salt for parking lot
Toilet paper
Reams of paper
Whiteboard markers

You can also ask your child's teacher for suggestions on items they may need for the classroom!

Fundraising:

Below is a list of fundraising IDEAS for the rest of the year with many details needing to be worked out before they are possible. If you have other ideas or if you would like to help with an idea on the list, please contact Heather DeKorte at boosters@faithccs.com

March 1-5: Krispy Kreme Digital Dozens (done)
March (dates): March Madness Bracket
March 21: March Madness Can Drive (help return cans)
March 25: Read and Feed

April: Rada Cutlery Fundraiser
April 22: Auction

May/June: Community Yard Sale with Food Trucks

Summer: Soccer and Art Camps
Summer: Faith Farmers Market
Late Summer: Back to School Carnival

Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. Ecclesiastes 4:9 NLT

In Partnership,

FCCS Board

