

November 25, 2019

Dear Central Christian Community,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I thank God for each of you in this school community in this month of Thanksgiving. *Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.* Colossians 3:15

One of the most important things I have learned since coming to Central Christian School is how to trust in God's provision. As we move Forward in Faith with a comprehensive capital campaign, I know that our role is to tell the story of God at work through this school, to share the opportunity to give, and to trust God to speak to the hearts of generous people. We thank God that already, over 34 households have given over \$2,032,667 in cash and pledges for the renovation of the school facility and parking lot this summer. During this same time, our students, staff, and donors have raised \$226,062.41 (in payments) through Community Service Day and Butter Braid Sales and donations to fund the Fair Balance Fund, which makes it possible for families to have varying rates of tuition. All of our students from Elementary, Middle School, and High School spent October 19 serving others in 23 different local non-profits and also here on campus. We can trust in God for the future because we can see the ways God has provided in the past.

Generosity and giving is contagious! Elementary students are collecting cans and jars of fruit for the Crown Hill Food Pantry. Today, the first donation came in from a kindergartner who was so excited to give to others in this season. The student-led Campus Ministries has chosen to give to the Sommers family for their four-year-old daughter, Olive's liver transplant. They have a collection box in the main lobby and are also fundraising through [Go Fund Me](#). Caring for others is a wonderful way to celebrate this season of giving. We invite you to prayerfully consider giving to the [Renovation Fund](#) for **Giving Tuesday** (an international day of charitable giving) on December 3.

We give thanks:

- For students who sing "Happy Birthday" to each other in the cafeteria

- For parent/grandparent volunteers who help with play sets, cafeteria monitoring, Christmas decorating, elementary library times, Central Community in Prayer, Auction Committee, and so much more
- For faculty and staff who go above and beyond because they care
- For curious minds and for opportunities to discover new things
- For generosity
- For excellent Middle School and High School volleyball, soccer, and cross country coaches and teams who set a great example
- For great cast and crew of *The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood* who made us laugh
- For a consistently high quality music performance at the Middle School Fall Concert

Please pray:

1. For clear and strong commitment and vision for Central's Board, Leadership Team, faculty, and staff
2. That God will be at work in CCS and through CCS.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent and Elementary School Principal