

Dear STCCS Supporter,

We are now two months into a new school year at STCCS. It is so good to have students and teachers back in the classroom! The sounds of small feet excitedly rushing into their classrooms in our primary end, the happy greetings between friends as a new day starts, students pouring over group projects – sharing ideas and enjoying the thrill of learning . . . and so much more! These are what we have longed for and are so grateful for after a difficult year and a half impacted by Covid.

STCCS prioritizes our students, and it is a profound privilege to teach them about their Father's world. Our mission is *to know and serve every student, encouraging them to reach their God-given potential*. God has given us a fantastic, dedicated staff to take care of the educational needs of each student. They also walk along side our students and very intentionally seek opportunities to disciple them and draw them into a deeper, more personal relationship with their Lord.

God has been faithful and met our needs. STCCS has gone through significant change and growth in the last number of years. We have much to celebrate and we just want to highlight a few:

- Two years ago, we opened our high school and welcomed our first grade nine class of seven students to STCCS. Amazingly, in spite of the pandemic and limited occasion to promote this opportunity, God has blessed us with significant growth, and we are excited to be providing forty-six students with a quality, Christ-centered High School experience.
- In addition to the growth that we have experienced in our High School, our Elementary School continues to grow as well. We feel blessed and excited to serve 298 students from kindergarten to grade eleven. It is hard to believe that only ten years ago we had 84 students. What an amazing answer to prayer.
- We have also seen God answer prayer as we strive to better support all our students. We are excited about our ever-growing Student Services Program which serves a large number of students who struggle with unique learning challenges. At this point, two teachers, four Personal Support Workers, one Educational Assistant, and one Behavioural Support Worker provide our students with the care and support to help them reach their God-given potential.
- As we grow and strive to better serve our students, the demands on our leadership team have also grown. Recently, we were able to expand our administration team to include a Director of Operations. This position will help us manage many day-to-day activities including enrolment, finances, and facilities.
- We feel extremely fortunate to have two wonderful campuses to serve our growing school community. At 77 Fairview, we welcome our kindergarten to grade 5 students in our newly renovated "North Campus." While at 345 Fairview, our "South Campus", we are blessed to support our students in a fully accessible, modern building with a massive gym and great learning spaces.

This letter comes to you knowing that you are connected in some way to STCCS, either as a past parent, a grandparent, or a supporting community member. We are asking that you partner with us, supporting our vision and mission through your prayers and your gifts.

Being a member is, in essence, affirming the vision and mission of the school. It is also your voice, giving you the opportunity to vote at membership meetings and serve on the board or one of its sub-committees as a community member. Please contact the school office (519 633-6090, info@stthomaschristian.org) for a copy of STCCS's **Membership Policy** and/or an **Application/Renewal Form for Membership**.

We also understand that you may not wish to become a member but hold the school closely in your hearts and prayers. The support of our larger community helps make Christian education possible for our families and we are grateful and blessed by your support.

Thank you in advance for your prayers and support – both past and future.

Sincerely,

The Board of Directors
St. Thomas Community Christian School