

**BUILDING**  
ON THE  
**WORD**

**BUILDING UP OUR  
CHILDREN THROUGH  
GODLY ATHLETICS**

**"SANCTIFY THEM BY THE TRUTH, YOUR WORD IS TRUTH." JOHN 17:17**

# OUR MISSION

Gl orifying God by assisting parents, providing a Christ-centered academical ly excel l ent education edifying the whol e chil d, resul ting in Godly l eadership through service.



2004-2005

Rejoice in what God has enabled us to do!

1. Awarded full accreditation status.
2. Achieved K-12 status by adding 12th grade.
3. Added infrastructure (drainage system and parking lot) to prepare for future growth and expansion.



4. Added an after school drama program.
5. Participated in the GACS Fine Arts Competition for both Elementary and High School for the first time.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is fascinating to watch God unfold His steps for us. If you had asked me five years ago to predict where I thought the development of our school would be today, I would not have guessed much of what has happened. If you asked me just two years ago, I still would not have been accurate in my prediction. "The mind of man plans his way, But the LORD directs his steps" (Prov. 16:9).

However, as time passes, it becomes clearer where the Lord is taking us. Now, it is the conviction of our school board that we focus on developing the part of the school's mission (edifying the whole child) that builds up the physical bodies of our children while we continue to teach Christ-like character through athletics.

If the Lord wills, the three phase plan will result in beautiful soccer and baseball fields, bleachers, scoreboards, a concession building and a gymnasium that will have been upgraded with new flooring, locker rooms, stands, and more. This will allow our children to enjoy athletic facilities that are appropriate for elementary through the high school grades.

But, other important things cannot be left undone. Therefore, built into the goal of each phase will be monetary provision for land, tuition assistance for those in need and additional classrooms to accommodate growth (see page 7 for details).

Before we embark on the campaign, please give thanks to the Lord for the schools' continued growth and improvements in many areas of the school including our great teachers, fine academic program and the latest attainment of our goal to be a fully accredited K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade school.

By the way, is there a Christian worldview of sports? Yes, there is, and we will be determined to teach God honoring thinking and action (head and heart) into every child who participates (see more on page 6).

Finally, we should be very encouraged as we remember the fact that \$2.5 million dollars has been raised in the last 6 years. Clearly, God has shown us from His past provisions to CCS that the goal of approximately \$580K per phase is attainable. Let us give thanks for the past blessings and pray for what God will do next.

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Schools



2003-2004

1. Built and equipped a chemistry lab.
2. Introduced 11th grade.
3. Began offering AP college courses.

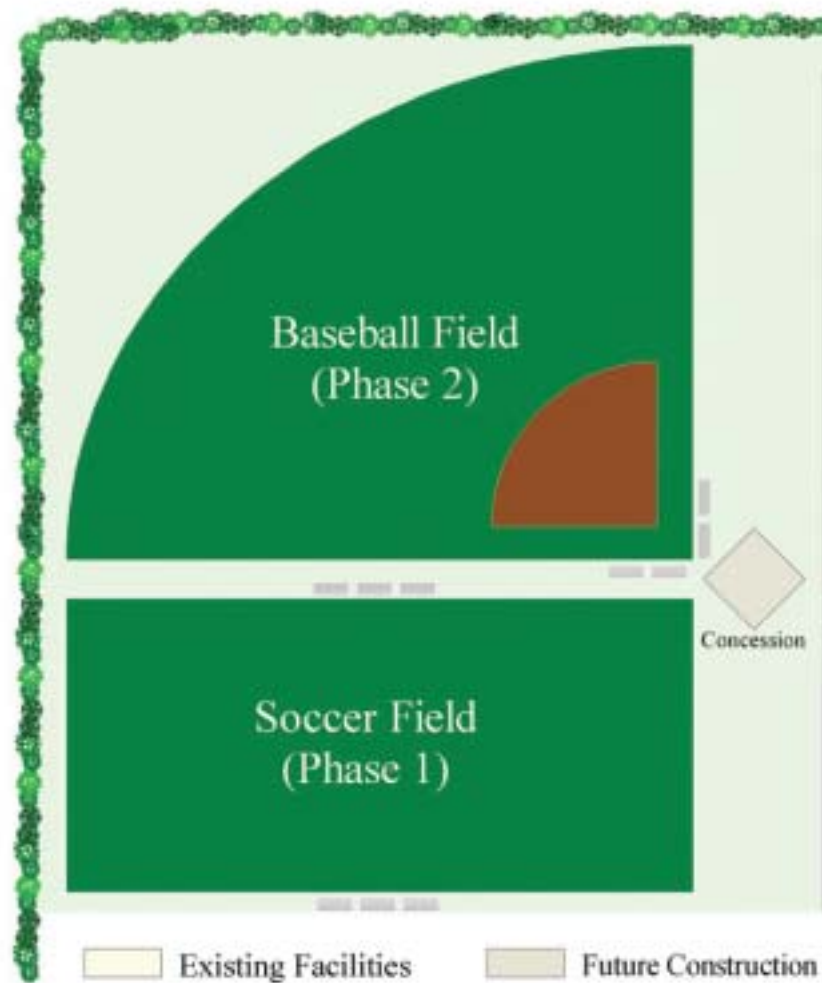


4. Began offering flexible math track and schedule for grades 4-6th.
5. Installed internet connected projectors and screens in every classroom.

## PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT PLAN



Can you picture the results?



6. Upgraded to state of the art Powerschool software, enabling parents to get more information about their students' grades, assignments, attendance and more.
7. Created C.A.R.E. Profiles (Caring, Assisting, Relationships, Encouraging) on students to enable teachers to better connect with each student.

8. Added a High School Coffee Shop.
9. Added Study Skills course in Middle School.
10. Added Christian Living classes to deal with age appropriate life challenges/relationships in Middle School.



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Kingdom  
builders!**



2002-2003

1. Added after school drama and dance classes.
2. Expanded to two track math offerings in middle through high school grades.
3. Introduced Spanish instruction in K-6th grades.
4. Added 10th grade.
5. Hired our first Dean of Students.
6. Added the Honor Code.
7. Constructed a new \$700,000 building extension.

## IS THERE A CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW PERSPECTIVE ON SPORTS?

Some may read the question above and quickly dismiss the idea of trying to import a Christian worldview into sports. After all, sports are only games people play to have fun and enjoy competition. What does this really have to do with God?

This is the attitude that seems to be on display, even by many Christians. On display? Yes. Jesus said that a person's fruit (or actions) shows what is in his heart, and what we often see at a sporting event shows that hearts and minds are not in alignment with the Word of God.

Profanity, cruelty and taunting of the opposition's players as well as referees or officials are commonplace and acceptable as part of "the game." The escalation of unchecked emotions has even led to threats, fights among spectators and vandalism of property.

Does this mean that sports are something that we should avoid? Absolutely not! However, if we are going to enjoy athletics and bring glory to God, we must do so from a Christian perspective.

There are wonderful aspects of a team sport that can promote and facilitate the growth of Christian character. A team is a group of people that must learn to function well together to achieve a goal. This is analogous to many future work and church situations that a Christian will face. Part of any team successfully working together is the challenge to deny self for the sake of supporting others, being willing to spend time encouraging others to do better and holding each other accountable. Those aspects of a team sport certainly resonate with the Christian life.

HEARTS CHANGED  
MINDS RENEWED  
LIVES ENGAGED

However, there is also a great deal of temptation that must be constantly confronted and turned away from. There is the temptation of an inflated ego when the participant does well. There is the temptation of being self-centered when a

participant focuses on himself and his great desire to improve. And there is the temptation to have "pity parties" when things do not go well. All of these temptations boil down to a struggle with the sin of pride, once called the mother of all sins!

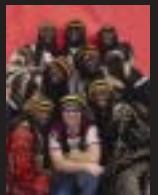
These temptations are not only found on the playing field with the players, but they are also found in the hearts of the parents. How easy it is for parents to become prideful over their children competing in sports, and it is often true that parents fall headlong into the temptation of reliving some of their own sports fantasies vicariously through their children.

There is a Christian worldview of sports and CCS will strive to make it central to our growing athletic program. God is Lord over all and in all things, and we must glorify Him. First, we will continue to pray that hearts will be changed to love the Lord. Then with hearts changed, our coaches will teach the minds of the students to understand what the Word of God says about all of life, including their thoughts, words, and actions on the playing field. May those changed hearts and renewed minds lead to serving hands as our children engage the lives of their teammates and even the opposing players.

8. Revamped lunch program to serve catered hot meals.
9. Added girls tennis.
10. Installed sound system and lights in gymnasium.

2001-2002

1. Began CCS annual "Day of the Arts."
2. Began first Summer School Program.
3. Added boys soccer and girls volleyball.
4. Began CCS annual International Day.



## CAMPAIGN DETAILS

Three Phase plan to improve our athletic facilities, add classrooms, purchase land and provide tuition assistance to those in need.

### **Phase I goal: \$569K**

- \$80K for 4.5 acres of land, first of three installments
- \$150K for Tuition Assistance
- \$50K for additional classrooms/modulars for 2006-7 school year
- \$289K: Soccer field (\$80K), road (\$25K), bleachers (\$10K), irrigation well (\$10K) and site prep (\$150K), security cameras (\$10K), scoreboard (\$4K)

### **Phase II goal: \$580K**

- \$80K for 4.5 acres of land, second installment
- \$150K for Tuition Assistance
- \$50K for additional classrooms/modulars for 2007-8 school year
- \$300K: Baseball field (\$200K), scoreboard (\$10K), batting cage (\$5K), concession/bathroom building (\$50K), bleachers (\$10K), protective screens (\$15K)

### **Phase III goal: \$580K**

- \$80K for 4.5 acres of land, last installment
- \$150K for Tuition Assistance
- \$50K for additional classrooms/modulars for 2008-9 school year
- \$290K: Gymnasium upgrade. New floor (\$100K), locker room (\$100K), storage addition (\$25K), upgraded scoreboards (\$15K), one side of bleachers (\$50K)

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5. Added 9th grade, starting high school.

6. Began American Heritage Girls troop.

7. Began a Cub Scout troop.



8. Began a choral program.

9. Began Student Council.



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