



ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER

Encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. 1 Thessalonians 5:11

With Stay-at-Home orders, shutdowns and social distancing impacting us all in many ways, we are learning to appreciate things we may have taken for granted in the past, such as time with friends and family, freedom to travel, gathering to worship and the education of our children.

On the surface, we may be challenged to find encouragement in our daily lives. As Christians, we know that God is calling us to be faithful and to 'encourage one another and build each other up'.

The *Building the Way Campaign* provides us an opportunity to come alongside others in hope. It provides us the encouragement for a better future and a way to actively prepare for our students for that future. And this hope is evident in the encouragement our Canvassers experience every day through the excitement from our community to support Cairn Christian School. Kevin Huinink reports that enrollment for the 2021-22 school season has been robust, with a marked increase in inquiries over past years –

exceeding original projections. We need to be prepared for their arrival!

Thank you to the many of you who continue to inquire about the success of the campaign. We are excited about the momentum as we reach new milestones in achieving our goal each week. We have a growing team of volunteers poised to share the story of Cairn Christian School – currently we have:

- 22 Cabinet and Canvassers meeting donors
- Over 1000 hours logged of planning and outreach to the community
- Over 120 gifts confirmed to the campaign
- More than 200 people we are speaking with now
- Hundreds more in our community to invite to participate

We are encouraged as we support the future of Cairn Christian School and the young minds God has entrusted to us.

The gift of encouragement is important in our lives. Encouragement is a gift in the home, the workplace, the church—wherever we find ourselves. We can come alongside others and be there for one another. We can listen, comfort, console, affirm. It's a way of living out the command to love one another.

George Vink

PRAY

GIVE

VOLUNTEER

SUPPORT

GROW

ENCOURAGING OUTDOORS

In addition to providing challenges of online learning, social distancing, deep cleaning, and mask wearing, the pandemic has shone a magnifying glass on some of the much-needed improvements identified for the *Building the Way Campaign* at our Stoney Creek campus.

It doesn't seem that long ago that our teachers hesitated to take students out of the classroom for learning. Now, our teachers are encouraged by the myriad of benefits of teaching outside, such as increasing classroom engagement and enhancing students' ability to concentrate. Teachers are now looking for more opportunities to engage students outside of the four walls of their classrooms.

Imagine how math, science, geography and even language arts can come to life in an outdoor space when students (from Kindergarten all the way up to Grade 8) are immersed in nature. Being able to plan a garden or naturalized space, to observe plants and animals in the changing seasons, and even to tend and care for them (could it even include a greenhouse?!) will open up a whole new learning experience for our students!

But there are challenges. To create permanent outdoor learning spaces designed to serve students and staff in their work and their play, we need to



Our Prayer Walls at each campus continue to grow and are a constant sign of encouragement from our community that we will reach our campaign goals. To join the wall, contact us at campaign@cairnchristianschool.ca or download the Prayer Commitment form from our website (cairnchristianschool.ca/building – Get Involved).



replace some of the existing playground equipment. As well, the playground in the junior area has the same equipment that some of our parents (and grandparents!) played on as students. It's time for new equipment!

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