

Looking Ahead: God's Timing is Perfect

In 2017 Conestoga Christian School organized a Development Committee to look into the possibility of investing money into an Endowment Fund that would be managed by Everence Financial Services. The school had approximately \$7,000 sitting in a reserved fund specifically designated for the Endowment Fund. After meeting with Everence, the Development Committee put together an Endowment Fund Governing Policy for the CCS Policies and Procedures Manual and began communicating

moved into a partnership with Everence in January of 2020. The \$7,000 beginning balance had grown to \$26,735, and it was time to begin investing. The CCS Endowment Fund has been prayed over, talked about, and even featured as a special project at a few CCS auctions. With praise to our God for His grace and provision, we can share that our Endowment Fund has grown to \$97,681.88. Our first milestone of \$100,000 is only \$2,318.12 away. The Development Committee and Board of Trustees envision a time when our Endowment Fund surpasses \$500,000 and the interest on that investment begins significantly helping families that struggle to afford the tuition here at CCS.

As we praise God for His continual blessing over the CCS Endowment Fund, some have asked how our Capital Campaign is progressing. Could God grow our Endowment Fund and our Growing In Faith Together (GIFT) Capital



Looking back and remembering God's Faithfulness during the last building project. (circa 2005)

Campaign at the same time? In 2021 God brought in \$25,700 for our Endowment Fund and \$103,200 for our GIFT campaign . . . PRAISE HIM!! God continues to surpass what we believe is possible because, as we know, with man things are impossible, but with God all things are possible (Matthew 19:26).

The heart of CCS has always rested in knowing that God's timing is perfect and that trusting in Him brings the peace that surpasses all understanding (Philippians 4:4-7).

Written by Ken Parris, Head of School



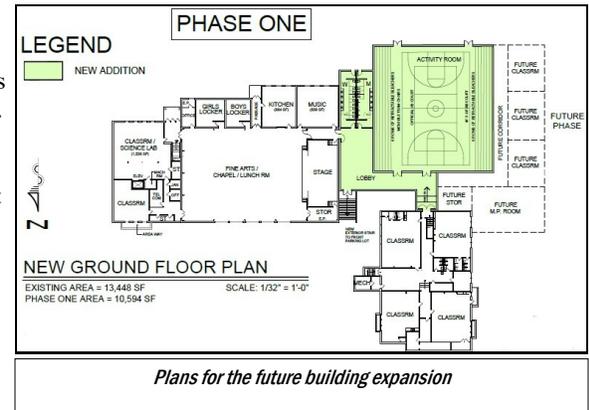
The CCS Endowment Fund is a bridge to our future, building on the strengths of the past.

with families, grandparents, alumni, and business partners that CCS was prayerfully growing its Endowment Fund.

The CCS Endowment Fund is targeted to help in 3 main areas:

- Tuition Assistance
- Program Expansion
- Capital Improvements

Upon the completion of planning and communication, CCS officially



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Mission

- Educating the whole student—body, mind and spirit—for God.

Vision

- Conestoga Christian School, in harmony with the home and church, provides a quality educational program for preschool to 12th grade students in an environment which develops critical thinking, nurtures Christ-like character, and equips students for a life of discipleship and service.

Faculty—Memories of Al Carzola

Alberto Carzola, esteemed retired Spanish teacher at CCS, passed away on August 23, 2021. He was a man who loved God, his country, and his family. As a



Señor Carzola 2007

church deacon, he was known for his great kindness and generosity. For instance, he allowed people to use the family "log cabin" in the Pocono Mountains and prepared Cuban food for his Spanish classes. These students thought him, enthusiastic, friendly, and very funny. Many students would continue to take Spanish classes just to be under his excellent tutelage. He loved being with his family and taking care of his grandchildren.

What a wonderful, godly man. He will be greatly missed.

Written by Don Boyer



Señor Carzola walking the field with students during race for education 2006

Alumni Spotlight—Emmalyn (Foxy) Corral '20

Since graduating, I have been serving with Youth With a Mission. I began my journey here in Kona, Hawaii in September 2020. What I have experienced has been unexpected and exciting to say the least! I did my lecture phase in September and went on a three month outreach soon after. For the outreach portion of the school I was in, we went to three different cities in Turkey. My team and I helped out at an English school in Antakya and met many Turkish high school students that we were able to befriend! We stayed with a family in Turkey who are long term missionaries there. They opened up their home to us and taught us

many things about the culture of Turkey. The second location we served at in Turkey was Antalya. The Turkish people refer to this city as a "beach town." We stayed in an Airbnb only 15 minutes from the water. Here, we made friends with the locals and were able to serve the long term missionaries. We even were able to visit our friends' prayer room that they had built in the basement of a gym. It was so special to be able to worship in an underground prayer room! My team held worship and prayer sets there four days a week, while also praying fervently for the people of Antakya every single day.

Turkey was such a beautiful trip where we made memories that will stick with me forever. I can't believe the ways in which God showed His faithfulness and strength through what seemed like the toughest bat-



Emmalyn and the team serving in Turkey

The last city we visited in Turkey was Cappadocia. This is, by far, the most beautiful place I have ever seen, let alone stayed in. We went to a Holy Spirit conference there that we were invited to while staying in Antakya. Pastors from all around Turkey came to learn more about the Holy Spirit so they could take that information back to their churches. We were able to stay at a beautiful hotel in this location, and we even rode hot air balloons on the last day that we were there!



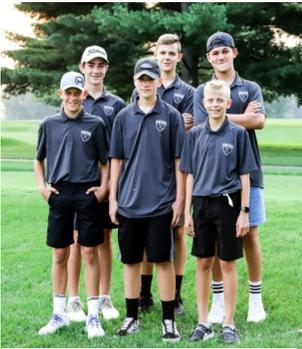
Emmalyn and Christian Corral

gles. I am now living in Kona, Hawaii as the Lord has been blessing me with a season of rest with family and friends. I am excited to see where the Lord takes me next and so thankful for where He has led me thus far.

Written by Emmalyn (Foxy) Corral

Getting back into the “Swing”—Golf Returns to CCS

Golf has made an exciting return to Conestoga Christian school. The team was comprised of six freshman who were eager to learn and compete. Team members consisted of experienced players, as well players who were new to the sport. The team competed at several different courses in the area and



2021 CCS Golf Team

practiced at Golf Zone and Hawk Valley Golf Course. The team had several wins throughout the season, and we are expecting to

carry that momentum into the next season. Conestoga Christian’s Clark Brubacher (Freshman) was the low scorer in the conference championship, shooting a 78. Clark qualified for districts, where he made a great showing.

As we look forward to the future, I am excited to see the opportunities that the students at CCS have with the golf team. It is a wonderful sport in which the players get to be in God’s beautiful creation. I would like to thank Mr. Yoder for the many hours of work that he put in to get this program up and running and to Andrew Zimmerman who served as the assistant coach. I am also grateful for the support of the many staff and parents who attended

the matches this year and made this year such a success!

Written by Coach Randy Shrom



Clark Brubacher teeing off

Cross Country—Off and Running

Cross Country is a new sport that was introduced this year. The team consisted of students at both the Middle School and High School levels. The High School team had four girls, and the Middle School team had four girls and three boys. Both teams were coached by Laura Lunardi. Phil Yoder, CCS Athletic Director, shared that cross country and the return of golf came about because CCS seeks to provide opportunities that fit its



Middle School and High School Cross Country Teams.

students’ gifts and interests. Leah Watson, a Junior, enjoyed bonding with teammates and competing in districts. Leah finished 9th in District 3 in the Class A 3.1 mile race with a time of 22:14, which qualified her for states. The season was a great first year for the CCS Cross Country team.

Broken & Redeemed—Where Faith Meets Art

The Ceramics 1 class has been approaching ceramic work a little bit differently with the creation of mosaics. They are



using various pieces of broken ceramic ware and the application of grout in between to hold everything together. While they create, they are meditating on and exploring the metaphor of our own broken state as sinners and the transformative work that God has done through Jesus Christ to create something new and beautiful for His divine purposes out of the broken pieces we bring.

Article from the Cougar News.



Conestoga Christian School Reaching out to the Community

Staff and Students Support Chester County Women's Services

This past fall, Conestoga teachers, staff, and students participated in Chester County Women's Services 5K for Life at Hibernia Park in Coatesville. With almost 400 runners and walkers and 24 teams, Conestoga's team received special recognition for having the largest race team with over 25 participants on their Cougar's for Life Team lead by Coach Lauren Turner.

The annual race raises funds to support the ongoing mission of providing free, quality medical, educational, and material support to at-risk women and families facing unplanned pregnan-



Staff and students participating in the CCWS 5K at Hibernia Park

cies. The goal of CCWS is that every person that comes through their doors is empowered and equipped with the medical care, resources, education, and support that he/she need to raise a healthy, happy family in a stable, loving home environment. All of these services are provided free of charge, and all funds raised through the race support this mission.

Be on the lookout next fall for Conestoga's 5K team. We would love to have you join us!

Written by Christen Wayman and Lauren Turner

Students Partner with Anchor Ministries to Donate Christmas Toys and Supplies

The CCS toy drive for elementary school and the wrapping supplies and gift card drive for the middle school and high school students culminated in a special all-school chapel in early December. Mrs. Erika Kanter from Anchored Ministries joined us in chapel to receive our donations. Erika and her husband, who have a preschooler at CCS, started Anchored Ministries in their basement, and God has blessed their ministry over the years by providing a building and several mobile trailers that they use for their programs in the areas of clothing, food and nutrition, and community for those in need. Our students and families collected unwrapped toys, as well as wrapping supplies (Christmas paper, tape, scissors, bows, etc...), and several hundred dollars

in gift cards to stores such as Walmart, Target, Kohls, etc. The supplies were distributed at popup Christmas shops offered by Anchored Ministries throughout Chester, Berks, Montgomery, and Lancaster counties. Because of our donations, many children in the area were able to have a blessed Christmas morning and know that they are

loved and cared for. This is how our students become the hands and feet of Jesus right here in our local community.

Article from the Cougar News



First Grade Student Organizes Donation of BBQ Meals to the Community Youth and Women's Alliance (CWYA)

My son Landyn asked if we could donate BBQ meals from the CCS BBQ to families in need similar to what he did one year for Thanksgiving Day. So we prayed about it, and the Lord guided us to CYWA. We made a fundraiser page and



Landyn and his brother with the donated BBQ meals.

sent it out to family and friends, and it ended up expanding beyond just our family and friends. We raised \$600 to provide 60 meals from the contributions of those that saw our fundraiser page!

The gift in all of this went beyond what we expected; it turned into a testimony for Landyn. The week prior to serving the meals, Landyn lost his father. As most could understand, having strength was difficult at this time. That week, we collected the meals and headed to CYWA. As we entered, Landyn walked with such pride placed the meals on the table. Several women with their newborns in hand lit up with joy as if we had given them the Christmas of a lifetime. They were so thankful and so excited!

As we got back into the car, Landyn asked me where the dads and moms were in those families and why they lived there. I explained that some children may only have just one parent, only grandparents or even foster parents. Everyone's home may look different but the love that comes from that home is what ultimately makes it a home. Landyn smiled with grace and said, "I'm so thankful I have both. Having you here as my mom and a dad with Jesus in heaven!" To think,

servicing a hot meal helped those at the CYWA, yet it actually helped us! God's grace was with us through this whole process to give us reminder of the love of the Lord and that he constantly provides!

Landyn's love for Jesus and his heart to constantly make others feel whole is a beautiful and an ever-present reminder to be more selfless, to love like Jesus, and know that even in the storm, he holds us close.

Written by Brittney Crowe, Landyn's Mom



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May 16, 2022

Foxchase Country Club

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www.conestogachristian.net/alumni

Upcoming Events

- **Open House for Prospective Families** — May 5th, 6-8pm
<https://www.conestogachristian.net/open-house-events>
- **Race for Education AND Grandparents' Day!** — May 6
- **Spring Musical "School House Rock"** — May 12-14
- **Drive Fore Education - Golf Outing** — May 16
- **Graduation** — Saturday, June 4
- **Winter and Spring Athletics** — The schedule and information can be found at www.conestogachristian.net/athletics

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Alumni News

Nate and Rachel (Petersheim) White '99 welcomed Emma Ann on Christmas Eve 2021. While arriving 2 ½ months earlier than expected, she is strong and healthy and doing well.

Steve Betz '10 and his wife Dayna welcomed their son Trevor in April 2021. Steve works for the St. Luke's University Health Network as an orthopedic clinical specialist.

Emily Ley '14 has started a small business called Em's Country grooming. You can check it out on Facebook.

Clay and Summer (Stoltzfus) Houck '15 welcomed Callie Annette on December 14 at 8:56 AM.



Callie Annette Houck

Carson Lehman '17 married Abigail Mosemann in September of 2021. He also graduated from LBC this fall with a degree in business administration. He is currently employed at Northeast Protections Partners as a sales specialist selling infant protection for hospitals.

Samuel Garrett '19 married Hannah Hughes on October 23, 2021. They met at Regent University where Sam is finishing his bachelors in business, and he plans to attend law school next. They are also excited to be expecting a baby in August of 2022.



Samuel and Hannah Garrett

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